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LAS Global Studies Intent to Pursue a Distinction Project

Instructions:

Eligibility:

To be eligible for distinction in International/Global Studies upon graduation, a student must: 1) have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and a 3.25 GPA in courses listed in the Global Studies Major Plan of Study; and 2) successfully complete a distinction project which has been approved by her/his distinction committee and the Global Studies Associate Director.

Nature of the Distinction Project:

The distinction project will be an extension of a student's Thematic Area. The project expectations will be clarified with the committee members and the Associate Director of Global Studies during the proposal stage. Faculty members' expectations of the distinction project should be based on their home department's thesis standards.

Process:

1. Students will identify a tentative project topic and a lead faculty member (Chair) whose specialization is consistent with the student's thematic interests. The student will identify a second, appropriate faculty member from a different discipline who will serve as a committee member, advisor and evaluator for the project.
2. The student will complete his/her section of this form and submit it to the potential committee members for their signatures, acknowledging their agreement to serve as committee members.
3. The student must then submit the form to the Associate Director of Global Studies for approval. The completed form should be submitted no later than the beginning of the student's senior year or second to the last semester. No distinction project may be proposed in the student's final semester.
4. Contingent upon final approval of the proposal, the student will enroll in LAS 494 for at least two hours with their Chair and one hour with their second committee member during their final semester.

Student Name: _____

UIN: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Overall GPA (current): _____ **Major GPA (current):** _____

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Global Studies major courses relevant to this project that have been completed or in progress (department, number and title):

Proposed Project Topic and Justification (please attach; no more than 500 words):

Provide a brief statement (no more than 3 sentences) on who you have asked to be on your committee, their department, and how their expertise supports your research project.

Name of Lead Faculty Committee Member:

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name of Second Faculty Committee Member:

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Associate Director of Global Studies approval:

Name (printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____