

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, 1985/86

The Committee on International Studies in cooperation with the Director of International Programs and the Dean of the Undergraduate Program of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences advises the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences on international education at the College. The following report summarizes the Committee's actions during the academic year 1985-86. Two subcommittees--one on Curriculum and the other on Study Abroad--reviewed programs and proposals and reported to the full Committee.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum matters absorbed much of the Committee's attention during the year. In September, 1985, there were 81 concentrators in the four concentrations which fall under International Studies (International Relations, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, and Russian Studies). The following measures were discussed and approved.

1. Requirements for concentration in International Relations were revised to require language study beyond the proficiency requirement, as was already the case with the other three subprograms. The new concentration requirement, to go into effect in 1986-87, reads: "Concentrators must take two courses at the 300-level or above in at least one modern language or demonstrate proficiency at the 202-level in a modern language other than the one used to fulfill the College language proficiency requirement. Courses in translation may not be included."
2. The concentration in Russian Studies was renamed Russian/Soviet Studies in order better to reflect the content of a number of the courses included in the concentration.
3. The Committee approved a curriculum for an African Studies minor, which will be listed with the four concentrations in the Catalog.
4. Faculty who teach in the five curricular programs, at the request of the Committee, formed advisory committees and selected one person to serve as liaison with the Committee on International Studies when necessary.
5. At the request of Dean Schiavelli, the Committee spent the spring semester reviewing the four concentrations and preparing a report which would summarize strengths and weaknesses in current programs and rank immediate and long term needs of the international curriculum. Faculty who teach in the areas of International Relations, East Asian Studies, Latin American Studies, Russian/Soviet Studies, and African Studies prepared written reports and met with the Committee to discuss their programs. In May, the Committee submitted its final summary report to the Dean and appended the reports of the area studies committees. The full report was distributed to chairpersons of departments involved with international studies, to chairpersons of the area studies subcommittees, and to the Deans. Additional copies are available from the Office of International Studies.

The Committee, at the request of the Dean of the Undergraduate Program, sent several representatives to the two day symposium on "International Education in Virginia: Global Implications of the Information Age," sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education in February, 1986, in Richmond. Blackwell, Canning, Ewell, and Finn prepared statements for some of the panels, and several other Committee members attended the Conference and participated in the discussions.

STUDY ABROAD

The Committee selects faculty and students to participate in our Study Abroad programs, helps with the interviewing and selection of some student scholarship students, and reviews the reports submitted by program directors at the conclusion of each program.

Students in William and Mary Overseas Programs:

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
Cambridge	46	39	36	41
Florence	22	13	22	22
Montpellier	14	28	30	16
Munster	11	11	14	10
France (Jr. Year)	19	21	21	23
St. Eustatius (Anthro.)	-	-	-	16

William and Mary Students Abroad for the Academic year:

1983/84--44  
1984/85--56  
1985/86--64

All of the 1985 programs were reviewed and approved by the Committee. The Committee recommended the awarding of William and Mary credit--instead of transfer credit--for the courses taken in the Florence program and applied the change retroactively to the students who had studied in Florence in 1985.

A West Indies Summer Program was approved to begin in 1987 on a trail basis. It will draw heavily from science faculty to take advantage of the ecological and geological characteristics of some of the Caribbean islands. Although it was originally scheduled for St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, it will be based in St. Eustatius for 1987.

The Committee continues to investigate opportunities for placing a Mexican Summer Study program on a firmer footing. A consortia arrangement seems to be the most promising option, and negotiations have been initiated with Tulane University, which sponsors a program in Mexico City.

The following directors and instructors were appointed by the Committee for the Summer of 1987 and the 1986-87 academic year for France.

Cambridge: George Rublein\*, Joel Schwartz, Gilbert McArthur

France (summer): Ronald St. Onge\*

France (academic year, 1986-87): Ronald Hallett\*

Munster: Waldemar Eger\*

West Indies: Jack Brooks\* (A second faculty member was nominated to go also, but had to withdraw.)

\*designates Director

#### STUDENT EXCHANGES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee approved a draft proposal for a student and faculty exchange with Nanjing University in China. Details are being negotiated between President Verkuil and the President of Nanjing University.

At the recommendation of the Committee, the College agreed to support an exchange student from Munster University in exchange for support given to William and Mary students who study in Germany.

The Committee and the Director of International Programs oversaw interviews for the following scholarships:

Rhodes: 14 applicants	4 endorsed
Marshall: 12 applicants	6 endorsed
Fulbright: 9 applicants	all endorsed

(Marshall Finalist: Karen Weiler; Rhodes Semi-finalist: David Cloud)

Fulbright Scholar to West Germany: Rebecca Browning

St. Andrews Exchange Scholar: Elizabeth Shiers

Munster Exchange Scholar: Herschel Alexander

Exeter Exchange Scholar: Mark McMahon

Nathan P. Jacobs Scholar (summer study in Israel): Whitney Monger

AASCU Scholar to Taiwan: Andrew Gordon

Washington Women's Committee, International Christian University Scholarship to Japan: Kate McCormick

#### CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Plans are underway for the renovation of Tyler Hall for a permanent Center for International Studies. Expected completion date is 1988. As of January 1986, the Office of International Studies found an interim home in the old Methodist Parsonage next to Brown dormitory.

A gift from the Class of 1935 provided an opportunity to hire an Eminent Scholar in the Government Department who would also be the Director of the International Studies Center. Two members of the International Studies Committee and the Director of International Programs served on the Search Committee to recruit the Professor of Government/Director of the Center. James A. Bill, Associate Director of the Middle Eastern Center and Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin, accepted the position and will assume his responsibilities in July, 1987.

Committee on International Studies 1985-86

John Oakley (Classical Studies), Chair  
Ismail Abdalla (History)  
Carolyn Blackwell (ex officio)  
Craig Canning (History)  
Miles Chappell (Fine Arts)  
Elsa Diduk (Modern Languages)  
Judy Ewell (History; on leave, Fall 1985)  
Tom Finn (Religion; ex officio)  
Bruce Goodwin (Geology)  
Maria Palmaz (Modern Languages)  
Francio Triolo (Modern Languages)  
Laurel Heneghan (Student)  
Brooke Newell (Student)  
Mary Thomasson (Student)

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ewell (Chair, 1986-87)