

Description of Ph.D. in Global Studies for Five-Year Perspective

- **Campus** – UCI
- **Name and Anticipated Action** – New Ph.D. in Global Studies / Department of Global and International Studies / School of Social Sciences
- **Description of and Reasons for Anticipated Action** – The Ph.D. in Global Studies will be on-site, take approximately 5-6 years to complete, and be administered by the Department of Global and International Studies in the School of Social Sciences. The proposed program involves five core courses, elective courses in an area of specialization, mastery of a second language, fieldwork, and the completion of a Ph.D. dissertation to earn the degree. Students are encouraged to compose a doctoral committee of Global Studies core faculty and faculty affiliates from across the campus.

This program will provide a critical interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares graduate students to analyze and engage with pressing global issues, equipping them for careers in academia and a wide range of jobs in the private and public sectors. Students will acquire 21st century analytical, theoretical and methodological skills that enable them to understand and contribute to shaping the rapidly evolving global community. What makes the proposed Ph.D. program unique is that it seeks to develop scholarly interest in social, economic, and political phenomena that traverse different spatial scales, from the local to the transnational, and cannot be captured by more traditional methodological and theoretical approaches that assume the nation-state as the primary container of social action. The new Ph.D. curriculum presents an important shift in how scholars are thinking about interconnected global issues as they manifest in the lives of people, and how to bring global perspectives to bear on a wide range of scholarly research agendas.

- **Relationship to Existing Campus Programs, Units, and Mission** – No UCI graduate program directly relates to the proposed Ph.D. in Global Studies. First, it is an interdisciplinary degree that embraces the social sciences and the humanities to engage with historical and cultural forces shaping our understanding of contemporary global-scale issues and challenges. Second, while Ph.D. students will be actively encouraged to take graduate seminars from numerous disciplines across campus, they will receive unique training in theory and research methodologies that have been developed for a Global Studies graduate curriculum.
- **Resources** – Teaching and advising needs for the Ph.D. program can be accommodated by the seven full-time core faculty members in the Department of Global and International Studies, in addition to the approximately 40 affiliated faculty and approximately 10 lecturers already teaching in International Studies. No new library resources will be required for this program beyond current library support for the International Studies major. However, we will need additional staff support and space needs to support the Ph.D. Program and these issues are already being discussed and planned with the Dean of Social Sciences.
- **Funding** – Students in the Ph.D. program will be eligible for federal financial aid. Guaranteed student support, such as TA-ships, will be provided and there may be paid research and teaching

opportunities. In addition, all applicants will be eligible for UCI campus-wide multi-year fellowships. Vice Provost and Dean Leslie has agreed to provide the standard start-up funding she has historically provided for new Ph.D. programs, \$35,000 per new doctoral student in their first year of enrollment, for five years. A formal letter will be included with the proposal.

- **Students** – We anticipate considerable interest in the program, attracting prospective students from the US and internationally. Specifically, the Ph.D. will attract students trained at the undergraduate level from across the social sciences and humanities, students with training in a variety of MA programs, as well as students with professional backgrounds such as law. We estimate accepting approximately 8-10 graduate students each year.
- **Employment Implications** – The proposed Ph.D. program will prepare students for a range of employment opportunities in academic and non-academic careers. Likely employment includes academic positions in large and small universities and liberal arts colleges, leadership positions in non-governmental organizations, consulting for think-tanks, working in government agencies, as well as a wide spectrum of jobs in public and private sectors engaged with such things as the environment, current affairs, immigration, peace and conflict, multiculturalism and so on.
- **UC Campuses and Other California Institutions with Similar Offerings**
UCSB has a Department of Global Studies with undergraduate, master's, and Ph.D. degree offerings. UCLA, UC Riverside, and UC Berkeley all have undergraduate programs in Global Studies, with UC Berkeley also having a master's in Global Studies (
- **Anticipated Campus Review and Implementation Dates** – Anticipated review AY18-19 for implementation Fall 2020
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