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Class of 2011

Rationale:

It is my belief that journalists have the ability, and thus, the responsibility to use the media as a way to improve the human condition. This is the main reason as to why I want to be able to use my skills as a writer to make a difference in the world. Since Hendrix doesn't offer journalism as a major, it is necessary for me to pursue an interdisciplinary study in international journalism. International journalism would combine journalistic writing with the knowledge of the international system in order to bring awareness to growing global issues. International journalism differs from an English major in that journalism has more of a focus on developing non-fiction writing techniques, whereas an English major focuses on literary analysis. Thus, International Journalism would be an innovative course combining courses from the English, History, and International Relations Departments. The major would be divided in three sections: writing, global history, international systems.

The writing section will consist of courses that will develop writing skills and examining non-fiction works. It will also examine how historical events are depicted in the media and the effect the media has. The global history section will consist of courses that examine the contemporary histories of various continents and nations that will serve as an important foundation to understanding various cultures. Finally, the international systems courses will study the functions and inner-workings of various international organizations. This is an integral part of International Journalism because an understanding of international systems and cultures will allow for a more educated journalist.

Writing

Creative Writing: Fiction

Creating Writing: Non-Fiction(301)

Advanced Creative Writing: Fiction

Nonfiction Studies (461)

Politics, Human Rights, and Vocation in Latin American Literature (475) [double counting with Spanish minor)

Understanding Mass Media (Transfer Credit from American University)

Global History

Images of Africa: A History

The Modern Middle East

Modern China

20th Century East Asian-American Relations

Contemporary Europe

International Systems


Issues in Politics: Terrorism

History of the International System
International Law and Organizations (325)
International Human Rights (326)

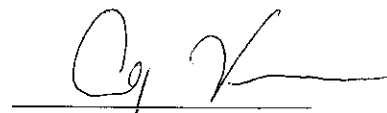
Senior Capstone

A senior thesis essay on an international topic that will illustrate the journalistic style involved in research. In consultation with members of the committee, the topic will be decided upon in the Spring 2011. The senior thesis essay will include a defense.

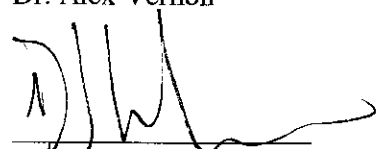
Committee Members:



Dr. Alice Hines



Dr. Alex Vernon



Dr. Daniel Whelan