Thinking of Going Off Campus for IQP?
Opportunities in HUA /International Studies/American Studies

Have you thought of Humanities and Arts courses to help prepare you? What about designing a related project for your Inquiry Seminar? Or a minor in International Studies or American Studies?

Opportunities BEFORE You Go Off-Campus
- Take a course or two about the place you will be visiting, such as European history or Asian history (HU 2340 Popular Culture and Social Change in Asia)
- Take a course on a related theme, such as global environmental change, or literature, or cross-cultural understanding (PY 2716 Philosophy of Difference)
- Do an inquiry seminar project on a REGION or a THEME of interest, for example:
  - Asian Studies
  - The US and the “Third World”
  - International Environmental History
  - World History

Humanities and Arts Courses Will Help You
- Gain knowledge about your place and the global forces shaping it
- Hone the research, writing, and communication skills crucial for IQP success
- Develop cross-cultural skills and understanding
- Enrich your project, your experience, and your grade

“But I don’t know where I’m going.”
- If you want to go overseas, ANY international studies course will help you prepare.

“What if I’m interested in Santa Fe, Nantucket, or another U.S. center?”
- There are lots of related Humanities and Arts courses (General courses: HU 1401 Introduction to American Studies, HI 2401 US Environmental History; Bar Harbor, Boston, Nantucket, Worcester: EN 3237 Pursuing Moby-Dick; EN 3221 New England Supernaturalism; Santa Fe: AR/ID 3150 Light, Vision, and Understanding; SP/ID 3531 Contemporary US Latino Literature & Culture; Washington, DC: EN 1257 Introduction to African American Literature and Culture)
- For American Studies at WPI, see http://www.wpi.edu/academics/hua/american-studies.html

The International Studies Minor: With Planning, Only a Few Extra Courses for Credential
- Requirements: Overseas Project, 4411 Senior Seminar, HUA and SSPS courses (Often just a few—some “double counting” allowed”) 
- Individually tailored programs—many courses count as “international”
- Contact Prof. Bland Addison, Prof. Peter Hansen, Prof. Jennifer Rudolph, Prof. Tom Robertson
- For more info, see http://www.wpi.edu/academics/in/ugrad-minor.html

Opportunities for AFTER the IQP:
- Think about taking related HUA courses, inquiry seminars to follow up and build on your IQP