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The Center for International Studies (CIS) at Georgia Southern University is an independent academic unit committed to maximizing opportunities for providing the campus and local communities with exposure to a variety of international perspectives, ideologies, and philosophies. Through the development and implementation of both curricular and extracurricular programs, the Center aims to instill the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for preparing students to be successful in a globalized world. The infusion of global and interdisciplinary education into Georgia Southern’s curricula, research, and service activities to develop high quality, globally-focused degrees, initiatives, programs, and projects are at the core of this mission, serving as a catalyst for interdisciplinary, experiential, and innovative engagement among faculty and students across the institution. The CIS promotes and administers Georgia Southern’s global partnerships and study abroad programs, offers an array of interdisciplinary academic services, promotes on-campus community and international outreach, houses International Student Services and the English Language Program, and supports global learning, business, and economic development in Southeast Georgia.

Objectives:

1. Improve degree programs in International Studies and International Trade in accordance with the Center’s strategic vision
2. Enhance the global dimension in other degree programs and across the campus through interdisciplinary minors, concentrations, programs, and relevant international content courses
3. Develop study abroad, exchange, research, and internship programs by establishing linkages with foreign institutions of higher education
4. Provide excellent services and programs for international students at the university
5. Support faculty development by providing and encouraging opportunities for international teaching and research
6. Promote extracurricular programs aimed at increasing international awareness on the Georgia Southern campus, in the Statesboro community, and throughout Southeast Georgia
7. Offer services to regional businesses and industries interested in conducting business in the global marketplace