

**International Studies Program Review**  
**Annual Update**  
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The International Studies Program Review was completed in academic year 2008-2009. The Action Recommendations from that review process are summarized below as are the progress made in 2009-2010 toward those goals.

**ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Increase the interdisciplinary nature of the major and minor.
2. Increase the diversity of and disciplines represented by core faculty.
3. Require student international extracurricular activity. (MUN, study abroad, debate, internships)
4. Develop revenue stream for MUN.
5. Develop a few advising tools that include tracks of course options for common areas of concentration.

**PROGRESS ON ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Program chair is coordinating the external review of the International Studies major and minor. The external review will be completed during the 2010-11 academic year.
- She has also been working with the Dean's office to expand Model United Nations. To this end, the Model United Nations students planned and held an outreach dinner in the Spring of 2010. It was a successful event and garnered interest from prospective donors. This is progress made toward Action Recommendation #4.
- To further the profile of the university and the Model U.N. Program, La Verne's Model U.N. will be hosting its own conference in the spring of 2011. Significant planning and fund-raising has been taking place in anticipation of this conference. This is progress made toward Action Recommendation #4.
- The program's academic advisor has been working on generating lists of suggested and available courses that an International Studies student might consider taking in the major and minor. This will be a useful advising tool to help students put together the optimum set of interdisciplinary classes which contain significant international academic content. This is progress made toward Action Recommendation #1 and #5.
- The program's academic advisor has taken a more proactive role in advising students to consider debate, MUN, internships or study abroad during academic advising sessions with current major and minor students. This is limited progress toward Action Recommendation #3.