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Statement by Rich Appelbaum

“This program will provide a new kind of education for a new kind of career. International non-government organizations have become leaders of global civil society, and we want to help prepare the leaders for these organizations. Our program is based on the realization that the world is in an epochal transitional stage – it is increasingly a single interactive system, whether one is talking about global corporations, environmental changes, religious movements, terrorist organizations, or MTV.”

Statement by Mark Juergensmeyer

“As the world becomes more interconnected, we need to understand the processes and interactions that bring people together across traditional boundaries. UCSB now has one of the first graduate programs and centers in international studies in the nation to focus on issues of globalization. This program will provide special training for those seeking to work internationally in non-governmental organizations whose activities – on issues ranging from economic development to human rights – improve the human condition. We are delighted to support the campus in this significant endeavor.”

Statement by Paul Orfalea

“Our challenge is to make sense of the extraordinary changes in global society and culture that surround us at this moment in history, and to help prepare leaders for the global society of the future. The kind of students that we are looking for is that rare breed that combines an uncommon intellect and an abiding social sensitivity with a spark of entrepreneurial creativity and a passion about changing the world.”

Admissions Requirements

Preference in admission is given to students who have strong oral and written communication skills, a capacity for excellence in research and critical thinking, and an interest in problem-solving. A minimum 3.0 undergraduate GPA is required for graduate admissions to UCSB. There is no formal language requirement for admission, although students are required to have the equivalent of two years of undergraduate level language proficiency to graduate from the program.

• On-line graduate application (https://graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapn/), including $60 application fee.

• Official Transcripts (2 copies) must be provided directly by all post-secondary institutions attended.

• Statement of Purpose with completed coversheets (2 copies), indicating why the applicant wishes to pursue graduate studies in the field of Global & International Studies.

• Three Letters of Recommendation (with completed coversheets).

• GRE General test scores. Verbal, quantitative, and analytical scores on the GRE are required of all applicants.

• TOEFL scores (if applicable). Foreign students whose native language is not English must score above 600 on the written test or 250 on the computerized test.

• Optional Writing Sample or evidence of other relevant activities. This may be an undergraduate or graduate paper, or a relevant report, policy analysis, or problem-solving exercise showing practical understanding.

Important Dates for Fall 2006 Entering Class

• applications are due on Monday, January 2, 2006
• admission decisions will be announced by mid-March
• fellowships must be accepted or declined by April 15
• first day of class is September 28, 2006

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M.A. Degree Program

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For complete information on the M.A. Degree Program and its requirements, please visit our website at www.global.ucsb.edu.

Exceptional Preparation

The two-year masters’ program combines courses from the social sciences and humanities with practical training and real-world experience. Students typically spend the summer of their first year and fall quarter of their second year abroad, taking courses and doing internships with non-governmental organizations, governmental bodies, or businesses. They also take two policy-oriented workshops designed to simulate real-life decision-making situations. Non-credit workshops will also be available for interested students, providing opportunities to learn about such practical matters as grant writing and foundation funding, tracking organizational finances, information management, and computer-based technologies.

The curriculum consists of three courses per quarter. The first year includes required courses on Micro/Macro Economics, International Economics, Organizational Policy and Management, Global Organizations and Civil Society, Transnational Forces and Political Systems, Global Governance and World Order, and Theories of Intercultural Understanding. Students are also required to take a course on Research Methods in Global & International Affairs, participate in a policy analysis and exercise seminar, and attend a seminar that focuses on contemporary issues and internship preparation.

The second year allows students to choose courses that provide background in particular geographic regions, and focus on a career emphasis in either Global Social and Economic Development or Global Culture and Human Rights. Students are also required to take courses in an area specialization of their choice: East Asia, South and Southeast Asia, the Americas, the Middle East, Africa, or Europe. A course on Managing Development Organizations, Non-Profits and Other NGOs: Theory and Practice is also offered as an elective. The second year culminates with a required policy workshop.

In consultation with their advisors, students can elect either Master’s Plan I (thesis) or Master’s Plan II (comprehensive exam).

About the Campus

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Career-Related Opportunities

International internships, career counseling and workshops, and job placement are provided by the program’s Career Counseling and Placement Office. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who will serve as a mentor. A portfolio review at the end of the first year provides the student with constructive feedback and additional guidance. Interviews with potential employers are scheduled during the last term of the program.

A number of specialized short-term courses and workshops are also available at UCSB that can contribute to the skills of MA students. These include training in survey research through the Social Science Survey Center, proposal writing, web and graphic design, and geographic information systems (map-making and visualization).

Focus on Faculty

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Orfalea Center

The MA program is supported by the resources of the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies. Funding from the Orfalea Family Foundation provides scholarships and visiting faculty. It also provides programmatic support for conferences, seminars and speakers arranged through the Orfalea Center. Paul Orfalea is the founder of Kinko’s International and is a long-time supporter of the Global & International Studies program at UCSB.

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