

**INTRODUCING SUA'S INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION
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Students who earn a Liberal Arts degree with an International Studies concentration at Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo will not only gain a valuable understanding of today's global arena but will also acquire a deep appreciation for the world's various cultures and their interplay on the global stage.

The International Studies concentration will also allow students the opportunity to examine regional issues as well as the study of specific nations. The curriculum provides students with substantive knowledge zeroing in on ethical considerations, universal human rights and the peaceful resolution of various human conflicts throughout the world.

"These courses are designed to allow the students to learn about particular countries, geographical regions of the world, and global process and issues," says Peter M. Sanchez, Latin American Studies professor. "The International Studies courses provide students with a foundational understanding of their world in order to make them highly informed global citizens."

The students who make International Studies their primary concentration take at least five courses principally in regional and global studies. They also take classes in country studies designed to help them understand specific countries other than the United States or their country of birth. The curriculum goes even further to expose the limitations and the increasing importance of transitional issues and process. Students examine the effects of globalization on the environment, resource distribution, social organization and human rights. The faculty hopes this exposure will open the door for students to better position themselves to search for solutions to regional and global challenges making it possible for them to lead contributive lives.

"The country studies courses can encompass any and all disciplines and/or topics which explore in detail a particular nation or ethnic group," notes Dongyoun Hwang, Asian Studies professor. "But all together, these courses will also serve as a preparation for students' careers in scholarship, diplomacy, business, education and even law."