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All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular offerings.

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular offerings.

Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

All students participating in external academic programs in the United States or abroad must officially notify the University prior to beginning the registration process for the program. Failure to do so may jeopardize appropriate transfer of credits and/or applicable funding. All students who participate in an external academic program pay an external study fee to cover administrative costs involved in the external program. Additional fees may be assessed as necessary to cover specific expenditures required for studying in a particular program. Examples of external study programs are described below. For additional information, contact the Institute.

Academic departments of the university regularly offer study tours which integrate travel and course work. Recent tours include travel to Italy (Art 210, ENG), England (HON, ENG), Poland (HIS, CHR), Washington, DC (CHR). Contact the Institute for additional information.

The Institute coordinates student participation in CCCU-sponsored programs:

- American Studies Program
- Australian Studies Centre
- China Studies Program
- Contemporary Music Program
- Latin American Studies Program
- Los Angeles Film Studies Center

- Middle East Studies Program
- Oxford Honors Program
- Russian Studies Program
- Uganda Studies Program
- The Scholars' Semester in Oxford
- Washington Journalism Center

The Mid-Continent Consortium is an association of regional institutions that collaborate to develop international study programs. Examples include the following language programs:

- University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, Canada-French, Canadian Studies
- University of Guanajuato, Mexico-Spanish

Member institutions have established more than 300 partnerships with some of the world's most prestigious universities. The wide range of programs includes student and faculty exchanges, summer study programs, conferences, seminars, and special projects.

Students in the Teacher Education Program may apply to fulfill their student teaching requirement abroad. Contact the Assistant Dean for Teacher Education and Accreditation for more information.

Union has established partnerships with a limited number of organizations or institutions to provide external study experience. These include 2(t)1rience. These include 2(t)1rierN

The Centers of the University were established to promote the ideals of different academic departments to deal Christianly with issues. Each Center is headed by a Director, who also serves the University as a faculty member or in other capacities.

Below is a list of the Centers along with their purpose statements and directors.

The Center exists to promote the skills of effective Bible study and the art of biblical interpretation among students at Union University as well as members of the broader Body of Christ. The Center houses a model library for inductive study of the Scriptures, hosts an annual conference on interpretation and provides resources for local churches in pursuit of ongoing training in Bible study.

The purpose of this Center is to be the premier provider of economic and business information to Jackson and West Tennessee and to promote avenues that enhance the study and practice of Christian business principles. The Center publishes "Economic Updates" for area Chambers of Commerce, sponsors conferences and provides other services to area businesses such as seminars and employee training.

The purpose of the R. G. Lee Center for Christian Ministry is to equip bi-vocational pastors, staff, and laity for Christian service by offering the Diploma in Christian Ministry and the Associate of Divinity. Details of these programs can be found under Special Programs, Adult and Evening Studies.

An integral part of the Center is the R. G. Lee Society of Fellows Program whose purpose is to enhance and encourage the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Upon invitation, a pastor builds a sermon from the resources of the R. G. Lee Library. The sermon is published in an anthology by the Center and distributed to Southern Baptist pastors.

The purpose of the Center for Educational Practice is to:

- (a) Encourage and edify contemporary practice in education
- (b) Foster scholarship in education among faculty at Union University;

(c) Publish a CEP Research journal as a forum for students, faculty and the community;

(d) Bring scholars and events in education to the Union University campus.

With national recognition and accreditation of the University's teacher education programs and burgeoning graduate programs for teachers, the Center exists to assist and coordinate efforts internally and externally to promote the excellence of new ideas in education.

The mission of the Center for Faculty Development is to encourage faculty in:

- (a) Effective and innovative teaching;
- (b) Pursuit of scholarship and professional growth;
- (c) Integration of faith in casual and classroom interactions;
- (d) Integration of faith and learning through spiritual formation.

The Center conducts the new faculty orientation program (Fresh Start), the new faculty mentoring program (Mentor Network) and continual training for all faculty (In the Academy). The Center also sponsors the Newell Innovative Teaching Awards and the Teagle Grant Awards for innovative teaching and scholarship. Twice a year the Center hosts an integration of faith and learning collegium

The Center for Politics and Religion is meant to provide a forum for teaching, research, and discussion about the intersection between politics and religion. The Center sponsors conferences, promotes research, and encourages students to "think Christianly" about how their faith should affect their politics by analyzing the role of religion in America and the world. The Center aims not only to prepare Union students to impact the political world winsomely and effectively for Christ, but also to represent Union in the larger conversation about faith and politics taking place among fellow believers and non-believers alike.

The Center operates with the presupposition that science as observed truth need not conflict with revealed truth and that science is impossible apart from the recognition that God has created an orderly universe. Accordingly, the Center strives to provide a fertile environment for the exploration of the nature of the universe, in order to afford a greater appreciation of the complexity and glory of God's creation. The Center seeks to accomplish this by the

The Edward P. Hammons Center for Scientific Studies was formed to show, by example, how science and Christianity are not only compatible, but also synergistic. Science at Union University is seen from a Christian vantage point.