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Dear Colleague,

Thank you for considering serving as an adviser for an International Studies senior project. I am writing in my capacity as director of the International Studies Program to provide you with some background information in case you are unfamiliar with the program.

International Studies is a multidisciplinary program that requires a senior project, INTL 398 International Studies Senior Research Project. For the senior project, a student works with an adviser to write a “major research paper” on a foreign topic during one semester. The course description in the General Bulletin, indicating that there is an accompanying class, is not accurate.

You and the student can structure the experience to best match the topic and your expertise. The following has worked for me as a project advisor: I require a research paper of 30 to 35 pages with original analysis. My project advisees have typically taken a course with me, so they use methods from my discipline. I have found it helpful to have students submit components of the paper according to deadlines we have set. I meet with students twice a month.

On a technical note, if you are willing to advise this student, the student will ask you to review and sign a one-page project prospectus form, and SIS will prompt you to permit the student to enroll in your section of INTL 398 before the drop/add deadline. The student and I will take care of the rest of the registration steps.

I would be happy to answer any questions you have. I can be reached at kelly.mcmann@case.edu or 368-5565. I greatly appreciate that you are considering advising this student’s International Studies project.

Sincerely,

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