Teaching an Honors Cross-Divisional and Active Learning Course: Terrorism & Torture from a Global Perspective

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Promoting a Global Perspective—Challenges

- Few Study abroad programs
- Few networking opportunities with local businesses
- Lack of international focus = missed opportunity
  - Students are regional and have very little exposure to places beyond Southeast
  - They know very little about the world outside their very narrow experience
Promoting a Global Perspective - Creating the Initiative

- Multiple study abroad trips each year
Promoting a Global Perspective - Moving Forward

- Director of Honors Program

- International component
  - Mission & Vision
Honors Program Mission

USC Upstate Honors Program:
A Transformative educational experience that breaks the boundaries of the standard college curriculum to prepare scholars to engage the future as global citizens.
Creating Initiatives - Honors Advisory Council

• Included Director of International Studies
• Involved faculty with more diverse backgrounds
• Established a new curriculum with each course being multi-disciplinary & including an international component
• Added internships & service learning that includes international companies in the region
• The International Studies & Honors Program work in tandem on many projects
  • Foreign exchange students invited to all honors events
  • Honors Trip abroad
Creating Initiatives - Results

• Students expanded knowledge & horizons and are eager to explore the world

• Increased profile of Honors Program with international community in Spartanburg

• Support—financial & emotional
Why French & World Languages Need Cross-Divisional Partners

- Why French needs cross-divisional partners?
- The US foreign language deficit and national security
- Creative Solution: Cross-Divisional Course
The Twin Ills of Terrorism & Torture: A Global Perspective
The Course - The Twin Ills of Terrorism & Torture: A Global Perspective

- Through Active Learning we engage students in intercultural awareness

- US debate on torture & terrorism has roots in recent French history (Algerian War and its legacy today)
Why Criminal Justice Students Need Cross-Divisional Partners

• Why should criminal justice students care about the globe or international issues?

• Terrorism and immigration

• Why World Languages?
Connections Outside of the Traditional Classroom

- Bringing the community to our classroom through Service Learning and other out of class experiences
- French & Francophone Film Festival through Upstate International
- Speaker: Dr. Mathieu Deflem
- Student Play