

Program Rationale
Humanities: International Studies
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Currently majoring in English and Political Science, I have a lot on my plate. It would seem that I have no need for an additional major. However, during my time in undergraduate school, I have grown to possess a great love for the African continent and Black peoples globally. Unfortunately, UTC does not offer an African Studies program, thus as a Humanities: International Studies major, I wish to explore issues related to the African Diaspora, creating my own personalized program of study.

In my course of study, I will expand my cultural knowledge of the continent, as well as the global peoples of the African Diaspora by taking courses in literature (ENGL 335 African American Slave Narrative Traditions) and African language studies (FLNG Elementary Arabic). Aside from cultural expertise, I hope to form a firm foundation in African Diasporic development and economic stability. Courses in international economics, international law and politics (POLS 441 US Policy Towards Africa; POLS 442 Ghana's Foreign Policy), and minority studies (HIST 499 Black Popular Culture) will assist me in accomplishing this goal. Because my interest goes beyond the continent of Africa, I also plan to pursue courses which focus on other Afro peoples dispersed around the world. This includes Afro-Caribbean, Afro-Latino, Afro-European, and African-American peoples. I shall examine socio-economic issues facing these peoples, which in many cases is akin to social and developmental problems of African peoples. In order to have a practical knowledge of African Diasporic development, I will also engage in internship and study abroad opportunities through the Washington Center's

Constituency for Africa program. Doing so will allow me to apply practically the in-class knowledge that I have gained.