TOP TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER THE College of International Studies

1. We embrace international diversity and are home to students, faculty and staff of different backgrounds, nationalities, experiences, perspectives and world-views.

2. The Department of International and Area Studies (IAS) is a multi-disciplinary department comprised of talented professors who study diverse regions and issue areas. They offer a dynamic, timely and engaging curriculum, which truly fosters global fluency.

3. We promote and advocate for the internationalization of the college experience, encouraging our students to “Get Up and Global” here on campus and around the world. One aspect of this is the requirement that all IAS majors study a foreign language and participate in a study abroad experience.

4. We provide significant merit- and need-based scholarships, which help fund study abroad programs, internships and research.

5. Choose one of our amazing study abroad opportunities! Our Education Abroad office offers more than 1,000 programs in over 200 cities throughout 80 countries across the globe.

6. OU welcomes nearly 2,000 international students from all around the world through the CIS International Student Services office. The diverse student body creates a unique learning environment where international students learn about life in the United States, and local students engage with people representing a variety of countries and nationalities.

7. We offer a wide variety of programs at our centers in Italy, Mexico, and Brazil, where students learn from OU faculty and earn OU credit while experiencing everyday life in these vibrant countries.

8. The Arabic Flagship Program, a partnership with Modern Languages, promotes the learning of Arabic culture, politics and languages, and hosts the US Department of State’s Diplomat in Residence, who assists with preparing students for a potential career in foreign service.

9. Students learn practical and applicable skills in the classroom and are also assisted in experiencing internship and networking opportunities beyond the classroom. The learning process connects students to possible employers and prepares them for a variety of domestic and international jobs.

10. We have a family-like atmosphere where even the Dean has an open-door policy. We would love to welcome you into the family!