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A Glimpse Into the World of International Studies

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Summary

- Create a space to showcase International Studies
- A brief overview of the unit, services, & treasures
- To serve as general interest, future presentations
- To inspire future exhibits/websites
Tasks

- Interview subject specialists
- Curate a selection of “treasures” for the visual component of website
- Develop an overarching story of the unit
- Embed into a digital space
Challenges

- Managing a heavy amount of communication
- Developing a detailed, yet simple story line
- Selecting few items from very large collections
- Writing from an outsider’s perspective
The major challenge
Solutions

- Meeting with mentor twice per week
- Writing and re-writing
- Creating to-do lists and planning ahead
- Shifting content to a more flexible, visual space
Welcome

Welcome to International Studies! We are a diverse and unique group of individuals who provide access to over 400 languages that span almost the entire world, while also supporting research needs and instruction at the university and beyond. This website provides a comprehensive overview of the unit's activities, beyond the general scope of work, and newer initiatives in research and technology. This space was created as a part of the Maloika Library Scholars Summer Internship Program by intern Lauren Stefan and mentorship by Sirena Llanos. For general information and hours, visit our department website here, and for more information on our staff, visit the staff listing here.

This unit is really important to me because it allows for the free International Studies students that exist in the country. It's a place where we can showcase these unique cultural collections and where we can engage with each other to build services. The campus really is engaging globally in many different ways, whether the researchers are doing research at the university, or students studying abroad there is a whole spectrum of global engagement, so it's important to us to partner with these collections.

-Niima Llanos, Head of International Studies

Treasures Gallery

Click on the image to learn more about its story.
What I’ve learned

Project:
- Adaptability and creative solutions
- Wordpress, Omeka, Photoshop
- Storyline development

Program:
- Communication skills
- Project management
Looking ahead...

- Physical exhibit
- Further additions to website
- Future International Studies / Michigan Library Scholars websites
Thank you!