

Summary of Student Focus Group in Response to GE Campus Forum

Study Abroad Student Interns, September 13, 2019

Summary verified by student participant Jenna Reed (Asian Studies)

Student majors represented (and study abroad countries):

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| Animal Science, Pre-Veterinarian (Costa Rica) | Kinesiology (Spain) |
| Anthropology (Thailand) | Liberal Studies (Italy) |
| Art History and Asian Studies (Japan) | Media Arts (UK and Australia) |
| Asian Studies (Japan) | Political Science, International Relations, and Spanish (Spain) |
| Graphic Design (Germany) | Social Work (Australia) |
| International Relations (France) | |

Overall thoughts about Pathway/GE Minor Names:

- Unanimous preference for names that use precise language and give a clear idea of the theme of the Pathway.
- Majority (no vote) worry about names that evoke a strong reaction (e.g. Social Justice), and recommend that “polarizing” names be avoided.
- Most of the discussion focused on International Studies and Global Development Studies.
 - A majority (8-3) for merging International Studies and Global Development Studies.
 - A majority (10-0-1 abstain) and for renaming combination as “Global Engagement.”
 - A majority (10-0-1 abstain) prefer the term “global” to “international.”
 - A majority (10-0-1) believe that a Global Engagement GE Minor should include an equal number of courses that focus on developing and developed countries.

Preference for Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:

Cultural Studies
Food Studies (proposed Nutrition)
Great Books & Ideas (proposed Literature & Ideas)
History, Literature, & Innovation

Preference for Pathway Combinations from GE Forum:

INT and GDS (proposed Global Engagement)

Dislike of Pathway/GE Minor Names from Campus Forum:

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| California Studies | Resilience & Food |
| Data Analytics | Sustainable Development |
| Ethics, Justice, and Policy | |
| International Development Studies (Housing residents' proposal) | |