

## Senior Seminar Description

### Information regarding the Huntsman Program Capstone Requirement (Seminar)

The Huntsman Program in International Studies & Business, the joint degree undergraduate program between the College and Wharton, requires all students to complete a capstone during their senior year.

In lieu of an independent thesis, Huntsman students have the option of enrolling in an upper-level (400+) seminar course (for those students who wish to have a more structured direction in their efforts to write a longer, academic research paper). Since the course is a contractual agreement between the student and the instructor, the student is expected to meet all course requirements (as outlined on the syllabus), in addition to meeting the Huntsman Program's research paper requirement, which may or may not be a part of the original syllabus. In cases where the syllabus does not require students to complete a research paper, or one of equal or more pages, it is the student's responsibility to produce a research paper according to the guidelines below by the deadline established on the agreement form.

The course will serve as a great guide for developing your research, both through class discussions and readings. Your instructor is not obligated to provide feedback on your research paper, especially if it is not a required course assessment; however, with the instructor's permission, you may seek feedback or guidance from the instructor. Huntsman students should follow these guidelines:

- The research paper should be significantly more demanding than the customary term paper and should place the specific topic in a broader scholarly context by demonstrating familiarity with other literature on the subject. The length of the paper should be at least 20-25 pages, not including the bibliography.
- The Huntsman capstone is the culmination of the students' academic path and follows their required period of study abroad. Since the objective of the Huntsman Program is to blend the study of language, "culture," and international affairs/business, it is hoped that the research paper will serve to do this by drawing on materials from the student's target region of study, using sources in the target language.
- Again, the course will serve as your grade for the senior capstone. However, your capstone requirement is only complete once your research paper is submitted to the Huntsman Program director by the deadline listed on the agreement form.
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