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To: Rising Senior International Studies Majors Pursuing a Fall 2019 Graduation
From: Dr. Andrew Oros, Director, International Studies Program
Re: Your Senior Capstone Experience for Spring – Fall 2019
Date: August 1, 2019 (revised)

　　This memo is addressed to students who expressed an interest in completing their degree in December 2019 and thus initiated the SCE in International Studies in Spring 2019. At this point, such students should be working under the direction of an assigned SCE advisor and be initiating a working proposal for the SCE, with a plan for further researching and drafting the thesis prior to the start of the fall semester. This memo supplements and in some cases supersedes the SCE memo circulated to all rising seniors in March 2019 by setting interim and final deadlines for SCE completion for December 2019.

　　It is important that potential fall graduates read this supplemental memo fully and carefully, and keep the memo for consultation over the course of their SCE project. A copy of this memo also is posted under the "for our majors" section of the IS web-site: is.washcoll.edu.

- Final senior theses for fall graduates must be submitted by **4:00pm, Monday, Dec. 2, 2019**.

- All fall graduates are required to present the core findings of their SCE projects at a combined International Studies and Political Science Poster Symposium on the morning of **Friday, December 5, 2019, 5-6pm.**

** Students who do not meet these deadlines will fail the SCE course, will be eligible to re-register for the course (for a fee) in Spring 2020 at the earliest, and will not graduate in December 2019. **

　　Double-majors may complete a combined thesis with approval of advisors from both majors and are responsible for following the required format and deadlines for both majors, which may differ for those set out in the requirements for the IS thesis.

Interim Deadlines and Requirements for Fall 2019 Graduation Candidates:

1. Proposal: Initial version submitted to SCE advisor in Spring 2019 – by Mon., April 22 at 4pm at the latest.
   * Revised version submitted as part of the IS Seminar in Fall 2019 on Wed., Sept. 25, by 11:59pm.
   * Proposals from declared fall graduates may <u>not</u> be re-submitted for a revised grade after this date.

2. Annotated Bibliography: Due by Mon., May 13, 2019 at 4pm at the latest.
   * Revised version submitted as part of the IS Seminar on Sunday, September 15 by 11:59pm. (Same as spring graduation candidates.)

3. <u>Literature Review</u>. Students will develop a literature review based on their annotated bibliographies, which will be updated for inclusion in the final written product of the thesis. A first draft of this literature review is part of the SCE proposal, but is expected to be updated in the final SCE submission.

4. <u>Partial Draft of the Thesis</u>. A minimum of 18 pages of text plus appropriate citation and an outline of any remaining sections is due on Friday, October 18, 2019.

5. <u>Complete Draft of the Thesis.</u> Inclusive of title page, abstract, full text, and completed bibliography due on Monday, November 18, 2018.

6. <u>Draft Poster Slides</u>. Due to together with the final text of the thesis on Monday, December 2, by 4pm. (Final poster slides are presented at the Combined Poster Symposium on Thursday, December 5.)

Students are reminded that **plagiarism** in any form – including in "draft" work submitted for feedback to your SCE advisor – will be severely punishable. Any evidence of willful plagiarism will be grounds for failure, which, at minimum, would require the pursuit of a new senior thesis under a new advisor and could lead to expulsion from the College without a degree.

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* The thesis must be properly documented with footnotes and it must include a bibliography at the end (alphabetized and in proper format). Consult with your thesis adviser about the specific citation style appropriate to the disciplinary approach of your thesis topic. **A senior thesis that does not demonstrate competence in scholarly citation will not pass.**