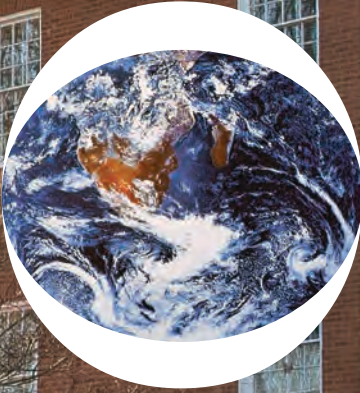


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**ACQUIRE  
A HIGH LEVEL OF  
ORAL PROFICIENCY  
IN A FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE**

*Why should  
you major in  
International  
Studies?*

**LEARN ABOUT  
GLOBAL ECONOMICS,  
POLITICS, AND  
CULTURE**



DISCOVER THE  
WORLD AND  
BROADEN YOUR  
HORIZONS BY  
STUDYING ABROAD

PREPARE YOURSELF  
FOR A CAREER IN  
THE GLOBALIZED  
WORLD OF TODAY

**The Croft Institute** offers the international studies major, which is the University of Mississippi's premier program for undergraduates who want to expand their horizons.

Croft offers the benefits of a small private institution — selective admission, small classes, and academic rigor — with the advantages of a large public university — affordable tuition and a wide range of opportunities. The international studies major combines a focused curriculum in Oxford with a semester or year of study at a foreign university.

The Croft Institute was established in 1997 and to be funded by the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable & Educational Fund.





**I**nternational studies is an interdisciplinary major in the College of Liberal Arts. It focuses on the connections between **politics, economics, and culture at the international level**, providing students with an understanding of how the contemporary world works.

Students develop both qualitative and quantitative skills: they hone their **writing ability** and learn to perform statistical analyses. They also study a **foreign language** intensively, including at least **one semester abroad**.

Small classes taught by the Institute's professors foster discussion, reflection, and analysis. Croft students also take courses taught by university faculty in other departments that count for the major, giving them a wide variety of choices.

## Degree Requirements

The International Studies major requires a total of 44 credit hours, consisting of the following courses:

### INTRODUCTORY CORE COURSE (3 HOURS)

Inst 101 Introduction to International Studies

### LOWER-DIVISION COURSES (9 HOURS)

*Three of the following:*

Inst 201 African Studies

Inst 203 East Asian Studies

Inst 205 European Studies

Inst 207 Latin American Studies

Inst 209 Middle Eastern Studies

Inst 221 Global Studies

### STUDY ABROAD PREPARATION AND DEBRIEFING COURSES (2 HOURS)

Inst 110 Intercultural Communication: Pre-departure

Inst 111 Intercultural Communication: Re-entry

### REGIONAL AND THEMATIC COURSES (18 HOURS)

Three 300-level courses in the regional concentration

Three 300-level courses in the thematic concentration

### RESEARCH METHODS COURSE AND ELECTIVE COURSE (6 HOURS)

One approved research methods course

One approved 300-level elective course

### SENIOR THESIS (6 HOURS)

Inst 421 Research Seminar I

Inst 422 Research Seminar II

### LANGUAGE EXIT INTERVIEW (0 HOURS)

Inst 431 OPI course

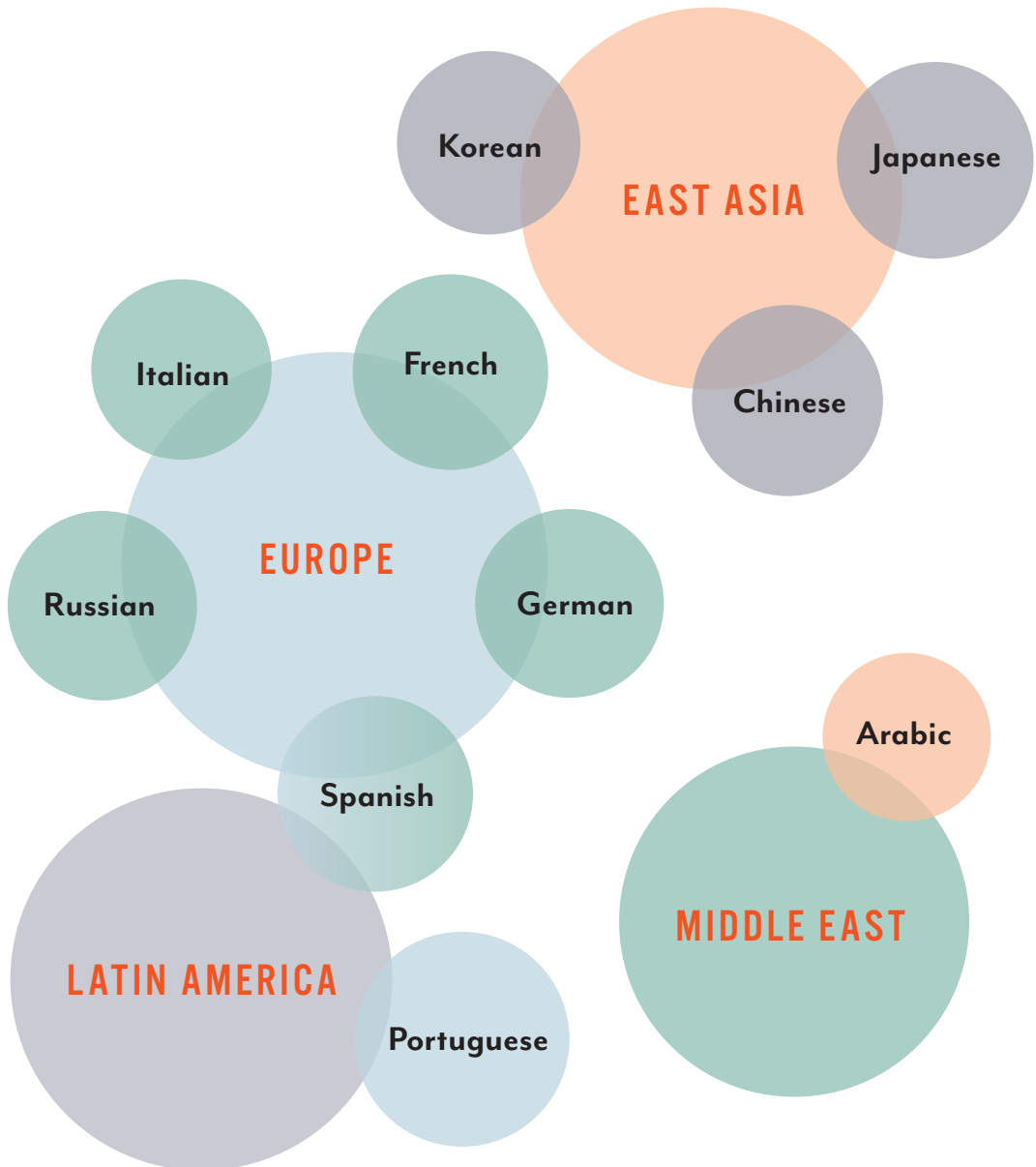
**FOREIGN LANGUAGE:** The goal is for Croft graduates to be able to live, study, and do business in their chosen language. Students take foreign-language courses through the Department of Modern Languages every semester in order to reach the high level of oral proficiency expected of international studies majors.

**STUDY ABROAD:** Croft students study abroad, either for a semester or a whole year, in a country where their chosen language is spoken. It is the experience of a lifetime, a period of intense personal and intellectual growth. They study the language and take courses that count for the regional and thematic requirements of the major.

**SENIOR THESIS:** All International Studies majors complete a two-semester senior thesis. They work one-on-one with a faculty mentor to carry out a substantial research project and produce a scholarly paper. The thesis draws on all the skills students have acquired and prepares them for future success.

## Your international studies major

*First, choose a region and a related foreign language:*



*Then select a thematic area:*

GLOBAL ECONOMICS  
AND BUSINESS

GLOBAL  
HEALTH

INTERNATIONAL  
GOVERNANCE AND  
POLITICS

SOCIAL AND  
CULTURAL  
IDENTITY

## JARVIS BENSON

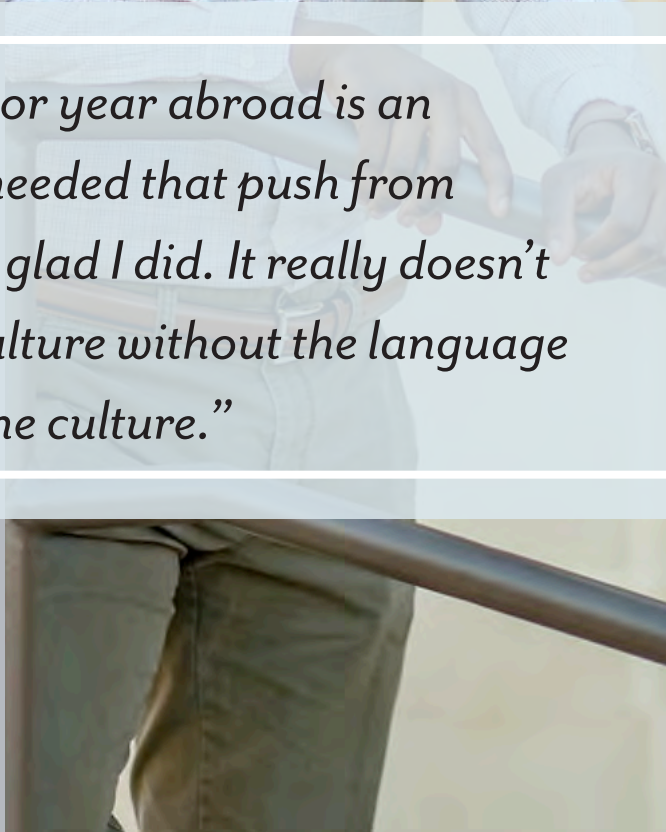
“Spending four years in the Croft Institute was the greatest decision that I have made. It was an easy decision. I wanted to muster as much fluency in Spanish possible. I wanted to see and learn about the world. And I did just that and more. Croft pushed me to grapple with issues not only beyond this country’s borders, but also those right in our backyard. Croft offered me many skills that I continue to recognize only a few months post-graduation.

Placing an international studies program in Mississippi is powerful. Croft classmates, professors, and staff were the smartest people I have met. Arguably, I learned just as much from the conversations in passing, advising



*“Croft’s required semester or year abroad is an incredible opportunity. I needed that push from Croft to go abroad. I’m so glad I did. It really doesn’t make sense to study the culture without the language or the language without the culture.”*

appointments, and study room sessions as in classroom lectures. As I continue my path towards solving global issues, I am confident in the skills gained from my incredible experience in the Croft Institute.”



## Combinations

The B.A. in International Studies is flexible in its own right, but it can also be combined with **other programs and majors and minors.**

The most common additional majors and minors students pursue are their languages: Spanish, French, Italian, German, Russian, Arabic, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean.

### Other Special Programs:

#### SALLY MCDONNELL BARKSDALE HONORS COLLEGE

The majority of International Studies majors are also members of the Honors College, and these two programs complement each other well.

#### CENTER FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY STUDIES

International Studies majors interested in government and intelligence careers often choose to pursue this competitive minor.

#### CHINESE AND ARABIC FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

These federally-funded intensive critical language programs are separate from the Croft Institute, but students wishing to pursue one of these languages may be in both programs.

#### CENTER FOR MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE

Students that are in the Croft Institute may also be in the CME, which allows business-oriented students to understand the world of modern manufacturing.

#### TRENT LOTT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

International Studies majors can pursue a double major in Public Policy Leadership, which complements the International Governance and Politics concentration well.

#### PRE-MED TRACK

Croft students that wish to attend medical school can concentrate in Global Health, and work with the Health Professions Advising Office to fulfill their prerequisites.

### Popular Double-Majors and Minors:

Economics

Business

Administration

Political Science

Mathematics

Accountancy

Journalism

Society & Health

Doing an extra major, minor, degree, or pre-healthcare program requires careful planning and extra course work. The Croft Institute's dedicated **advisors work closely with students** to help them understand their options and make a plan to achieve their goals.





## The C O M M U N I T Y

Croft fosters a diverse community of academically-minded young men and women who form **friendships** and forge **intellectual bonds**.

The Croft staff help our students make the most of their time at the Institute. They serve as **academic advisors** for all international studies majors, helping them choose courses, internships, and study abroad programs that will allow them to achieve their goals at Ole Miss and beyond.

The Croft Senate plans **social activities** and **service opportunities** for students and communicates with faculty and staff about the students' needs. Croft students are active in a wide variety of student organizations, from service and advocacy groups to student government.

The Croft community extends beyond graduation: the alumni stay connected to each other, to the Institute, and to current students. The Institute invites alumni back as speakers and facilitates current students connecting with alumni for career advice.

*Space to meet, relax, and study  
porch. A small, close-knit com*





*in the Croft Building, including the fabulous  
munity of students, faculty, staff, and alumni.*

## Faculty

Classes at the Institute are taught by designated Croft professors. They are **superb teachers** who specialize in areas and subjects that make up the international studies curriculum. They come from all over the globe and have been trained in different disciplines at some of the finest academic institutions.



**Dr. Kate Centellas**

*Anthropology*  
Latin America



**Dr. Miguel Centellas**

*Sociology*  
Latin America



**Dr. Oliver Dinius**

*Executive Director  
of the Croft Institute*  
Modern Brazil



**Dr. Ian Gowan**

*Modern Languages*  
Spanish







**Dr. Kees  
Gispen**

*History*  
Modern  
Europe



**Dr. Ana  
Velitchkova**

*Sociology*  
Political  
participation  
and Trans-  
nationalism



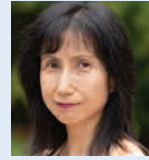
**Dr. Joshua  
First**

*History*  
Russia and  
Ukraine



**Dr. Noell  
Wilson**

*History*  
Japan



**Dr. Kaoru  
Ochiai**

*Modern  
Languages*  
Japanese



**Dr. Kristin  
Hickman**

*Anthropology*  
The Middle  
East



**Dr. Vivian  
Ibrahim**

*History*  
The Middle  
East



**Dr. Yael  
Zeira**

*Political  
Science*  
The Middle  
East



**Dr. Joshua  
Howard**

*History*  
Modern  
China



**Dr. María  
García  
Otero**

*Modern  
Languages*  
Spanish



**Dr. William  
Schenk**

*Associate  
Director of  
the Croft  
Institute*  
Romance  
Languages  
and Literatures



**Dr. David  
Fragoso-  
Gonzalez**

*Economics*  
The Economics  
of Information



**Dr. Gang Guo**

*Political  
Science*  
Political  
Economy in  
East Asia



**Dr. Seung  
Cheol Lee**

*Anthropology*  
Contemporary  
Korean Culture



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“Croft is like a small village—  
supportive, close-knit, and full of  
life. Each of us brings unique skills  
and perspectives that necessitate  
cooperation, drive discussion, and  
enrich our academic community.”

—NICK SUMRALL







“The Croft porch is the center of student life in our program, overlooking the grove and the student union with comfortable seating, familiar faces, and good conversation. It’s the best location on campus and I love being able to spend time on the porch between classes. It’s without a doubt one of my favorite things about Croft.”

—CALEB RAY

“The community in Croft is what sets this program apart. Being surrounded by intelligent and passionate peers who are committed to excellence both academically and personally has challenged me to look beyond my own opinions and perspectives, pursue my studies with excellence, and think both differently and critically about the world. I met my best friends in Croft and I’ve made contacts for life.”

—CHARLOTTE ARMISTEAD



## *The* CHALLENGE

**I**nternational Studies has **highly selective admissions** and is one of the most **challenging** majors at the University. We know that our graduates will be competing with bright, talented young men and women from around the nation—and the world—when they enter the job market or apply to graduate school.

Professors expect their students to **work hard** and be **well-prepared** for class, and in return they give them the **attention** and **support** they need to excel. The atmosphere is **collaborative**, not competitive. Croft students often study together and help each other succeed.

Our students are among the most academically accomplished at the University. Many earn university-wide awards such as the Taylor Medal and national honors like Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. Croft graduates go on to some of the most prestigious graduate programs and rewarding careers in the U.S. and abroad.

If you want an academic program that will prepare you to succeed in an increasingly competitive global job market, the Croft Institute is what you're looking for.





“Croft has taught me to challenge and scrutinize assumptions about the world so that not only have I built up my knowledge base but I’m better able to analyze topics I am not familiar with. My Croft professors have required me to be exacting and disciplined in my thought, writing, and research. I now have the tools to evaluate connections, causality, and potential impacts when looking at both history and modern events that previously would have been incomprehensible to me.”

—ISABEL SPAFFORD

## CHALLENGE

Croft is a community of diverse interests and scholars who value the opportunity to have a voice, a name, and support structure as they progress personally and professionally.

—MILLIE MORSE



The sky is the limit with Croft. By requiring a variety of academically rigorous courses, Croft not only allows you to receive a high quality education that nurtures a strong foundation of hard work and creativity, it also allows you to become a global citizen with an expanded horizon.

—AKSHAYA VIJAYASANKAR



## The Senior Thesis: The Final Croft Challenge

In their final two semesters, Croft students design a research project and write a scholarly paper.



### MIDDLE EAST

◀ **Lauren Burns** (left) 2019, Dr. Vivian Ibrahim  
*Renewables & Refugees: A Solution for Jordan?*

**Andrew Czuzak** 2017, Dr. Vivian Ibrahim  
*9/11 and the American-Saudi Alliance: A Pragmatic Relationship Between Two Unlikely Partners*



### EUROPE

**Elizabeth Brown** 2019, Dr. Susan Allen  
*Regionalism and Reform: The Consequences of Consociationalism in Belgium*

◀ **Francisco Hernandez** (left) 2018,  
Dr. Miguel Centellas  
*Welfare Nationalism in Catalonia: The Interplay of National Identity and Welfare State Development in the Catalan Healthcare System*



### LATIN AMERICA

◀ **Sarah Meeks** (left) 2018,  
Dr. Katherine Centellas  
*Water, Women, and Migration: Examining the Interconnections between Water Scarcity, Environmental Migration, and Women in Bolivia*

**Katie Wright** 2016, Dr. Marcos Mendoza  
*Portrayal of Pinochet: Historical Narratives in Chilean Schools*



### EAST ASIA

**Zach Cookston** 2016, Dr. Gang Guo  
*An Industry Giant's Struggles: Google's Relative Failure Within China*

◀ **Gwenafaye McCormick** (left) 2019,  
Dr. Noell Wilson  
*Japanese Mascots: Domestic Escapism, International Diplomatic Tool*

# GLOBAL CITIZEN



Croft educates global citizens. The B.A. in International Studies, built around a semester or year abroad, helps our students live a richer and more meaningful life and prepares them for a successful career.

The course work, the mastery of a new language, and the time spent abroad give students a deeper appreciation for the **complex interactions** in today's global society, the **diversity** of people and cultures, and the **challenges** and **opportunities** that await their generation on the world stage.

The writing, speaking, and analytical skills prepare graduates to **compete at the global level**. Our alumni have gone on to top graduate programs and careers in government, large multinational corporations, non-profit organizations, and small businesses here and abroad.

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CHILE

RUSSIA ▶

SPAIN

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◀ MEXICO  
FRANCE  
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GLOBAL CITIZEN



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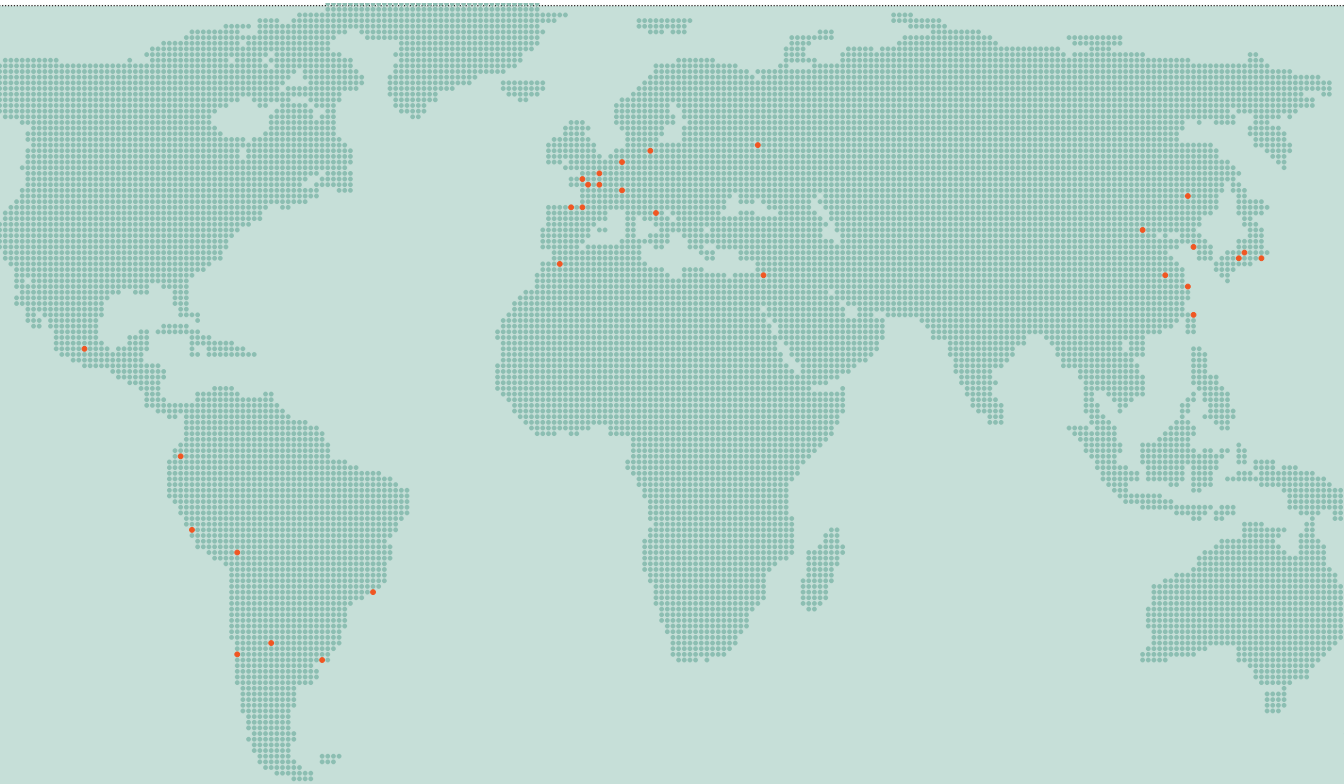


To feel like a valued member of the family at the University of Mississippi is a rather effortless undertaking. However, to become an impactful member of our world's global society is a much more arduous process. Croft not only prepares students to solve world issues through experiences in the classroom and in the community, but also empowers students to venture outside of Mississippi and the United States to tackle problems head on while studying abroad. In doing so, students begin to understand that our identities transcend geography or political borders and that we instead are members of a much broader class of humans who aim to work together to overcome the world's most insurmountable obstacles.

—DAVID PFAEHLER







## Popular Study Abroad destinations

LATIN AMERICA	EUROPE	EAST ASIA
<i>Argentina</i> Córdoba	<i>France</i> Angers, Orléans, Paris, Rennes	<i>China</i> Beijing, Harbin, Nanjing, Shanghai
<i>Bolivia</i> La Paz	<i>Germany</i> Cologne, Potsdam	<i>Japan</i> Kyoto, Osaka, Tokyo
<i>Brazil</i> Rio de Janeiro	<i>Italy</i> Perugia	<i>South Korea</i> Seoul
<i>Chile</i> Valparaíso	<i>Spain</i> Bilbao, Pamplona	<i>Taiwan</i> Taipei
<i>Ecuador</i> Quito	<i>Switzerland</i> Fribourg	<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>
<i>Mexico</i> Mexico City	<i>Russia</i> Moscow	<i>Jordan</i> Amman
<i>Peru</i> Lima		<i>Morocco</i> Meknes
<i>Uruguay</i> Montevideo		

### Croft Scholarships

**CROFT SCHOLARS:** The Institute awards eight scholarships each year to its most competitive incoming freshmen. They receive \$8,000 per year for up to four years. These are among the largest and most prestigious scholarships available at the University. A Croft Scholar pursuing the dual degree in international studies and accountancy may be eligible for a fifth year of support.

**ROSE BUI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:** Each year, the Institute awards one scholarship (\$8000 a year for up to three years) to the top rising sophomore who does not already have substantial scholarship support.

**MIKE AUNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** This Institute awards this scholarship to one student concentrating on Latin America.

**FOREIGN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:** The most competitive foreign student in the Institute receives a scholarship (\$9,000 per year).

*These scholarships may be combined with most other forms of financial assistance.*

### Other Scholarships

*Many of the recipients of the University's most prestigious scholarships are Croft students.*

#### **Stamps Leadership Scholarships\***

— Full cost of attendance plus \$12,000 stipend over four years (\$98,000–\$160,000 total value)

#### **Carrier and Newman Scholarships\***

— \$10,000 a year for four years

#### **Chinese Flagship Scholarships\***

— \$8,000 a year for four years

#### **Honors College Scholarships\***

— \$8,000 a year for four years

*\*Note that these scholarships cannot be combined with the Croft Scholarship.*

#### **Lucky Day Scholarships**

(for Mississippi residents only)

— \$2,000–\$5,000 a year for four years

#### **Academic Excellence**

— \$1,500–\$23,000 per year for four years depending on test scores, high school GPA, and residency

**For more information on these and other scholarships, visit the website of the Office of Financial Aid:**

**[[finaid.olemiss.edu](http://finaid.olemiss.edu)].**





## How to Apply to Croft

1. **Apply for general admission to the University of Mississippi at [\[olemiss.edu/applynow/\]](https://olemiss.edu/applynow/).**
2. **Complete and submit the Croft section of the Special Programs and Scholarship Application at [\[olemiss.edu/applynow/supplemental/\]](https://olemiss.edu/applynow/supplemental/).** The full application consists of the transcript, résumé, personal statement, general essay, and letters of recommendation shared by all special programs and scholarships as well as the Croft essay and information about language choice and academic interests.

The strongest applicants are those who can demonstrate an interest in the politics, economics, and cultures of the world, are excited about learning a foreign language and studying abroad, and want to challenge themselves in an academically rigorous program.

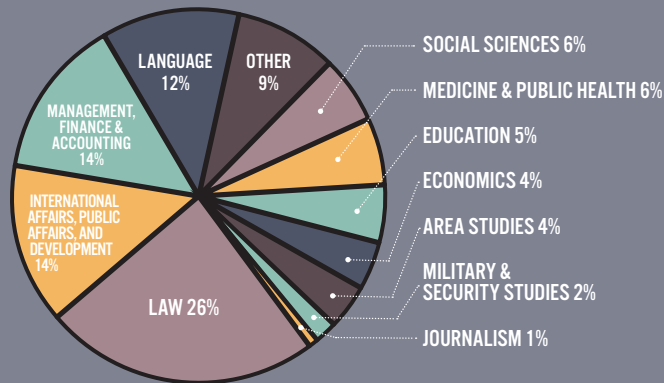
They typically rank near the top of their high school class and have a composite score of 29 or higher on the ACT (or the equivalent scores on the math and critical reading portions of the SAT or SATR) or are valedictorian or salutatorian of their high schools. The Croft Institute always encourages students with extensive international experience to apply.

## Croft Alumni

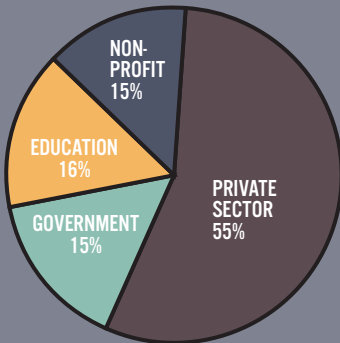
It is impossible to describe a “typical” Croft graduate. Because of the program’s flexibility, our students gain a wide range of skills, which, when combined with their motivation, passion, and intelligence, make them competitive for careers in a variety of fields. A Croft graduate might be the director of finance and operations for an international non-profit organization, a foreign affairs officer for the U.S. Department of State, or an account manager for a European sustainable energy consulting firm.

About half of our graduates work in the private sector, while the rest are split between education, the non-profit sector, and local, state, and national governments. The majority of our alumni will obtain one or more graduate degrees at some point in their careers, typically a Masters or J.D., and occasionally a doctorate or even medical degree.

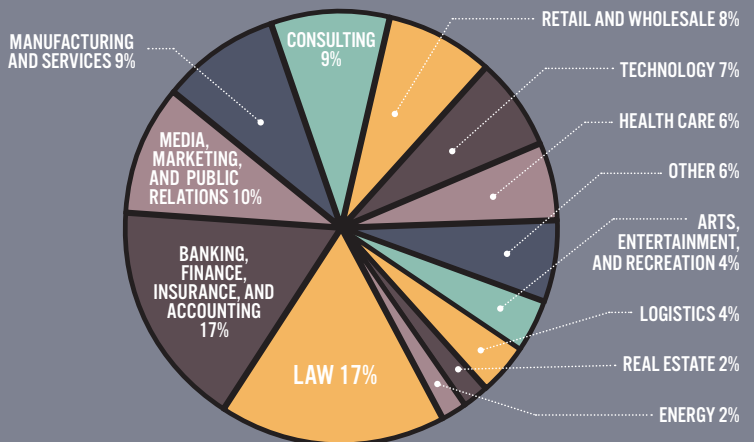
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