TITLE VI and Beyond: UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROGRAM
U.S. Department of Education

North Harris College
Houston, Texas

• Located north of Houston, Texas serving northern Harris and southern Montgomery counties.

• Unprecedented area growth results in five college campuses of NHMCCD by 2002 to serve the communities outside the city. North Harris College student enrollment is 11,000 students; five college campus total is 45,000 students.

• Houston- largest city in Texas. International city. Port of Houston ranks first in U.S. in international cargo. Economic growth results in suburban sprawl- demographic shifts: increasing international students. Houston is home to largest diplomatic corps in the Southwest representing 86 nations. Energy industry (oil and gas); aeronautics; technology; medical. NAFTA trade route.
MISSION STATEMENT

NHMCCD recognizes that today's students will encounter issues throughout their lives that transcend national and cultural boundaries. It is important for students to comprehend global issues and the events that shape them. Good citizenship and good scholarship require students to understand and appreciate different customs and cultures throughout the world.
GOALS:

- Expand existing college criteria to focus on international and intercultural issues.
- Promote cultural awareness through involvement with international activities.
- Encourage international students to attend our colleges and participate in our communities.
- Offer credit and continuing education programs that allow students to study/travel to foreign countries.
- Develop opportunities for faculty to study and teach abroad.
- Establish partnerships with colleges and universities throughout the world.
Global competency exists when a learner is able to:

Understand the interconnectedness and interdependence of people and systems.

- Have a general knowledge of history and world events, geography and geopolitics.
- Accept the existence of different cultural values and attitudes.
- Celebrate the richness and benefits of this diversity.
TITLE VI OBJECTIVES

1. To build a coherent International Studies program, leading to an Associate of Arts degree that fully articulates with Bachelors level programs at senior universities.

2. To enhance 30 targeted courses, enriching course content with curricular materials that introduce students to the international context of their coursework.

3. To build an Area Studies Program, and develop courses focusing on international issues influencing Houston.
OBJECTIVES [cont.]

4. To enhance the content knowledge of faculty on international issues, such as foreign policy, economic globalization, international migration.

5. To establish a campus climate that promotes international awareness among faculty, students, and the community.

6. To strengthen the Foreign Language program, with emphasis on community’s need, and less commonly taught languages.

7. To disseminate program improvements to five colleges of NHMCCD, community colleges throughout the Gulf Coast Consortium, and local schools through an annual International Education Conference highlighting best practices in international education.
Establishing the International Studies Program

- Provide students with an enhanced A.A. degree option, through the availability of an Area of Concentration in International Studies.

- Incentive awards designed to stimulate planning and innovation for faculty who have proposed to add international components to an existing course or to create a new single-discipline or interdisciplinary course.
## INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

### COURSES TARGETED FOR REVISION
- ARTS 1301 Art Appreciation
- ARTS 1303 Art History Survey I
- ARTS 1304 Art History Survey II
- COMM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communications
- DANC 2303 Dance Appreciation
- ENGL 1302 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ENGL 2354 Selected Studies in Literature
- ECON 2301 Macroeconomics
- ECON 2302 Microeconomics
- HIST 1301 U.S. History I
- HIST 2311 History of Western Civilization I
- HIST 2312 History of Western Civilization III
- IBUS 2341 International Comparative Management
- MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
- MUSI 1308 Music Literature I
- MUSI 1309 Music Literature II
- PHIL 1304 Introduction to World Religions
- SOCI 1301 Principles of Sociology
- SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication
- SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication

### INTERNATIONALIZED COURSES 2003-2004
- ARTS 1303 Art History Survey I
- COMM 1307 Introduction to Mass Communication
- DANC 2303 Concert Dance
- ECON 2301 Macroeconomics
- ECON 2302 Microeconomics
- ENGL 2342 Literature of Latin America and the Caribbean
- GOVT 2301 American Government
- GOVT 2302 American Government II
- HIST 1301 U.S. History I
- HIST 1302 U.S. History II
- HIST 2311 Western Civilization I
- HIST 2312 Western Civilization III
- HUMA 1301 Introduction to Humanities
- IBUS 2341 International Comparative Management
- MUSI 1306 Music Appreciation
- MUSI 1308 Music Appreciation
- MUSI 1309 Music Literature II
- MUSI 1310 American Music
- PHIL 1304 Introduction to World Religions
- SOCI 1301 Principles of Sociology
- SPAN 2311 Intermediate Spanish I Mexican Cultural Identity
- SPAN 2312 Intermediate Spanish II Mexican Cultural Identity
- SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication
Enhancing the Content Knowledge of Faculty on International Issues

Provide a basis for a general understanding of the importance of integrating international and intercultural material into teaching.

- Great Decisions Program – Faculty Led
- International Studies Lecture Series
- World Affairs Council of Houston
- Annual NHMCCD International Education Conference
ESTABLISHING A CAMPUS CLIMATE FOCUSED ON INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

- **Nostalgia Photography Collection**
  80 color photographs of Mexico that include places, people, and landscapes. This exhibit celebrates the culture of our closest international neighbor by presenting a comprehensive image of the country.

- **Display Cabinets**
  Organize students to construct displays of various countries around the world. Purpose is to inform faculty, students, and the community of the diverse number of nationalities represented at the college.
EXPANDING THE MODERN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

- Expand Modern Language instruction utilizing ethnic newspapers/films, Guest Speakers, interviews. Language programs/immersion opportunities via travel abroad and technology.

- Enhance focus on Spanish language, but promote other languages, including less commonly taught languages (such as Vietnamese, and Chinese), reflecting needs of the community and local schools.
Disseminating Program throughout the Texas Gulf Coast Region

- **Annual NHMCCD International Education Conference**

  Outreach throughout the college district, senior institution participation, Gulf Coast Consortium of community colleges, and local schools (including international schools). Organized and hosted by NHMCCD with support by the Gulf Coast Consortium of community colleges. The first International Education Conference (April 3, 2003) at the newest campus of the district Cy-Fair College. The Conference gathers speakers to dialogue with community college faculty and administrators about best practices in international education. Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was first Keynote Speaker. Themes include: “Global Health”; and this year- “Global Change: Political, Philosophical, Physical” with keynote speaker, Ann Jones, author of *Kabul in Winter*. April 20, 2007.
SUSTAINABILITY- Life on our own: What changed?

• International Studies Program development from one college to five colleges. Faculty led. Administrative support. District-wide involvement. Area of Concentration in International Studies offered for students.

• New District Director for district-wide program entitled International Programs and Services (IPS) approved and supported by NHMCCD Executive Council (Chancellor, Presidents, Vice Chancellors). Coordination of international student programs and needs at District level.

• District colleges participate in International Studies programs, “internationalizing the curriculum,” special Speaker Programs; participation in National Model UN for faculty and students; Study Abroad opportunities.
Sustainability...

- Student scholarships available for Study Abroad programs, and Faculty competitive mini-grants to support international research opportunities
- Institutional membership and participation in World Affairs Council of Houston. Educational Outreach programs open for faculty and students.
- Formation of International Studies Committees
- Approval for Field of Study in Mexican-American Studies coinciding with development of Curriculum Team for International Studies
- Annual NHMCCCD International Education Conference – faculty, staff, student presenters district-wide and Gulf Coast region
Sustainability...

- **International Education Week** - Annual campus celebrations including Voices Around the World, special Guest Lectures (Ambassador Series), Foreign Films, cultural exhibits and performances of American students and international students. Library displays feature keynote lecture.

- **Go Global** - Short term popular travel opportunities open to college family (faculty, administrators, staff, students) and members of the community offered through NHC Continuing Education. Over 500 people have participated in Go Global since its inception in 2002. World visits have included Thailand, China, Peru, England, Scotland, Ireland, Spain, Portugal, France, Germany, Greece, and Italy. One of the Go Global travel groups (organized by faculty member) has pledged funds to build a school for girls in Egypt, matching funds with a prominent Houston firm. The group plans to attend a ribbon cutting at the school by the end of this year.
Honors IS students and Solidarity....