

For the full syllabus please see "Information" below. The calendar description of the course is [here](http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/courses/BUSI/) (<http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/courses/BUSI/>). This course is *required* for students who entered the IB Concentration of the BCom after May 2013, and *optional* for those who were already in the concentration prior to that time. The prerequisites are "third-year standing in B.Com., International Business concentration; BUSI 2701 and BUSI 3703; and permission of the School".

What is it?

The course presents an opportunity for immersion in an international experience arranged by you, the student. It is a project-based "field" course with no scheduled classes, exams, tests, or quizzes. The requirements include (a) a written proposal, which must be approved before you can register for the course; (b) the international experience itself; and (c) a final report on the insights gained from it, both generally and in relation to other courses taken as part of the B.Com. program, especially in international business.

What's an "international experience"?

There are three main options for meeting the international experience requirement so that, as the calendar description of the course says, it "fosters the development of a global mindset"; here is a brief outline:

- Option A: Study abroad for at least one course, equivalent to 0.5 Carleton credit. (Note that for studying abroad on university-sponsored exchange, you have to apply a year or more in advance; see (b) in "Information" below.)
- Option B: International business-related experiences abroad, lasting a minimum of 80 hours of direct project-related work. Examples: International internships; volunteer work with NGOs (e.g. Habitat for Humanity); learning-focused field trips (e.g., "European Union Study Tour", equivalent to Carleton credit for EURR 4302); directed/supervised international research; etc.
- Option C: International business-related experiences in Canada, lasting a minimum of 120 hours of direct project-related work. Examples: Internships or volunteer work involving an internationally-oriented project/position with an internationally-oriented firm or NGO (e.g., exporters; firms with investments overseas; immigrant support groups, Oxfam, Kiva Canada, Aga Khan Foundation Canada); work in a virtual team with students at a partner university abroad; directed/supervised international research; etc.

When does the course run?

The course is offered in any of the Fall, Winter, Early Summer, or Late Summer terms. The timing of your chosen international experience may or may not coincide with Carleton University's formal academic terms (e.g., a three-week internship in India, or studying in a country where the winter term runs from February to June, may overlap our Winter and Early Summer terms). Therefore, after approval of your proposal and in consultation with the instructor, depending on the timing of your project you may register for the course right away or defer registration to the term during which you expect to complete the international experience.

How do I get in?

Assuming you meet the prerequisites, registering for the course is subject to a written proposal that must be submitted by you and approved by the School of Business. A proposal template is available on request.

Information

Since you may need to plan your project well in advance of when you actually engage in it, obtaining information as soon as possible will be highly useful even if you are planning to take this course at a later time. There are three main information contact points:

(a) Orientation sessions held at various times during the year (eligible students are notified in advance as to time and location of the next session): These outline eligible projects, course requirements (e.g., format and expected length of the proposal and final report), and procedures (e.g., employer agreement for internships; risk waivers for travel outside Ottawa), and answer any other questions participants may have.

(b) For opportunities and detailed information re: Option A, "study abroad": Contact the Sprott Exchange Coordinator, [Ms. Lorna Unger](mailto:lorna.unger@carleton.ca), at <lorna.unger@carleton.ca>.

(c) For more information on any of the three options and/or for a copy of the full course outline: Contact the instructor, [Dr. Nicolas Papadopoulos](http://sprott.carleton.ca/directory/papadopoulos-nicolas/) (<http://sprott.carleton.ca/directory/papadopoulos-nicolas/>), at <nicolas.papadopoulos@carleton.ca>.