

The logo features a dark blue background with a stylized globe in the center. The globe is rendered in a lighter shade of blue, showing the continents. Overlaid on the globe is a large, semi-transparent circular graphic composed of concentric arcs. The text 'CROFT' is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font across the top of the globe. Below it, 'INSTITUTE' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A thin red horizontal line separates 'INSTITUTE' from 'FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES', which is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font at the bottom of the text block.

CROFT
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FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

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Why should you major in International Studies?

Acquire a high level of oral proficiency in a foreign language

Learn about global economics, politics, and culture

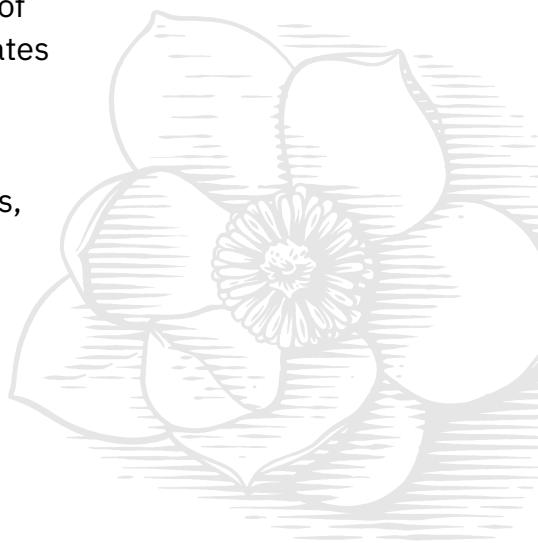
Discover the world and broaden your horizons by studying abroad

Prepare yourself for a career in the globalized world of today



The Croft Institute, established in 1997 and funded by the Joseph C. Bancroft Charitable & Education Fund, offers the international studies major, 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 social and intellectual opportunities. The international studies major combines a focused curriculum in Oxford with a semester or year of study at a university abroad.





THE **MAJOR**

International studies is an interdisciplinary major in the College of Liberal Arts. It focuses on the connections between **cultures, economics, and politics 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 200 Thinking Globally

Inst 201 African Studies

Inst 203 East Asian Studies

Inst 205 European Studies

Inst 207 Latin American Studies

Inst 209 Middle Eastern 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 (12 HOURS)

Two 300-level courses in the regional concentration

Two 300-level courses in the thematic concentration

RESEARCH METHODS COURSE AND ELECTIVE COURSE (12 HOURS)

One approved research methods course

Three approved 300-level elective courses

SENIOR THESIS (6 HOURS)

Inst 421 Senior Thesis 1

Inst 422 Senior Thesis 2

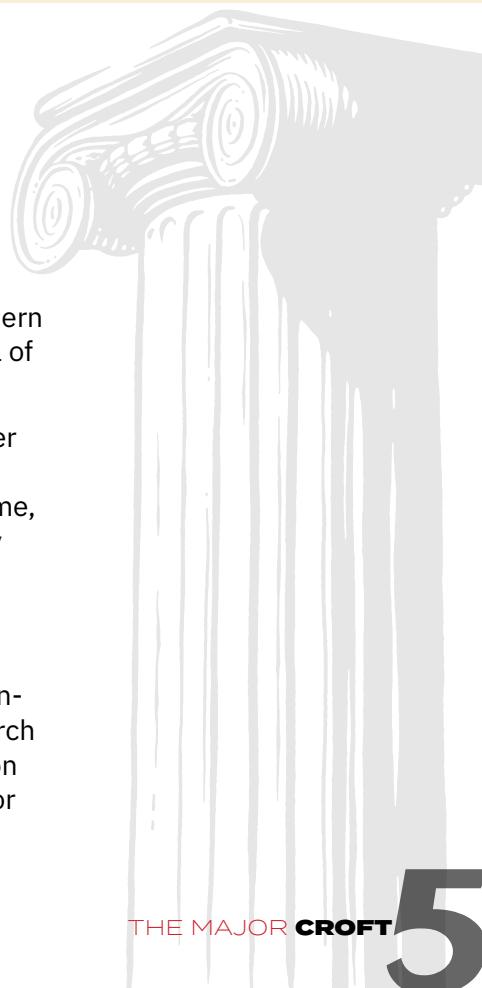
LANGUAGE EXIT INTERVIEW (0 HOURS)

Inst 431 OPI course

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: The goal is for Croft graduates to be able to live, study, and operate professionally 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.

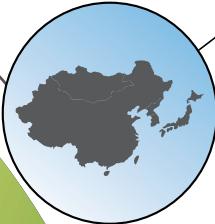
STUDY ABROAD: Croft students study abroad, either for a semester or a whole year, in a country where their chosen language is spoken. It is the experience of a lifetime, a period of intense personal and intellectual growth. They study the language and take courses that count for the regional and thematic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



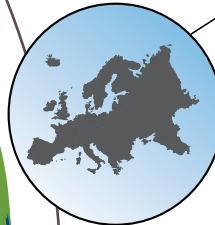
YOUR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES MAJOR

First, choose a region and a related language:



EAST ASIA

- Korean
- Japanese
- Chinese



EUROPE

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Russian



LATIN AMERICA

- Spanish



MIDDLE EAST

- Arabic

Then select a thematic area:

**GLOBAL
ECONOMICS
AND BUSINESS**

GLOBAL HEALTH

**INTERNATIONAL
GOVERNANCE
AND POLITICS**

**SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL
IDENTITY**

AABHA MANTRI

“Croft provides a tight-knit community which fosters learning and growth, focusing on the students’ best interests.

The students are connected to a vast network of talented and accomplished individuals who are eager to support current students in their efforts to grow professionally. Along with a strong alumni network, guest speakers, and Life After Croft events, Croft sets itself apart from the rest by investing in its students.”



COMBINATIONS

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

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

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 All Croft students studying Chinese or Arabic are strongly encouraged to apply for these federally-funded, critical language 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 MINORS OR DOUBLE-MAJORS

Economics	Accountancy
Business Administration	Journalism
Political Science	Society & Health
Mathematics	

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.



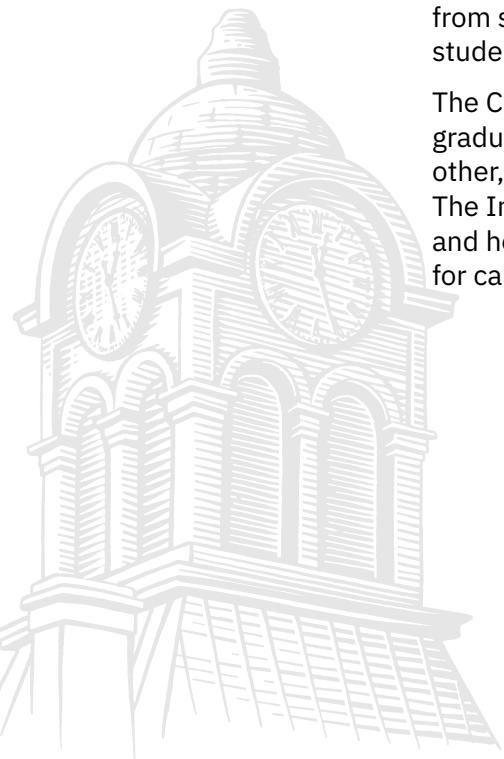
THE COMMUNITY

Croft fosters a diverse community of academically-minded students 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 the international studies majors, helping them choose courses, study abroad programs, and internships 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: **alumni stay connected** to each other, to the Institute, and to current students. The Institute invites alumni back as speakers and helps current students connect with them for career advice.



The Croft building is the heart of the community: a welcoming space where students gather to socialize and collaborate on projects in multiple common areas such as the porch, study rooms, and the kitchen.



FACULTY

Classes at the Institute are taught by designated Croft professors. They are exceptional 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 world's best universities.



Dr. Oliver Dinius
*Executive Director of the
Croft Institute*
Modern Brazil



Dr. Ian Gowan
*Associate Director of the
Croft Institute*
Spanish



Dr. Kate Centellas
Anthropology
Latin America



Dr. Nora Sylvander
Anthropology
Latin America





Dr. Joshua First
History
Russia and Ukraine



Dr. Kristin Hickman
Anthropology
The Middle East



Dr. Gang Guo
Political Science
East Asia



Dr. Emily Lord Fransee
History
Europe



Dr. Vivian Ibrahim
History
The Middle East



Dr. Bridget Martin
Anthropology
East Asia



Dr. María García Otero
Modern Languages
Spanish



Dr. Graham Pitts
History
The Middle East



Dr. Kaoru Ochiai
Modern Languages
Japanese



Dr. Ana Velitchkova
Sociology
Europe



Dr. Steven Schaaf
Political Science
The Middle East



Dr. Noell Wilson
History
East Asia



Dr. Julio Acuña
Economics



“I joined Croft because I recognized that Croft had the potential to materialize my hopes and dreams into tangible benefits and career options.”

—PRESTON KENNEDY





“You know your professors and they know you. The small class sizes make it easy to have fun but also focus and learn about really interesting topics from professors who have a noticeable passion for what they do.”

—MASON HAYWORTH

“Our small size allows Croft to feel like the best of both worlds: the personal connection of a small school with the resources of a flagship university. Croft is unique on our campus because of the specialized programming and resources provided to students outside of class such as professional development workshops, one-on-one academic advising, and free printing and coffee of course!”

—WINN PHILPOTT



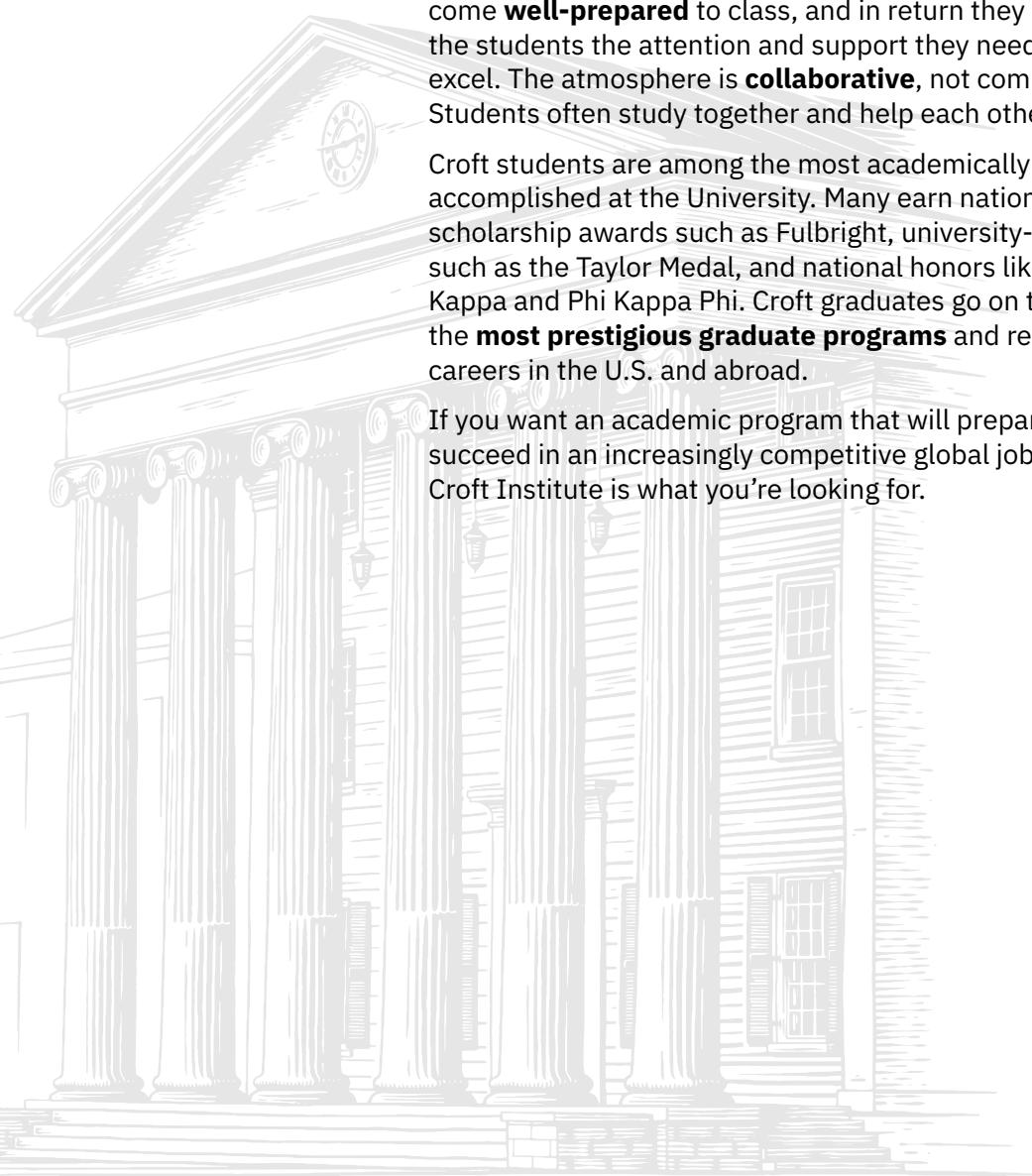
THE CHALLENGE

International 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 professionals 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 come **well-prepared** to class, and in return they give the students the attention and support they need to excel. The atmosphere is **collaborative**, not competitive. Students often study together and help each other succeed.

Croft students are among the most academically accomplished at the University. Many earn national scholarship awards such as Fulbright, 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.



BETSY VISE

“Croft classes, more than any other I’ve taken on campus, really come alive. The community of like-hearted and driven students creates an atmosphere that constantly encourages me to explore, learn, and grow more than I ever thought possible in college! In Croft classes, students come prepared to ask questions and engage with the material and the professors respond with enthusiasm and interest! It is this energy that always makes me excited to walk up the Croft staircase, grab a mug of coffee, and head into a classroom knowing I will leave it better than when I came in.”



ALYSSA LANGLOIS

“Our building feels like home, with familiar faces around every corner. Everyone knows your name. You and your friends take turns bringing each other coffee from the kitchen. We support each other by helping with homework in the study rooms, and we joke with friends on the porch.”



ADAM ROSENBAUM

“I feel Croft touches on many subjects that make you an adaptable person. It prepares its students no matter the path, whether that be the workforce or higher education. It teaches writing skills, critical thinking, research methods, and how to market yourself to employers.”



THE SENIOR THESIS THE FINAL CROFT CHALLENGE

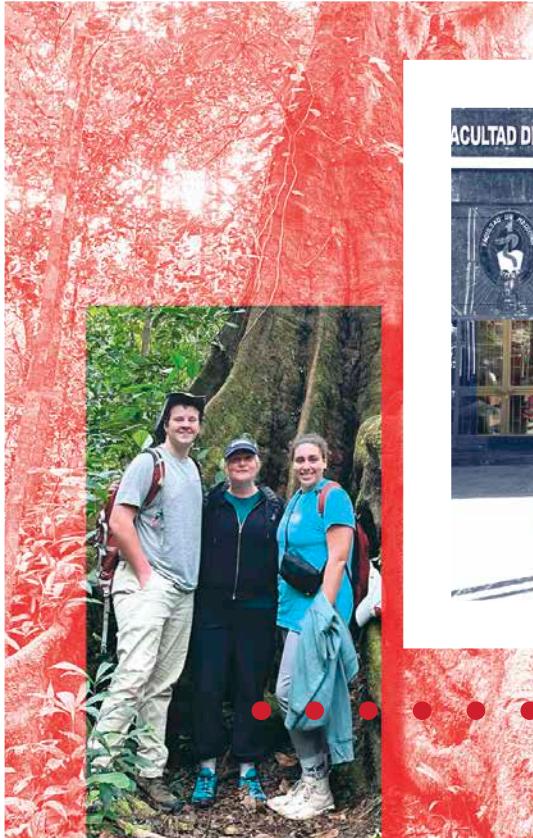
During their senior year in the program, Croft students are required to design, research, and write a thesis on an original topic under the guidance of their research mentor.

Wake Monroe and Lauren Mein (class of 2024) traveled to Bolivia in the summer of 2023 where they collaborated in scholarly research with Dr. Kate Centellas (Croft Associate Professor of Anthropology & International Studies). This experience, together with classes in Croft, provided these students with the tools necessary to be able to carry out their own research for their final thesis project.



“I am writing my thesis on the effects of the war on drugs on healthcare development and outcomes in Medellin, Colombia and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; therefore, a medical anthropological framework for analyzing complex medical phenomena was very useful in helping construct the theoretical framework of my research as well as conduct more critical research.”

— *Wake Monroe*

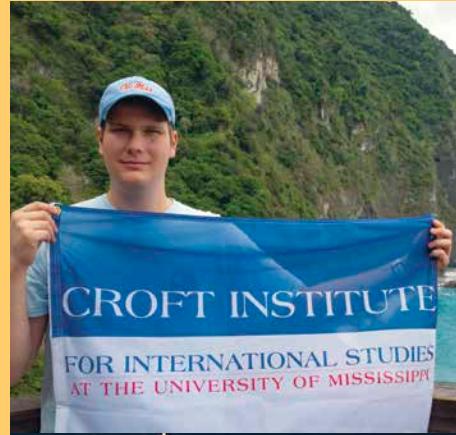


GLOBAL CITIZEN

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 in the US and abroad.



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FRANCE
ECUADOR ▶
SOUTH KOREA
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UNITED ARAB
EMIRATES ▶

◀ TAIWAN

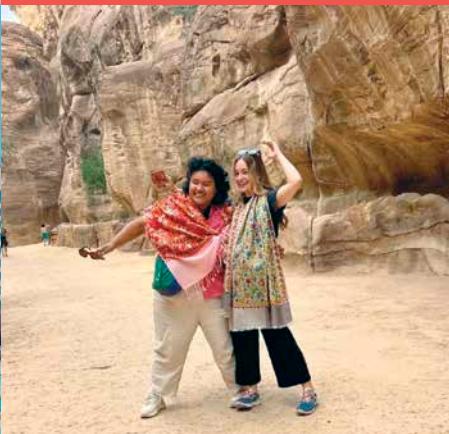
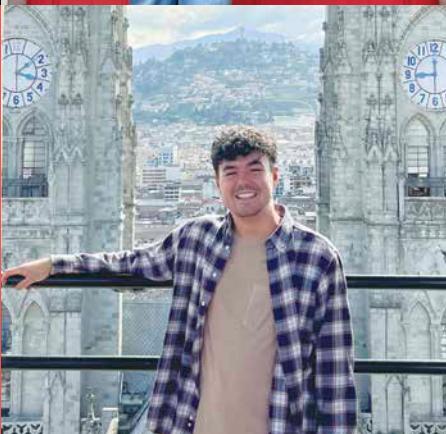
CHINA



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◀ FRANCE

JORDAN



▶ GERMANY

◀ SPAIN

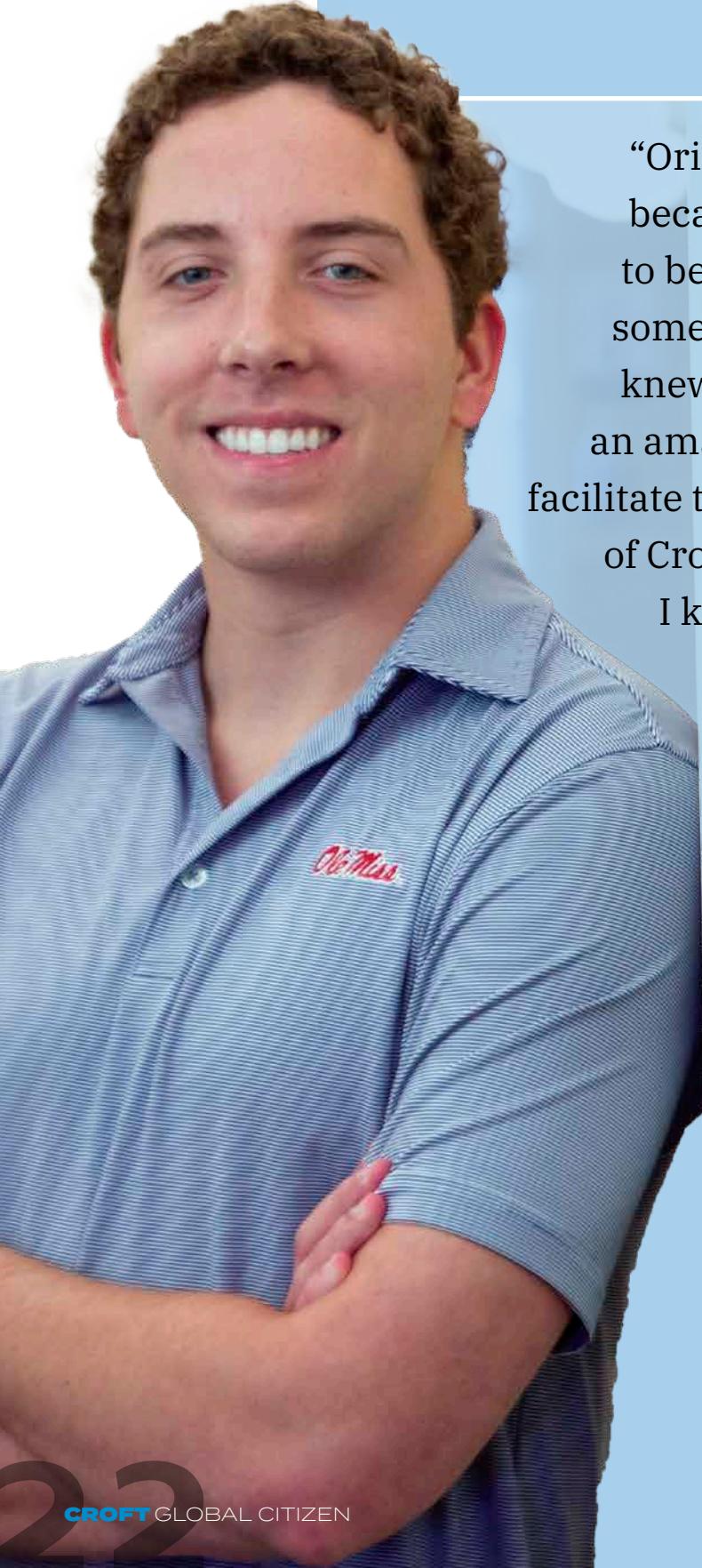
JAPAN ▶



JACKS MITCHELL

“Originally I joined Croft because I knew I wanted to be fluent in Spanish at some point in my life and knew that Croft would be an amazing opportunity to facilitate that. My favorite part of Croft is the community.

I know that whenever I walk through those doors there will be someone I can talk to with full comfort, whether it be a classmate, staff, or faculty.”



POPULAR STUDY ABROAD DESTINATIONS

EUROPE

SPAIN

- Bilbao

FRANCE

- Angers

GERMANY

- Cologne, Potsdam, Mainz

LATVIA

- Riga

ESTONIA

- Tartu

MIDDLE EAST

JORDAN

- Amman

MOROCCO

- Meknes, Rabat

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

- Sharjah

LATIN AMERICA

URUGUAY

- Montevideo

ARGENTINA

- Buenos Aires
- Córdoba

BOLIVIA

- La Paz

PERU

- Lima

ECUADOR

- Quito

EAST ASIA

TAIWAN

- Taipei

JAPAN

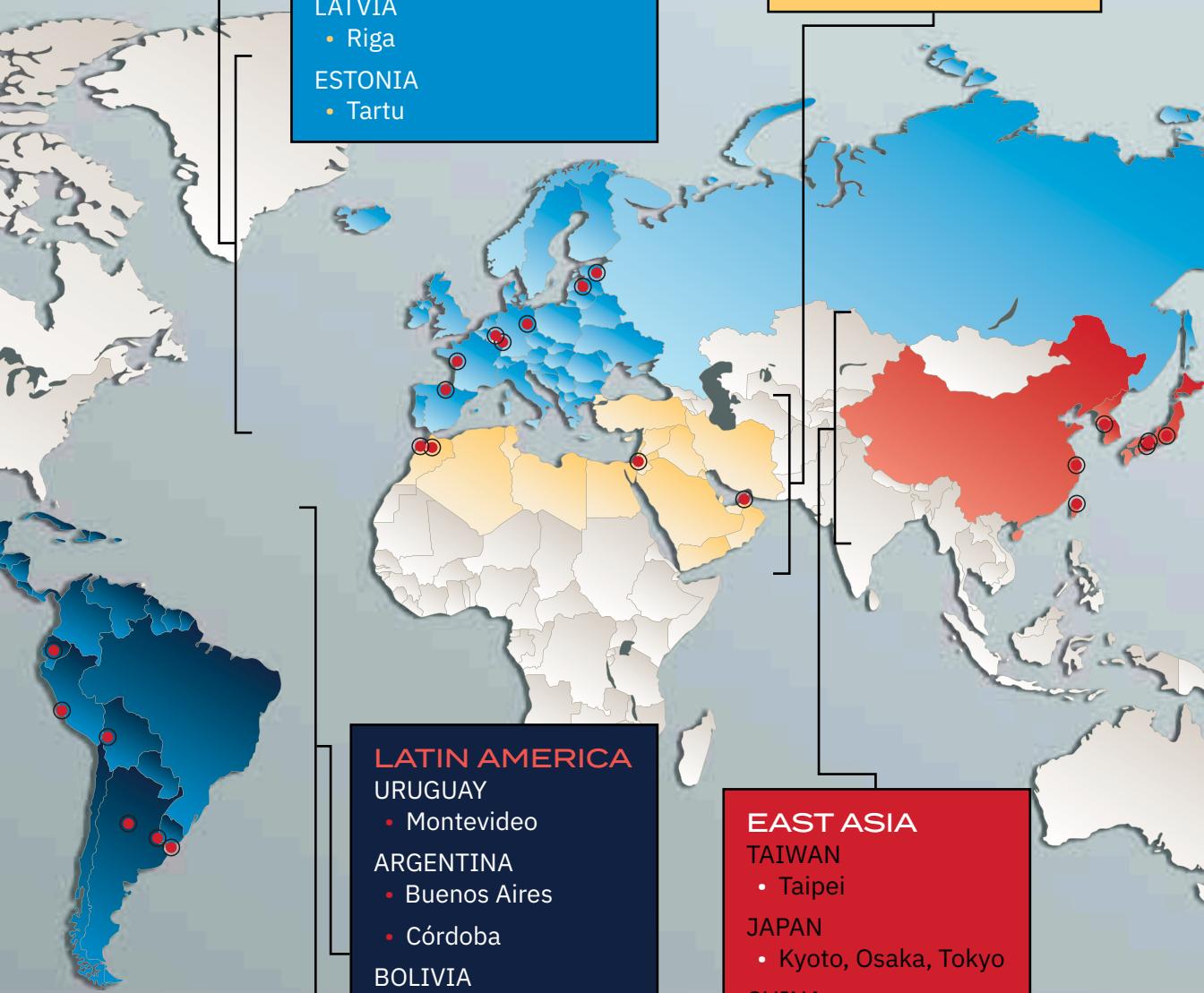
- Kyoto, Osaka, Tokyo

CHINA

- Shanghai

SOUTH KOREA

- Seoul



SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Institute awards eight scholarships each year to its most competitive incoming freshmen. They receive \$8,000 per year for up to four years. 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 (\$8,000 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).

PROFESSOR EMERITUS MICHAEL F. METCALF STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Institute awards one scholarship of at least \$8,000 to support a full-year of study abroad for an international studies major.

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

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

ARABIC FLAGSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS*

\$8,000 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 SCHOLARSHIP

(for Mississippi residents only)

\$2,000-\$6,000 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



HOW TO **A P P L Y**

1. Apply for general admission to the University of Mississippi at olemiss.edu/applynow.
2. Complete and submit the Croft section of the Special Programs and Scholarship Application at [olemiss.edu/applynow/supplemental]. The full application consists of the transcript, resume, 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 applications are those who can demonstrate an interest in the cultures, economics, and politics of the world, are excited about learning a foreign language and studying abroad, and want to challenge themselves in an academically rigorous program.

Strong applicants typically rank near the top of their high school class, have a competitive ACT (or SAT) score, and are passionate about international affairs and culture. While no prior international travel or second language education is required to apply, applicants must demonstrate a clear commitment to study abroad and advancing their oral proficiency in a new language while at the Croft Institute.

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 of J.D., and occasionally a doctorate or even medical degree.

ALUMNI VOICES



ANTHONY YUEN (2008)

Southern Africa Malaria Program Management

“Croft gave me an appreciation for researching, critically thinking and problem solving the complex challenges humanity faces and the importance of doing so from different perspectives using interdisciplinary approaches.”



REED PEETS AND OLIVIA JARAMILLO (2022)

Sales Associate at TruckerCloud; Marketing Director at Balata Data

“Our Croft professors, Dr. Ian Gowan and Dr. María Otero, inspired us to take the leap after graduation and immerse ourselves in the language and culture we studied. Leaning each day on the lessons of our Croft mentors, we have fallen in love with life in Latin America. We see our first year as alumni of the Croft Institute as just the beginning of a lifelong global adventure.”



MAIA COTELO (2016)

Executive Speech Writer and Content Reserve Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Virginia

“Croft taught me how to write – how to break down a prompt, how to figure out what research I need, how to Google(!), how to decide whether information is worthy of including or just context for myself, how to think about the message I’m trying to deliver, and how to structure a convincing and concise narrative. Those skills have helped me in every job, regardless of the specific position or content area.”





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