

## NEWS RELEASE

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## **COLLEGE OF MARIN HELPING STUDENTS COMPETE IN GLOBAL ECONOMY**

**KENTFIELD, Calif., Sept. 14, 2004**—College of Marin has started a new major to help students compete in the global economy.

Starting this fall, the college is introducing only second international studies major offered at a Bay Area community college. The program will prepare students to transfer into international programs at four-year institutions, and for careers in areas such as business, education, and law that increasingly require knowledge of global issues.

“We expect this to be a popular program,” said Elise Schneider, interim vice president of academic affairs. “We continue to look for new ways to serve our transfer students, and demand for this program has swelled as offshore outsourcing and other realities of the global economy have been felt locally.”

The international studies major is a two-year, interdisciplinary program. It includes foreign language political science, economics, environmental science, history, and other coursework. In addition to College of Marin classes, students will have the opportunity to pursue study abroad programs.

The major includes six core courses and two electives. All of the courses transfer to the University of California and California State University systems, as well as many private colleges. Students completing the program will receive an associate of arts degree with an international studies major.

### **About College of Marin**

College of Marin has been providing exceptional educational opportunities for students of all ages since 1926. Each semester, nearly 8,000 students are enrolled in over 1,100 credit classes. An additional 6,000 students take advantage of the College's many outstanding community education and community services classes. The College administration is located in Kentfield, CA. The College also operates the Indian Valley campus in Novato, CA.