

Global Studies Certification Program

The Global Studies Certification Program is an initiative designed by GGC faculty and staff to recognize student achievement in international competence. It is available to all students enrolled at Georgia Gwinnett College. To apply. Students should contact the Office of Internationalization to complete the approval process for making a certification declaration.

Participation in the Global Studies Certification Program demonstrates students' commitment to learning about the interconnectedness of the world and how to interact effectively and appropriately with people from other cultures. Taking courses with an international focus amplifies the global dimension of students' majors. In addition, by engaging in a credit-bearing education abroad experience, and enhancing their experience with a second language, students will expand their view of the world and their place in it, and their perspectives on their own societies at home.

Admission Requirements

1. Possess a 2.7 Cumulative GPA
2. Have completed 24 hours of academic credit (with at least 12 hours completed at GGC)
3. Complete/Sign the *Certification Agreement*. (This process involves the student, faculty mentor and Certification Coordinator)

Program Completion Requirements

To complete the program, a student must:

1. Complete at least two (2) i-courses at the 3000-4000 level at GGC with a grade of "C" or better. NOTE: Students who took a course in 2012-13 or 2013-14 that is subsequently identified as an *i*-course may submit a request for the course to fulfill this requirement. The Certification Coordinator will verify whether the course qualifies as an *i*-course and respond to the student's request.
2. Complete the Global Studies Certification Capstone Course with a grade of "C" or better. NOTE: Capstone Course Registration: Pre-registration for the Certification Capstone Course signals the completion of all other certification requirements.
3. Complete a credit bearing study abroad program, or a course offered in an international location; earning a grade of "C" or better and a minimum of 3 credit hours for the experience.
4. Satisfy the foreign language requirement by demonstrating proficiency in at least one language other than the student's native language. The foreign language requirement for the Global Studies Certification can be satisfied in any one of the following manners:
 - Two Courses at GGC: Completes two GGC courses at any level (in the same language) in Chinese, French or Spanish with a grade of "C" or better.
 - Transfer Courses in Foreign Language: Transfers into GGC with two courses at any level (in the same foreign language) in any USG recognized modern foreign language with a grade of "C" or better.
 - AP or IB Credit: Completes Advanced Placement (AP) or IB examinations and scores at the recommended score/level, he/she will receive academic credit in those circumstances and subsequently satisfy the Certification's proficiency requirement.
 - CLEP Testing: Complete CLEP testing in French and Spanish and score at the recommended score/level to receive academic credit.