



The Global Perspectives Certificate

Why should you pursue a Global Perspectives Certificate?

- As society, political systems, and economies become interrelated global systems, the need for global awareness is increasingly important.
- Students, regardless of academic and social background, need international awareness and experience to be successful members in our global society.
- Many businesses, graduate schools, and organizations give priority to applicants who have significant international and foreign language experience.
- Knowledge of global cultures is also personally fulfilling, giving way to new perspectives, international contacts, and even lifelong friends.
- It is a great way to stand out from your peers and your experiences can be used in your job interviews, on cover letters, and on resumes.

“A global perspective is the capacity and predisposition for a person to think with complexity taking into account multiple perspectives, to form a unique sense of self that is value based and authentic, and to relate to others with respect and openness especially with those who are not like her.”

-GPC Alumni, Class of 2015

How do I get started?

Visit our website
<http://gpc.dasa.ncsu.edu>
Click ‘Apply to GPC’



Getting the Certificate: Five Requirements

International Experience

This could include study abroad, international internships, overseas volunteer programs, research abroad, or being an international student in the U.S. The international experience must be completed while students are in college.

Foreign Language Courses

At least 1 foreign language course above the students departmental requirement. No additional course above the departmental requirement is required for foreign language majors, or for students in departments requiring language courses at the 300 level.

Additional Courses

4 additional courses with strong international emphases chosen from 3 different categories, European and Eurasian Studies; African, Asian and Latin American Studies; and Modern Global Issues. Courses used to fulfill certificate requirements may simultaneously apply to general education, major or minor requirements. A minimum overall GPC of 2.0 is required for GPC course work.

Service Activities

GPC participants are required to complete at least 10 hours of volunteer work. Service activities must have an international focus and can be carried out in either the United States or internationally. Sample Community Service Opportunities:

- Alternative Spring Break (ASB)
- International Friendship Program
- VOLAR Participation

Co-Curricular Activities

GPC Participants must engage in co-curricular activities that have an international focus. Co-curricular activities counted toward the certificate must be carried out in the United States. Activities are awarded bases on a point value with 30 points needed to receive the certificate. 1 hour is worth roughly 1 point, with 10 points awarded to semester-long commitments for certain activities

Sample 1 point Activities:

approximately one-hour commitments

- International clubs on– campus
- International activities and events on-campus
- OIS programs

Sample 10 point Activities:

approximately one-semester commitment

- Alexander Global Village Resident
- Cultural Exchange Network (CeNet)

Final Project

Students will have a choice of completing an essay (5 page minimum), poster, PowerPoint presentation, physical display, website, video or combination of media depicting their Global Experience. After Approval, some form of the project must be presented or made available to the public.

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YOUR
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