



GASTON
COLLEGE

Scholars of
Global Distinction

Mission of the Global Education Team: To create opportunities that build and enhance global awareness, inspire cultural competence, stimulate personal ethical growth, and deepen intellectual inquiry within Gaston College students. The Gaston College Scholars of Global Distinction initiative (GCSGD) prepares students to be culturally competent global citizens in an increasingly global job market.

Globally-Intensive Courses: Complete a minimum 15 credit hours from the approved courses listed below with a grade of A/B. An official Gaston College transcript is required for documentation in your ePortfolio. Of the classes listed below, all sections of the courses are globalized unless otherwise indicated with the names of specific instructors. Substitutions can be made with the approval of the Global Ed Coordinator.

- ART 111 Art Appreciation (all sections)
- BIO 275 Microbiology (P. Williams)
- CIS 110 Introduction to Computers (all sections)
- CIS 115 Intro to Programming and Logic (all sections)
- CTS 115 Information Management Systems (all sections)
- CTI 110 Web, Programming and Foundation (all sections)
- CTS 250 Information Technology (all sections)
- CTS 288 Professional Practices in IT (all sections)
- EDU 119 Early Childhood Education (Brassell)
- ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry (Domenech, Thurley)
- ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Disciplines (Thurley, Domenech, Dekerlegand)
- ENG 231 American Literature
- ENG 241 British Literature I
- ENG 242 British Literature II
- GEO 111 World Geography
- HIS 111 World Civilization I
- HIS 112 World Civilization II
- HUM 120 Cultural Studies
- INT 110 International Business
- LOG 120 Global Logistics (all sections)
- PHI 215 Philosophical Issues
- PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics
- PSY 150 General Psychology (Chaney, Metcalf)
- PSY 241 Developmental Psychology (Gallo, Chaney)
- PSY 281 Abnormal Psychology (Chaney)
- REL 110 World Religions
- SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology
- SOC 220 Social Problems
- SOC 225 Social Diversity
- SPA 111, 112 Elementary Spanish I, II
- SPA 211 Intermediate Spanish I

Global Experience: Complete a minimum of 30 pre-approved hours of intercultural contact – a copy of your journal and/or reflection paper(s) must be placed in your ePortfolio* as official documentation.

- Study Abroad – includes travel abroad either individually or with an organized group.
- Domestic Intercultural Experience – includes intercultural contact on a local level (internships, organizing and/or attending events, volunteering, mentoring, community service, etc.)
- Virtual Study Abroad – Study Abroad Association 360 GLE (30-hour) Cultural Studies Course

International Activities and Dialogue: Participate in a minimum of eight approved events and write a reflection essay about each event. It is recommended you complete at least two events per semester. Before submitting your reflection essay's final revision(s), it is suggested that you meet with a Writing Coach in the Gaston College Writing Center so that you submit your best efforts in your ePortfolio for review. Your reflection essay should be completed within three weeks of the event and placed in your ePortfolio as official documentation.

Possible events might include:

- Global Education Speakers and Performances
- Reel Culture (Global Education film series)
- UNC Worldview Events
- Passport Events – other pre-approved, on-campus activities with a global component such as MAC events.

*As you work on this program, you will build an ePortfolio that documents all required components for the Gaston College Scholars of Global Distinction program certification, which must be completed during your time as a student at Gaston College. You will submit your multi-media ePortfolio at least one month **prior to your graduation date**. Your official Gaston College transcript will reflect the designation of Gaston College Scholar of Global Distinction once your ePortfolio has received final approval from the Global Education Program team.

Gaston College will recognize the completion of this program in the “regalia” section of the graduation program. Both Gaston College and UNC Chapel Hill will give certificates to Scholars following the completion of this program.

Contact one of the following instructors for more details on becoming a part of the Gaston College Scholars of Global Distinction.

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