

Horace G. Fralin Program for Global Studies at North Cross School

Graduation requirements for Global Studies Scholar diploma

The global studies program was designed in 2012 to offer students new opportunities to expand their education at North Cross School. The idea of being a global citizen should be the goal of each student - not simply fulfilling requirements to earn an advanced diploma or to enhance a college application. Nonetheless, it seems important to structure the program in a way that will make clear the expectations of the school.

Because the program emphasizes both academic scholarship and experiences, these two broad categories will each contain half of the qualifications for the diploma. Students need 500 points academically and 500 experientially to get the diploma. Students who earn 550 points or more in both categories will graduate “With Distinction” marked on their diploma.

Students who aspire to graduate as a Global Studies Scholar should declare their intention in the first year at North Cross (and no later than the end of September of their junior year). Those who will not spend four years at North Cross in the program must see the director to modify the program. International students who seek the diploma should work with the director to compose a custom course of study.

Academic Scholarship:

We hope students will take as many of the global studies courses as possible. It will be unusual for any student to take every global studies course. The **bolded*** classes will provide students the maximum number of points toward the goal. Electives will be essential to fulfilling the scholarship element of the program. **Students must earn at least a B** in each course that will count toward the 500 points.

Introduction to Global Studies*: This class is designed for freshmen and an introduction to the whole course of study.	70 points
World History II: (NOTE: This course is no longer offered in the upper school.)	60 points
Level 3 of French, Latin, or Spanish: We expect each student to emphasize the study and practice of a second or third world language.	50 points
AP World History*	70 points
20th-Century History and Art History (Part of the sophomore sequence.)	60 points
Level 4 of French, Latin, or Spanish: Students who do not get past level 4 in a language should aim to practice independently to achieve conversational ability in another language beside English. International students may get this credit based on testing.	60 points
Level 5/AP French, Latin, or Spanish:* One of the primary goals of the program will be for each student to understand, write, read, and speak (except Latin) in a second language. Students taking Latin are encouraged but not required to become conversant in a modern language. The points are cumulative. If a student gets to Level 5, that is 70 + 60 + 50. Some students may earn an additional 70 points for taking more than one AP.	70 points
Language electives* (Spanish Literature or an independent study):	60 points
AP Comparative Government*	70 points
AP Literature:* This course includes reading from various cultures.	60 points
British Literature	60 points
Environmental Studies*	60 points
AP Human Geography*: This course may not be offered every year.	70 points
Point total should be at least 500 points. Extra points will not count toward the 1000 points necessary to earn the diploma.	500 points

Experiential Learning: Perhaps the most compelling reason to become a global studies scholar is to apply and relate textbook learning to experiences beyond the classroom.

- On-campus requirements: There will be two primary forms of learning beyond the classroom on campus. Students must fulfill these requirements year by year. To earn the points, students must submit a paragraph reflection (with photo if possible) on each event to the GS Director.
- Capstone Senior Speech: Each global studies scholar must explore a global topic for their DeHart Project. Scholars must get the approval of the GS Director to make sure the topic will qualify.

Students must read the summer reading and attend the correlated seminar. Other seminars will be held at least once every trimester, and students must attend at least two seminars a year in which they actively participate by reading and discussing the topic of the month. Students must submit a reflection to the seminar leader prior to the group discussion. Scholars should attend one summer session to discuss the reading with Chinese students.	10 points per seminar/ 100 points maximum
Speakers will bring fresh perspectives on world events. Students must prepare and form questions for the speakers, including joining the speakers for lunch.	10 points per/ 100 points max
Help organize and participate in International Night each year. Take at least one photo and compose a caption that explains the significance of International Night. Seniors will be expected to display their senior speech at the International Dinner.	10 points/year 40 points max

Off-campus requirements: To test whether Roanoke is the center of the universe will be an important goal of the program! Students are encouraged to travel broadly and immerse themselves in different cultures. We also know that the world has arrived in Roanoke, so students are also encouraged to get to know the immigrants who have enriched southwest Virginia.

Students must get to off-campus events at least three times per year as a declared Global Studies Scholar. Activities include attending lectures, performances, and cultural activities like volunteering for the Local Colors festival, or the Latino Festival, or tutoring refugee students. Each activity must have a thoughtful, written reflection (with photo if possible) and given to the Director of Global Studies.	5 points per activity 75 points maximum
Attending the Harvard or Ivy League Model United Nations. This activity requires a written reflection (and photo if possible) sent by email to the Director of Global Studies.	40 points
Students must travel internationally for at least 14 days total. Students will send their five best photos with detailed captions to the Director of Global Studies. Students will make at least one five-minute presentation to the student body about their travels. We encourage students to choose trips that include home-stays with families, or emphasize service, or focus on language immersion. Students who want credit for trips abroad independently or with family must get approval for the credit before the travel happens. Any student who breaks North Cross School rules or the Honor Code while on a trip will not receive any credit for the travel component of the diploma requirements.	200 points
Students will compose an essay (at least 1500 words) about their experiences. The essay must be richly detailed in examining various cultural contrasts and comparisons. We hope the essay will be a culminating experience, and it must be completed by May 1 of the senior year.	50 points

- Other opportunities to flourish in the global studies program: Students who go beyond the expectations of the program will be eligible to earn distinction for their commitment and contributions to the program. One of the students in this category may be offered the opportunity to represent the global studies program at graduation as a speaker.

Finding a relevant project, book, or documentary that is relevant to the GS program (and the theme), making a proposal that is approved by the Director of Global Studies, and hosting the seminar (with assistance from the Director)	20 points
Finding a speaker for the program that is relevant to the GS program (and the theme) and introducing him/her before the student body. All speakers must get approval by the Director of Global Studies.	20 points
Travelling internationally more than once (must be pre-approved to earn points)	b/w 50 and 80 points
Participating in Model United Nations more than once.	20 points
Participating in tutoring more than three times per year for multiple years.	TBD individually
Hosting an exchange student for summer or partial year.	TBD individually

Hosting an exchange student for an academic year.	TBD individually
Summer Camp Counselor with International Student Summer Program or Refugees	20 points
New initiatives: Please see the Director of Global Studies with any new ideas or opportunities for studies and experiences. All initiatives must be approved by the Director of Global Studies before the experience happens.	TBD individually

By printing and signing your name, you acknowledge you know the requirements of the program.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____