



Polk State College Global Studies Program

Program Framework and Requirements

The following is a checklist and brief description of the four categories of the Global Studies Program. Students who complete the program will receive a designation on their diploma and transcripts.

1. ___ Global Coursework (15 credits)

Each student must complete 15 credits of designated Global Studies courses. Professors must apply to have their courses qualify for the program, so course offerings may change from semester to semester. The current list of courses for each academic year is posted on the Global Studies Program website. Students may also contact the Global Studies Program Director for information about course offerings at globalstudies@polk.edu.

**Please note that only five (5) credits from intermediate language courses can be used to fulfill this requirement.*

2. ___ Presentations and Cultural Events

The Global Studies program sponsors or endorses a series of local presentations and other events. These events include, but are not limited to, academic talks, museum exhibits, webinars, and campus-based Polk State College events. Each student is required to attend three of these events while enrolled in the program and write a 500-750-word paper about each event. This paper must explain how the event raised his or her global awareness, level of intercultural engagement, or multidisciplinary understanding of global issues (see Appendix A for a list and description of program outcomes). These papers are submitted to the Global Studies Program Committee for approval.

- 1.) Event and date:
- 2.) Event and date:
- 3.) Event and date:

3. ___ Synthesis Project

Each student in the program works with a selected faculty member to create a project that successfully synthesizes the student's experiences in the program. This project may include travel experiences abroad, participation in local events endorsed by the Global Studies Program, participation in global academic programs at other institutions, and other approved experiences. A prospectus and the final draft of this project must be submitted to the Global Studies Program Committee for approval.

4. ___ Global Resume/Portfolio

Each student creates a resume or portfolio that records and highlights program experiences. This is submitted to the Career Services Office and the Global Studies Program Committee for approval during the student's final semester in the program.

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