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GLOBAL DISTINCTION

EXPLORE | EXPERIENCE | EXCEL

GLOBAL
CAREER READINESS
FOREVERY MAJOR

ABOUT GLOBAL DISTINCTION

- A structured and guided set of distinctive, interdisciplinary, international experiences (already offered at UAlbany or via partners)
- A supplement to any degree, “something extra” to strive for, whatever one’s field of study
- Prepares students to acquire the essential Knowledge, Skills, and Perspectives for their success in a globalized world
- Each student is supported in pursuing their own unique pathway towards Global Agility and Cultural Humility
- Recognized through a Transcript Milestone
- Since launching in 2018, there have been nearly 100 candidates and 10 graduates!



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Interdisciplinary
globally -oriented
coursework

Language Study

International
immersion



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GLOBALY-ORIENTED COURSEWORK

- **3 courses focused on** :
 - **Culture:** Culture/Area studies or Intercultural Competency
 - **Transnational:** International Relations, Migration, or Human Rights
 - **Development:** International Development or Economics
- Cultivates inter -disciplinary problem -solving
- No extra classes!: overlaps with major, minor, gen ed requirements, and electives
- 'Capstone' Research Project, in the student's major, approached with a global lens



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LANGUAGE STUDY

- 2 years (4 semesters) of foreign language acquisition, or demonstrated proficiency (ex.: heritage speakers, bilingual/multilingual international students)
- UAAlbany offers at least 2 years of the following languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish



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INTERNATIONAL IMMERSION



1 SEMESTER OF STUDY ABROAD



8-10 WEEK INTERN OR RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE ABROAD

COUNTRY

Any



SUBJECT

Any



TERM

Any



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CUSTOMIZED MAPS

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WHAT THE GLOBAL DISTINCTION PROGRAM CAN DO FOR YOU

Global Distinction is a new University at Albany Milestone appearing on the bottom of your official transcript upon completion of a structured (graduation) conferred upon students who complete a structured set of life-changing, international academic experiences that produce a globally competent graduate.

Today's employers and graduate school programs seek students who have the right balance of disciplinary knowledge and real-world problem-solving skills. In today's highly globalized society, scientists, artists, engineers, and small business owners all need to master intercultural communication skills. Global Distinction meets that need through:

- 2 years (4 semesters) of foreign language acquisition or the equivalent in proficiency
- **Interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework**, including 1 course that includes a focus on:
 - Culture Area Studies or Inter-Cultural Competency (Culture)
 - International Development or Economics (Development)
 - International Relations, Migration, or Human Rights (Development)
 - International Business, or a project that is approached with a global lens (if your Major requires a research seminar paper)
- **International immersion in a study abroad semester** and an 8-10 week summer **internship/research** opportunity

THE GD PROGRAM IS WITHIN YOUR FINANCIAL REACH!

You can use financial aid and most Albany scholarship students and incoming students who are earning Albany Global Distinction participants will be eligible for a Flight Global Distinction Scholarship Fund and the 3 Global Academic Programs offers its own scholarship to apply towards studying, interning, or researching abroad. The World Vision Research Scholarship Fund and the 3 Global Academic Programs offers its own scholarship to apply towards studying, interning, or researching abroad. <http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/scholarships> Jacquelinne Lockman, GAP Assistant Director, or external scholarship applications, such as the NEU Scholarships, the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships, the Benjamin A. Gilman International and the Critical Language Scholarship. Some universities that we partner with and maintain their scholarships that we partner with and maintain their scholarships. Amounts and eligibility criteria vary.

albany.edu/studyabroad

YOU CAN GO!
With the guidance and the Global Distinction@Albany@University of Albany, you can go! The "go" for coursework from your 1st High School courses is fulfilled!

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MAJOR ACADEMIC PLAN (MAP) SAMPLE PROGRESSION PLAN

FALL SEMESTER 1	SPRING SEMESTER 1	SUMMER 1
A&S 101 CH 142 492 210 (International) MS 286 SP (Culture) or Social Science Gen Ed 99 Natural Science Gen Ed 99 Elective Foreign Language FL (You can start FL Study in your 2nd year instead)	A&S 101 CH 142 492 210 (International) MS 286 SP (Culture) or Social Science Gen Ed 99 Natural Science Gen Ed 99 Foreign Language FL (You can start FL Study in your 2nd year instead)	Consider coursework Look for a summer job in the area of your studies
FALL SEMESTER 2	SPRING SEMESTER 2	SUMMER 2
A&S 101 CH 142 492 210 (International) MS 286 SP (Culture) or Minor Course (U History MS, Challenges for the 21st Century CH or Humanities Gen Ed 99) (whichever remains) Foreign Language FL (You can start FL Study in your 2nd year instead)	A&S Elective 300 level A&S 322 (Development) A&S Elective 300-400 level Minor Course Foreign Language FL (You can start FL Study in your 2nd year instead)	Consider study-abroad options Look for internship opportunities
FALL SEMESTER 3	SPRING SEMESTER 3	SUMMER 3
A&S Elective 300 level Minor Course (U History MS, Challenges for the 21st Century CH or Humanities Gen Ed 99) (whichever remains) Elective (non language) Prof Development/Elective	Study Abroad (if you are not abroad in your 2nd year) (if you are not abroad in your 2nd year) A&S Elective 300-400 level Minor course Elective (non language) Prof Development/Elective Study abroad in any semester or over for 1 year with the approval of your major and GS academic advisors	Intern/Research Abroad (if you are not abroad in your 2nd year) Why not declare the International Studies minor? (You may reflect study and internships abroad) or continue your language study and add a Language Minor or Major?
FALL SEMESTER 4	SPRING SEMESTER 4	GLOBAL DISTINCTION (GD) COURSE CATEGORIES
A&S 300-400 level A&S 300-400 level Minor Course Elective (non language) Elective	A&S 499 (Study abroad) A&S Elective 300-400 level Minor Course Elective (non language) Prof Development/Elective	Albany Gen Ed or Major requirement (A&S) Elective towards the GD (Global Distinction) requirement Elective towards the GD AND your Electives AND may also start towards your Major, Minor or Gen Ed Requirement.

General Education Requirements, for students matriculating Fall 2014 and after:

MS Math and Statistics
 NC Writing and Critical Inquiry
 AR Arts
 HU Humanities
 NS Natural Sciences
 SO Social Sciences
 IS International Perspectives
 SP Historical Perspectives
 CH Cultural Studies or the equivalent of a foreign language
 FL Foreign Language (one semester or one semester of a foreign language)

Credit-bearing Professional Development Courses:

- **ISSN 200, 201 and 300 - Community Service**
- **Research with Impact Internship**
- **Internship Program Coursework**
- **Study Abroad**
- **Tutoring Opportunities**

NOTE: This is a suggested course sequence.



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A FINANCIAL REALITY



BRIDGE THE GAP

- CIEGS awards thousands every semester for study or intern/research abroad



EXTERNAL FUNDING

- Application support on Gilman, Boren, Critical Language Scholarship, as well as other national and international awards



FLIGHT VOUCHER

- Flight reimbursement via The Dolan Family Study Abroad Opportunity Fund (alumni donor)

VOICES OF GLOBAL DISTINCTION GRADUATES



COURTNEY

Education: Major in East Asian Studies, Minor in Japanese Studies (2018)

Study and Internship: Japan (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies & Kansai Gaidai University)

Languages: Japanese & English

Career Goal: Tourism & Hospitality (now lives and works in Japan!)

“Studying and interning abroad is one of my major accomplishments in life. Really, anyone can study abroad. Every day you will encounter new situations and new obstacles, so it is best to live in the moment.”

“Global competency means being culturally aware and accepting. I like to think that I am globally competent. It is hard for me to think of the world solely from an American perspective. I’ve lived in Japan for about three years, and I’ve traveled across East Asia, so I tend to think, “How would people from this country see this situation?” The world is not black and white. It is multicolored and it is pretty awesome.”

VOICES OF GD STEM GRADUATES



CAROLINE

Education: Major in Bio Chemistry & Molecular Biology (2019)

Internship and Research: China (medical shadowing) & Germany (DAAD research)

Languages: French & English

Career Goal: Physician (on her way!)

“It is definitely an experience that you need to be a part of, an experience that we cannot obtain from lectures or textbooks. I saw that interning in a field that you want to make a career of is like going on a journey to the future. This journey gives you a glimpse of what you can become and if this future path will make you happy.”

“While in China, I had the opportunity to observe many surgeries and take part in a few. I must say that this amazing experience made me realize that I really wanted to be a physician. I was in awe and the feeling of euphoria motivates me while I am at school to push through the hard work and get to my future. I learned that I can be anything if I only put in the effort.”

VOICES OF GD BUSINESS GRADUATES



JAZLIN

Education: Major in Digital Forensics, Minors in EHC, Int'l Studies, & Business (2020)

Study & Internships: Germany (University of Applied Sciences Bremen, Airbus); China (MindXplorer); Ghana (Cultural Rhythms)

Languages: Spanish, German & English

Career Goal: Global Security Analyst in the Public Sector (already working in her field!)

“Studying, researching, or even interning abroad isn’t just a line on your resume, but an accomplishment that you can share with others, especially the context, nuances, and depth of that journey. Going abroad has changed me; changed the way I see the world, what I believe in, what I know, and what I care about.”

“My time abroad provided me with an academic, career, cultural, and goal-oriented standpoint, in which I was able to develop as well as to understand things around me in a cross-cultural perspective. This helped me to dive deeper into cultural discovery, be more curious about the world, and, most importantly, carve out a well-rounded, dynamic study/internship/research abroad experience.”