Global Communities Living-Learning Program
Expectations and Requirements
2014-15

The Global Communities Living-Learning Program is a two-year 10-credit residential program at the University of Maryland. Its academic and extra-curricular programs introduce students to concepts and experiences that foster understanding of global connections, provide an interdisciplinary introduction to global studies, and promote intercultural understanding. We seek to create an engaged, supportive environment for a diverse group of academically talented students from all majors.

The Program has three core elements: learning about globalization, global issues and other cultures; living together and building community; and experiences that support learning and community. We value intellectual curiosity about world affairs and a commitment to learning about the peoples and processes that shape our lives. We want you to develop a sense of your own identity along with respect and empathy for others. We hope you will become a leader in service to the betterment of both your local community and to global society.

The following are the requirements to receive a Notation of Academic Completion on your University transcript and recognition by the University upon graduation:

1. All entering students must live in Dorchester Hall their first year, and it is optional but strongly encouraged for the second year.

2. Everyone must attend at least one field trip or event sponsored by the Global Communities Living-Learning program each semester.

3. Students are expected to participate in the events and activities of the Global Communities Student Association (GCSA), and are encouraged to take a leadership role.

4. All students must attend an individual advising meeting each semester with a member of the Global Communities faculty or staff.

5. The academic program requires you to complete the following courses with a minimum C- grade:
   - BS GC100  Introduction to Global Communities and to the University—1 credit, Fall Semester
o BSGC101 Globalization—3 credits, Fall semester; fulfills General Education requirements for Distributive Studies-History and Social Sciences, and I-Series course

o BSGC102 Solving Global Problems—3 credits, Spring semester; fulfills General Education requirements for Distributive Studies-History and Social Sciences, Understanding Plural Societies

o Global Experience—3 credits, can be taken any time during the two-year program, fulfilled by choosing one of the following options:
  - Education Abroad—must be University of Maryland faculty-led course or approved for University credit
  - Global Service—BSGC398A plus an Alternative Break program or other service-learning experience approved by GC staff
  - Global Internship—BSGC386 or other University internship course plus internship experience approved by GC staff
  - Other Global Learning Experience—BSGC399 plus other experience approved by GC staff

o Capstone—spring of second year, or later with approval of Director; final essay or project that integrates and reflects upon your two-year program

Signing below indicates that you understand the requirements and expectations of the Global Communities Living-Learning program, and commit to fulfilling them. You must apply for the Notation in April of your second year; exceptions must be approved by the Director. For recognition

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