

Global Pathways Undergraduate Certificate

CERTIFICATE THEMES

International Development

Professional & Human Services

Religion

Environment

Global Issues

Human Rights

Area/Regional Studies

Global Hunger

Cultural Expression & Performance

Women's Studies

Your entry way is <http://global.fsu.edu/globalpathways>

Be recognized for your work preparing to be a global citizen, whatever your major is. You can tailor your activities and courses to your own interests and goals to become interculturally and globally competent. You will receive a certificate and a notation on your official transcript.

With careful planning, all of the certificate components can be incorporated into the academic plan for most undergraduate majors. Students who opt for the local intercultural experience, in lieu of an international experience, may not incur additional expenses.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. At least one semester prior to your final semester at FSU go to <http://global.fsu.edu/globalpathways> to discover details and apply.
2. Meet with the Global Pathways Certificate Advisor (globalpathways@fsu.edu)
3. Participate in or complete each of the components.
4. Submit your Synthesis Project for review.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS

1. FOUR COURSES

The 4 courses you choose for the certificate should enable you to:

- Describe how cultures are both related and diverse.
- Demonstrate how our contemporary world is made up of a diversity of cultures and experiences.
- Demonstrate how world geography, impending changes in the global climate, social and economic conditions, political and religious differences, and events affect the rest of the world.
- Interpret the complexity and interdependency of world issues, events and the historical forces that have shaped our current world.

Course content must meet the criteria of:

- 1) Addressing contemporary issues (at least 20th century),
- 2) Involving a language, culture or religion different from your own AND
- 3) Being concerned with issues that cross national borders or international regions.

Your courses should support exploration of your theme.

You must complete 4 three-credit courses (12 hours). Three of the courses must be letter graded. You must receive at least a grade of C-. At least 2 of the courses must be at the 3000/4000 level.

The courses you take to meet the University Multicultural requirement can also be applied to the certificate, as relevant to the theme. Special topics, Directed Individual Study (DIS) and other courses not listed in the General Bulletin need to be approved by the Global Pathways Coordinator before you take the course. Check with the relevant departments each semester for new courses.

2. LANGUAGE STUDY

Knowing another language will allow you to communicate effectively and appropriately in intercultural situations. Choose A or B:

- A. If your native language is English you may satisfy this requirement by completing the language requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree (proficiency equal to or beyond the 2000-level in one modern language).
- B. If your native language is not English and you are enrolled as an international student at FSU you will have met the requirement.

It is preferable that your language study reflect your sustained experience.

When certificate courses are taken at an off-campus site, except for Panama City, FL, you will earn the Global Pathways Specialized Study.

You must be a FSU degree-seeking undergraduate student in good standing to participate.

3. INTERNATIONAL/INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCE

This sustained experience will make it possible for you to:

- Adjust behavior and/or language in intercultural situations.
- Collaborate effectively with people from cultures different from your own.

You have the option of meeting this requirement by participating in one of the approved programs listed at <http://global.fsu.edu>:

- A. An international experience such as study abroad, cultural exchange, international internship, international service learning or research project abroad, or a nationally recognized organizations' international study or volunteer experience for at least 1 week. OR
- B. A sustained cross-cultural experience on campus, in the community or in the U.S. (minimum 75 hours total, maximum 2 experiences). We can assist in finding these experiences on campus in our limited number of placements each semester. Sign up early for the best options and expect to wait a semester or 2 for a placement.

This experience should reflect your theme area. Experiences which occurred after you enrolled as a degree-seeking university student and within two years of application can be used to meet this requirement if they are the one of the options at <http://global.fsu.edu>. Additional experiences may also be eligible, but do need to be approved in advance of participation.

4. INTERNATIONAL/INTERCULTURAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

These 8 shorter events and activities will allow you to:

- Demonstrate attitudes of respect, openness, curiosity and discovery towards a culture different from your own.
- Apply self-understanding of how your cultural history shapes your interactions with those of other cultures.

You will participate in 2 activities related to intercultural events in each of the following 4 categories. They do not need to reflect the theme area but will expand your cross-cultural competence. An Events & Activities Reflection should be submitted within 7 days of the event.

- A. Social/Cultural: Did you interact with someone or see something from a culture other than your own?
- B. Educational: Did you learn something about a culture other than your own?
- C. Experiential: Did you experience a culture other than your own?
- D. Service: Did you perform community service alongside a cultural community apart from your own tradition?

Available activities are at <http://global.fsu.edu>.

5. SYNTHESIS PROJECT

This synthesis project will give you the chance to:

- Discuss world geography, impending changes in the global climate, social and economic conditions, political differences, and events affecting the rest of the world through exploration within your theme.
- Reflect on how you collaborated effectively with people from cultures different from your own.
- Recognize that your own world view is not universal.
- Interpret the complexity and interdependency of world issues.
- Reflect on the certificate experience to gain greater meaning from it
- Develop a product that demonstrates your global experience and competence.

Your synthesis project will be a paper of at least 5 pages, which may be supplemented by a video and/or by a slide presentation made during a university-sponsored event. The synthesis project topic must be approved by the Program Director, Global Pathways Certificate and Exchanges in the semester prior to its development.