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 Program Director, Global Pathways Certificate and Exchanges (globalpathways@fsu.edu) and also obtain your major professor's approval of participation.

3. Participate in or complete each of the components.

4. Submit your Synthesis Project for review.

**APPLICATION INFORMATION**

1. **FOUR GRADUATE 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.
   - 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.

   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 B-. At least 2 of the courses must be at the 5000/6000 level. 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/COMMUNICATION 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 having completed the language requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree (proficiency equal to or beyond the 2000-level in one language), completing a Graduate Reading Knowledge course in a foreign language or completing a graduate intercultural communication course.
   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 graduate student in good standing to participate.

**REQUIRED COMPONENTS**

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 intercultural 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.
   - Convey the nature of your cultural exploration to a wider audience.
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   These 8 shorter events and activities will allow you to:
   - Present your global experience and perspective in an academic setting.
   - Convey the nature of your cultural exploration to a wider audience.
   - Apply self-understanding of how your cultural history shapes your interactions with those of other cultures.
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   You must present a total of 8 of these events and activities in each of the following 4 categories. These events must be in the categories of Social/Cultural, Experiential, Service and Experiential:

   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:
   - Reflect on your cultural study and experiences.
   - 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 7 pages, which may be supplemented by a video and/or by a slide presentation made during a university-sponsored event. Additionally, you are required to submit your synthesis project or a paper from your certificate course work for publication or conference presentation. The synthesis project topic must be approved by the Program Director, Global Pathways Certificate and Exchanges in the semester prior to its development.

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