



GLOBAL DISTINCTION



Be distinguished for your GLOBAL UAlbany experience!

The Global Distinction is a structured sequence of courses and experiences that prepares UAlbany students to acquire the knowledge, skills, and perspectives necessary to succeed in a globalized world – to become Globally Competent.

Why pursue the Global Distinction?

Demonstrate to graduate schools and employers that you possess the life-long edge needed to succeed! Compared to other graduates, you will stand out for your:

- International perspectives on contemporary issues
- Deep applied learning, in and out of the classroom
- On-site experience interning or researching in a global context
- Interdisciplinary problem-solving abilities
- Acquired interpersonal and intercultural skills needed to perform in your career

Represented as a 'milestone' on your official transcript, the Global Distinction is what communicates your life-long edge to graduate schools and prospective employers: that you possess a global understanding of your field, that you can work with diverse groups and across cultures, and that you can effectively navigate new environments.



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Your Global Distinction Experience

All courses taken as part of the Global Distinction are already part of your General Education and Major/Minor requirements or qualify as Elective Credit. This means that there are no extra classes AND you will graduate on time!

Globally Focused Coursework

- Build interdisciplinary problem-solving skills via 3 globally focused courses (1. Transnational, 2. Development, 3. Culture) and a “capstone”/seminar research paper approached with a global lens (only if a capstone is required in your Major).

Second Language Study

- Learn to speak another language with confidence by studying it for 2 years. Choose from 11 options!

International Immersion

- Spend a semester studying abroad AND 8 to 10 weeks abroad as a summer intern or researcher! Choose a lab, research, or professional internship in a city that speaks your second language!

Scholarships and a flight voucher are available!

Elements of the Global Distinction

As a Global Distinction student, you gain a deeper understanding of your field, advance your proficiency in another language, and gain invaluable international experience through study and work.

Who Can Participate?

The Global Distinction is open to students in good academic standing who are pursuing any Major. Students, including new transfers, can sign up at any time. Of course, the earlier you declare a Global Distinction the better we can advise you on your best fit for academics and experiences abroad.

Want to Learn More?

Your Global Distinction advisor can help you to determine how to structure your experience - from applicable courses, to study abroad experiences, to internships and research opportunities abroad.

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