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Date _____

Request for Course Credit in the Global Studies Focus Area

In addition to taking the required core courses for the major, the Global Studies student is given the latitude and responsibility to identify a specialty within the field. Possible focus areas include human rights, diplomacy, environmental sustainability, gender, peace and conflict resolution, and economic development. This is an incomplete list, and other specializations are certainly possible. The point is that the student is responsible for identifying (1) his/her focus area and (2) four courses that cover that area.

The student should consider the following steps to make this process work:

1. REFLECT: Think about your interests and goals; what are you passionate and/or curious about? Since you will be taking four courses in this focus area, you should think carefully about what that focus will be and why you want to specialize in it!
2. RESEARCH: Do a close reading of course descriptions (and, if needed, consult with professor/s) in order to identify what four courses cover your focus area and could therefore be counted toward your specialization. Courses from across campus, as well as those taken abroad and on other campuses within the United States, are also eligible for inclusion; courses offered by visiting Quillian scholars and topics courses offered on a one-time-only basis may also be eligible. *Note that three of the four courses must be at the 200 level or above and that no more than two of the four courses can be taken in the same department.*
3. REQUEST: Fill out the Request for Course Credit in the Global Studies Focus Area (see reverse side) in which you explain the rationale for counting each course toward your specialization. You will then submit this form to your advisor at the time you declare the major.
4. FINALIZE: Work with the Global Studies advisor to finalize your choices and declare your major. You will be notified either during advising or shortly thereafter whether your course selections have been approved.

Examples of a gender issue focus and an environmental sustainability focus are below and are meant to help guide the student. *Note that these are only two examples of many possible focus areas.*

Sample Focus: Gender

ECON 242, Labor Economics

HIST 329, Sem East Asian Women

POL 220, Issues Before the UN

ANTH 260, Women, Culture, Society

Sample Focus: Environmental Sustainability

ECON 220, Environmental Economics

EVST 102, Environmental Studies II

POL 330, International Law

PHIL 361, Environmental Philosophy

Again, this form must be filled out as completely as possible and submitted during the advising session at which the student is declaring a Global Studies major.

Focus within the GS major:

Be sure to attach the course descriptions of *all four courses* to this form.

#1: Course number and title:

Semester & year offered:

Offered at (institution):

Please explain the course topic and its relevance to your focus within the GS major.

#2: Course number and title:

Semester & year offered:

Offered at (institution):

Please explain the course topic and its relevance to your focus within the GS major.

#3: Course number and title:

Semester & year offered:

Offered at (institution):

Please explain the course topic and its relevance to your focus within the GS major.

#4: Course number and title:

Semester & year offered:

Offered at (institution):

Please explain the course topic and its relevance to your focus within the GS major.

Please submit this form via email so your advisor can have an electronic copy.

Advisor's approval _____

Date _____