

Request for Course Credit in the Global Studies Focus Area

Please access this form online (www.randolphcollege.edu/x13442.xmland, scroll down to Global Studies) and email it to your GS advisor. *

In addition to taking the required core courses for the major, the Global Studies student is given the latitude and responsibility to identify a focus within the field. Possible focus areas include human rights, diplomacy, environmental sustainability, gender, peace and conflict resolution, and economic development. (Dr. Abbassi has focus area forms from other GS students in her office if you would like to get an idea of what past majors have done.) Ultimately, the student is responsible for identifying (1) his/her focus area and (2) four courses that cover that area. ***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.***

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 and likely writing your senior paper on the topic, you should think carefully about your interests and make sure that it is an area that you are especially interested in.
2. RESEARCH: Do a close reading of course descriptions (and, if needed, consult with professor/s) in order to identify what four courses could cover your topic and be counted toward your focus area. Courses from across campus, as well as those taken abroad and on other campuses within the United States, are also eligible for inclusion, as are courses offered on a one-time-only basis. You just need to take a close look at what is being offered.
3. REQUEST: Fill out the Request for Course Credit in the Global Studies Focus Area (see next page) in which you explain the rationale for counting each course toward your specialization. You should submit this form electronically to your advisor before your appointment to declare the major.
4. FINALIZE: Work with your 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: Human Rights

POL 220, Global Issues at the UN
POL 330, International Law
PHIL 133: Ethics & Public Life
HIST 329, Sem on E. Asian Women

Sample Focus: Environmental Sustainability

EVST 102, Environmental Studies II
EVST 326, Environmental Problems
SOC335, Developing Countries/Caribbean
PHIL 361, Environmental Philosophy

**Your advisor depends on your last name: Dr. Ishibashi advises students whose last names begin with A-L, and Dr. Abbassi takes M-Z).*

Your name: _____

What is the title of your focus area? (You need to figure this out.)

Title: _____

Take as much space as you need to fill out the following:

#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.

Advisor's approval _____

Date _____