

Global Studies Learning Objectives and Assessment (Spring 2009)

(Current Catalog Program Description (approved by EPC 2004):

The Global Studies Program aims to encourage and enable students to achieve global literacy defined as a multidisciplinary approach to contending perspectives on global problems, their historical origins, and their possible solutions. To this end, the Global Studies program offers courses and experiences designed to equip students with the factual knowledge and analytical skills necessary to comprehend, and engage with, foundational questions of global analysis (e.g., the commonalities and variations between human cultures), identifiable global themes (e.g., war and peace, economic development, globalization and trade, environmental sustainability), and the specifics of particular contemporary global problems (e.g., regional conflicts, weapons proliferation, environmental degradation, movement for political integration and autonomy, the AIDS crisis).

I. One Sentence Mission Statement:

Students majoring in Global Studies achieve global literacy by employing a multidisciplinary approach to addressing contemporary global problems.

II. Program Learning Objectives:

Upon completion of this degree the learner will....

- ...engage with foundational questions of global analysis,
- ...learn multiple disciplinary methods for approaching specific global problems,
- ...locate contemporary global problems within their historical, cultural, and linguistic contexts,
- ...articulate possible solutions to such problems, by drawing upon multiple scholarly methods,
- ...and develop and apply analytical skills relevant to the issues at hand within a capstone project.

Through or as a result of....

- ...developing in-depth knowledge relevant to a particular issue concentration (development and social justice; responses to international violence and conflict; world health; globalization and trade; transnationalism and cultural diversity)
- ...employing a foreign language to better understand and engage with global issues and ideas,
- ... and studying off-campus within approved programs relevant for their particular issue concentration.