Global Citizen Program (GCP)

Courses

GCP 010 Introduction to Global Citizenship 3 Credits
An interdisciplinary approach introduces the contested notion of
global citizenship. Readings explore the meaning of citizenship in
the global era; the viability of nationalism and cosmopolitanism;
the efficacy of social change initiatives in transnational context; the
impact of economic globalization on vulnerable populations; the role
of the United Nations; the discourse of human rights; and the relation
between global and local justice. Addressing topics of urgent concern,
students’ assignments consider global citizenship practice in relation
to their area of study.
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

GCP 185 Cosmopolitanism and Culture I 2 Credits
This multidisciplinary practicum approaches the themes and
questions of global citizenship through the lens of a particular region.
Participants explore that area’s geography, history, politics, economy,
and culture in anticipation of travel. Special attention is given to
cultural expectations and relevant social issues, especially in light of
their global consequence. Classroom discussion and assignments
prompt students to reflect on the ethical issues surrounding travel,
service, and study abroad.
Prerequisites: GCP 010
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

GCP 186 Cosmopolitanism and Culture II 2 Credits
This post-trip seminar analyzes the cohort’s experiences abroad
and articulates their implication for global citizenship practice. While
examining philosophical, religious, and artistic traditions associated
with the intersession trip destination, students revisit their travel,
think critically about their personal interaction with foreign places and
people, and make informed decisions regarding their future practice
as citizens. Classroom discussion emphasizes responsible cross-
cultural engagement and critical reflection, with attention paid to the
traditions of cosmopolitan thinking and action native to the region of
travel.
Prerequisites: GCP 010 and GCP 185
Attribute/Distribution: HU, SS

GCP 285 The Citizen and the City 2 Credits
With a focus on Bethlehem’s South Side, this community-engaged
practicum provides participants with a theoretical framework and
practical skills for efficacious civic action. Course readings address
local citizenship, urbanization, the built environment, diversity, and
inclusion; assignments ask students to make connections, in theory
and practice, to Bethlehem’s history and people. In cooperation with
the Center for Community Engagement, all participants will complete
10-15 hours of engaged learning in the Lehigh Valley.
Prerequisites: GCP 010 and GCP 185 and GCP 186

GCP 385 Global Citizenship Capstone Course 2-4 Credits
This year-long, project-based seminar assesses globalization and
social change through the lens of cosmopolitanism. Readings
examine issues of power, privilege, and aid, especially as they
affect the local community. Special attention is paid to the difference
between sympathetic feeling and political action. Assignments
encourage critical reflection on the Global Citizenship Program and
ask students to articulate a personal definition of global citizenship.
In teams, students propose and execute a capstone project that puts
their understanding of global citizenship into practice.
Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.
Prerequisites: GCP 010 or GCP 185 or GCP 186 or GCP 285
Can be taken Concurrently: GCP 285