

Are you a “Global Citizen”?

Do you want to be aware of the world beyond our nation's shores?

Do you want to respect and value diversity and be able to recognize and understand differences between other cultures and people?

Do you want to understand how the world works economically, politically, socially, culturally, technologically and environmentally?

Are you concerned about social injustice?

Do you want to help make the world a better place?

As distances shrink, borders become fuzzy and global relations become everyday considerations. The Global Citizenship Program at Eastern will give you the skills, appreciation and knowledge you need to become a productive citizen of the 21st century.

What will the Global Citizenship Program do for you?

You will develop an increasing awareness of the global society's complexity and interdependence.

You will learn to appreciate cultural and social differences.

You will develop the ability to understand and communicate across cultures.

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Global Citizenship Program

Discover what lies beyond your borders

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

A Liberal Education. Practically Applied.

Level I*

Your Gateway to the World

The world is connected in many ways, and everyone who lives in it should develop an awareness of the diversity of cultures and the importance of cross-cultural communication. Exposure to diverse viewpoints and forms of artistic expression, experiencing unfamiliar cultures and surroundings, and participating in co-curricular activities are integral elements of a liberal arts education.

Coursework

Every Eastern student will complete one Global Citizenship-designated course. Most students will fulfill this requirement with a course selected from the Tier II Cultural Perspectives category of the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum, although other courses might also qualify.

Activities

Every student will attend and document four Global Citizenship-designated events and activities within their first 30 credit hours. Global Citizenship activities may include those with a formal connection to University Hour or Arts and Lecture Series events, activities and student programs. Global Citizenship designated events will be noted by an icon on all publicity.

**Level I is a graduation requirement for all Eastern Connecticut State University students, regardless of their major or course of study.*

Level II**

The Journey Continues: Defining “Citizenship” in a Global Era

What do we mean by global citizenship? What are the challenges you will confront? To become a global citizen, students must learn to understand the world as an amalgam of complex, interconnected systems (political, economic and ecological) and the interdependence of people living within them. Coursework and activities at Level II of the Global Citizenship Program are designed to deepen your critical understanding and global competency.

Academic Requirements

Students will complete **ONE** of the following options:

- Pass two (2) college-level Foreign Language courses.
- Complete a multidisciplinary cluster of three (3) courses focusing on a particular region or language group.
- Complete a global study travel experience or semester abroad.
- Complete an approved cluster of course within a specific discipline, but with a global perspective.

Experiential Grounding

Students will also complete **BOTH** activities:

- Take an active role in global or intercultural activities (i.e., a leadership role in a student organization dedicated to such activities or completion of a relevant internship or service project).
- Continued attendance at and documentation of Global Citizenship events or activities.

Level III***

A “Global Scholar”

As students take in the complexity of the global culture, they begin to fully understand their roles and responsibilities as global citizens, and critically reflect on the profound interdependencies between their community, their country and the rest of the world. At Level III, emphasis is placed on the student’s active immersion in a particular cultural milieu and social problem through the development and completion of a relevant service project, internship or applied research project.

Requirements

Students will complete **BOTH** activities:

- An independent project in which they apply, synthesize and reflect on what they learned in Levels 1 & 2 through sustained, direct and productive involvement with a specific community, organization or group working in global and/or intercultural projects.
- Continued attendance at and documentation of Global Citizenship events or activities.

***Level II is an elective option for students who wish to pursue “Global Scholar” designation.*

****Completion of Level III will earn you an invitation to a recognition ceremony for graduating global citizens, a certificate acknowledging your completion of the program and a “Global Scholar” notation on your transcript.*