

LIBERAL STUDIES (A.A.)

WITH SPECIALIZATION IN GLOBAL STUDIES

CCV's Liberal Studies degree with a specialization in Global Studies affords you the benefits of a broad grounding in the liberal arts, combined with a timely focus on the global aspects and implications of your studies. As businesses and organizations increasingly seek staff with international experience and competencies, you will find that the skills and understanding you gain from this specialization will help you in securing employment and benefiting from the diversity of cultures and languages within your community and workplaces. You'll become acquainted with the nature and extent of the serious problems that affect the globe and many of its peoples. You will develop a basic knowledge of diverse cultural practices, values, and differences that allows you to engage effectively in working relationships with a range of populations.

The specialization in Global Studies comprises 18 credits in courses with a global focus and is designed to work within the student's Liberal Studies degree program and General Educational requirements.

General Education Requirements

Core Competencies

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- First semester seminar _____
- Technological Literacy _____
- Communication
COM 1030 - Intercultural Communication
or
ANT 2020 - Language, Culture & Communication
Meets graduation standard in oral communication
- English Composition
ENG 1061 - English Composition
- Mathematics _____
- Research & Writing Intensive _____

Areas of Inquiry

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- Scientific Method _____
- Human Expression: Choose 3 credits in Foreign Language*

- Human Expression: Choose 3 credits other than Foreign Language

- Human Behavior: Choose 3 credits from Global Specialization course list _____
- Human Behavior _____

Integrative Approaches

Complete one of each of the following:

- Global Perspectives & Sustainability _____
GEO 2230 - Globalization in the Modern World
or
SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems
- HUM 2010 - Seminar in Educational Inquiry
Meets graduation standard in writing and information literacy
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment
Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning

To complete the program, you must successfully complete at least one of the following courses:

- GEO 2230 - Globalization in the Modern World*
or
SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems*

In addition, from the Global Specialization course list, choose:

- a minimum of 3 credits in Communication

- a minimum of 3 credits in Foreign Language
(preferably 6 credits in one language)*

- a minimum of 3 additional credits in Human Behavior

- and remaining courses to total at least 18 credits in Global Specialization courses that meet your educational and career goals:

Although not required, a Study Abroad experience is strongly recommended for students who complete this specialization.

Electives - 0 to 3 credits

Note(s):

*No more than one foreign language course may be applied to meet the Human Expression requirement.

Minimum Total Credits in Degree: 60

Global Specialization Courses - minimum 18 credits

Program Outcomes

Graduates of the Liberal Studies degree with a specialization in Global Studies program will be able to:

- demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills in a variety of disciplines;
- apply the vocabulary, foundational theories, and problem-solving methodologies that define scientific literacy and scientific method in the natural world;
- demonstrate knowledge of some of the techniques used in art, literature, and/or philosophy to convey ideas and express thought and feeling;
- explain some of the ways in which social scientists and/or historians gather and interpret evidence to explain human behavior;
- apply appropriate technologies to locate, manipulate, and represent information electronically;
- apply an interdisciplinary approach to their learning, drawing from various disciplines to cultivate multiple perspectives on problems, issues, and topics;
- articulate a learning rationale for and the outcomes of their individual course choices in the Liberal Studies program;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

The program is great for you if:

- you have an interest in learning more about the world beyond our borders
- you would like to travel internationally or work abroad
- you feel a strong sense of global responsibility and citizenship
- you understand the value of broad cultural knowledge and conversing in a foreign language
- you wish to enhance your employment opportunities in workplaces with diverse staff, markets and/or clientele
- you plan to transfer to a four year degree program in global studies, anthropology, international relations or a related field
- you are preparing for a career that requires some knowledge of foreign languages, diversity issues, intercultural communication skills and global competencies.

Key information and advice for students in the Liberal Studies degree with a specialization in Global Studies:

- The Specialization in Global Studies is taken as part of a Liberal Studies degree and cannot be completed alone.
- Students must complete at least one of two required classes and can choose from a broad range of global courses in other areas to fulfill remaining program requirements, according to their particular schedules, interests and ambitions.
- Many global courses are easily accessible and the program can be completed with a minimum of travelling.
- Participating in a Study Abroad program at CCV is an excellent way to enhance a Global Students concentration.
- Global competence is now broadly viewed as a vital 21st century skill set that a wide range of employers in business, economics, government, education, media and communications, transportation, tourism, and nonprofit organizations are demanding.
- The Specialization allows students to gain additional global competencies in areas cited by employers as being particularly desirable, such as foreign language; intercultural communication skills; awareness, sensitivity, and tolerance of differences in values and cultural practices; an international perspective; and an understanding of the United States' role in the world.

The Liberal Studies degree with a specialization in Global Studies program prepares you for careers such as:

- Translator and Interpreter
- Diversity Manager
- Community Advocate
- Media and Public Relations Specialist
- Immigration Official
- Foreign Correspondent

Job outlook in Global Studies in the state of Vermont:

<i>Title</i>	<i>Median Salary</i>	<i>Projected Growth (10 Yrs)</i>
Translator/Interpreter (with further study)	\$37,360	2.8%
Equal Opportunity Officer	\$59,440	1.1%
Immigration & Customs Inspector	\$73,140	-.3%
Public Relations Specialist	\$46,980	1.3%
Social Services Specialist	\$34,660	.9%

Source: Vermont Department of Labor, <http://www.vtmi.info/oic.cfm>