

# 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 issues 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

Complete at least one course in each of the following:

- First Semester Seminar  
INT 1050 - Dimensions of Self & Society
- Introductory Written Expression – VSCS  
ENG 1061 - English Composition
- Digital and Computing Literacy – VSCS  
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- Mathematics - VSCS  
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- Natural Science - VSCS  
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- Social Science - VSCS  
SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems
- Arts & Aesthetics - VSCS  
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- Humanistic Perspectives - VSCS  
3 credits in a language
- Communication  
Meets graduation standard in oral communication  
COM 1030 - Intercultural Communication  
or  
ANT 2020 - Language, Culture, & Communication
- Research & Writing Intensive  
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- HUM 2010 - Seminar in Educational Inquiry  
Meets graduation standard in writing and information literacy
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment  
Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning

### Global Specialization Courses - minimum 18 credits

**To complete the program, you must successfully complete the following courses:**

- COM 1030 - Intercultural Communication\*  
or  
ANT 2020 - Language, Culture & Communication\*
- SOC 2010 - Global Social Problems\*
- a minimum of 3 credits in a language\*

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Remaining courses to total at least 18 credits in Global Specialization courses

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Choose 12 credits of any college-level courses that meet your educational and career goals:

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Although not required, a Study Abroad experience is strongly recommended for students who complete this specialization.  
Electives - 6 credits

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**Minimum Total Credits in Degree: 60**

*\*You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.*

## **Program Outcomes**

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

- develop written work with a clear thesis, organize supporting arguments, and employ correct syntax, mechanics, and disciplinary conventions;
- prepare, organize, support, and orally present ideas that engage an audience and employ appropriate tone, language, and delivery style;
- use quantitative models, methods, and tools to evaluate information, draw conclusions, and provide supporting evidence for applications across a variety of disciplines;
- identify the information needed to approach a problem analytically; discover and evaluate academic resources using appropriate search strategies and technologies to locate, manage, and represent information digitally; and responsibly incorporate, represent, and cite source materials in written work;
- draw on experiences and learning in multiple disciplines to articulate how the students' course choices have influenced their perspectives and understanding of themselves and the world;
- demonstrate an understanding of the roles of culture, ideology, history, technology and media in addressing social problems of national, transnational and global significance;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways and demonstrate preparedness 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 another 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; and
- you are preparing for a career that requires some knowledge of 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 language skills; 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 Vermont State Colleges System's (VSCS) Direct Admissions program gives CCV students guaranteed transfer admission to all VSCS schools, saving them time and money. Visit [ccv.edu/transfer](http://ccv.edu/transfer) for more information.

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

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

For up-to-date Vermont labor market information, including salary information and growth projections, view the Economic and Labor Market Information on the Vermont Department of Labor Website <http://www.vtlni.info/>.