



# WHITMAN COLLEGE

## Concentration in Global Studies Overview

The concentration in global studies is a framework for students to demonstrate and be recognized for in-depth interdisciplinary engagement with global themes, processes and problems, regardless of their majors or minors. The concentration offers an individualized experience; students have the opportunity to put together curricular and internship experiences that align with their interests. As part of the program, students are asked to reflect on their global experiences and develop communication skills that effectively articulate their global studies experience.

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**ADVISING:** Students should work with the director to identify a concentration-affiliated faculty member to meet with during their studies to plan the concentration, to develop the integrative essay/portfolio, and to assess learning. Students may declare the concentration anytime after they declare their major course of studies but must declare by the end of the second week of the fall semester in their senior year.

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**GLOBAL THEMATIC AREAS:** Students need to complete at least one course from the list of courses in each of the following thematic areas. No more than one course from a single department may be used when meeting this

- Global Systems & Histories
- Global Circulations & Movements
- Global Places & Events

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**GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT, ANALYSIS, AND REFLECTION:** Students need to complete at least one item from each area below.

### Language Immersions

- 6 credits of language study completed on-campus, through advisor-approved Off-Campus Studies (OCS) coursework, or with a combination of the two.

*Notes:* Can be completed with more than one language. Advisors will work with OCS staff to assess the rigor of OCS-based language study when approving OCS programs for this requirement.

### Off-Campus Education

- 1 semester OCS in a country other than the U.S. (U.S.-based programs will be assessed by advisors on a case-by-case basis).
- Crossroads course or other advisor-approved short-term OCS (3-6 credit programs).
- Globally-focused internship approved by Concentration advisor.

### Analysis & Reflection

- Post-Off-Campus Studies seminar
- Co-taught Global Studies seminar
- Temporary Bridge Courses

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**STUDENT LEARNING ASSESSMENT:** Complete all of the following items.

- Integrative essay.
- Portfolio of work.
- Outgoing interview with faculty advisor.