



2023-2024 Academic Year

Liberal Arts

Global Studies concentration

Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences (A.A.)

Liberal Arts Division

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The **Liberal Arts concentration in Global Studies** provides students interested in a career in such fields as international relations, global business, law, diplomacy, international aid work, and other public service by providing a beginning understanding of the issues affecting international decision-making today. The objectives and overall requirements of the Global Studies concentration are the same as those for a [general Liberal Arts degree](#); however, within each requirement, the choice of electives affords students an opportunity to approach disciplinary work from a global perspective.

Due to an articulation agreement between Mercer and Rider University, eligible students graduating from Mercer's Global Studies concentration can transfer seamlessly into Rider's Global Studies baccalaureate program. Students must complete all specified coursework for the Liberal Arts Global Studies concentration and graduate from MCCC with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. For Mercer graduates meeting the above criteria, Rider's Global Studies program offers the added benefit of free tuition for one 3-credit course.

Prospective students are encouraged to compare the curriculum for the Global Studies concentration with that of the [standard MCCC Liberal Arts program](#), as well as to read the Mercer/Rider guaranteed transfer articulation agreement posted on the MCCC Transfer Services website.

For students not transferring to Rider, the Global Studies concentration can lead to similar study elsewhere or transfer to four-year baccalaureate programs in which general Liberal Arts graduates would enroll.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Understand the vocabulary, methods, and the major concepts present in the humanities, the social sciences, and the natural sciences;
- Articulate complex ideas clearly and effectively, both in speech and in writing;
- Perform a series of thinking tasks including quantitative and abstract reasoning such as speculation, analysis, and synthesis;
- Utilize research materials and methodologies;
- Speak, write, read, and comprehend a world language commensurate with the level of study.

SEE ALSO:

[Liberal Arts \(general\)](#) degree program

DEGREE CURRICULUM

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The course sequence below represents a recommended example of how this degree program can be completed in two years, presuming a Fall Term start and satisfaction of all Developmental Studies (foundation courses) requirements and prerequisites. Actual approaches toward completion depend on each student's anticipated transfer institution, career objectives, or other individual circumstances.

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor or Success Coach to consider options, establish plans, and monitor progress.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits	To Do This Semester
FIRST SEMESTER			
ANT 101	Anthropology (3/0)	3	✓ Meet with your faculty advisor to complete an academic plan. Make sure you are aware of any course prerequisites you may need to take, and how long it will take to complete your degree.
CSW 100	College Success and Personal Wellness (2/0) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Some exemptions apply. Consult academic advisor for details.	2	✓ Use your online tools: Check your MercerMail daily, utilize features of Office 365, and get to know Student Planning .
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	✓ Take advantage of Learning Centers or Online Tutoring to support your studies and assignments.
HIS 112	World History to 1500 (3/0)	3	
LAS 101	Introduction to Liberal Arts Studies (1/0) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Take either LAS 101 or 201 – not both. Students who need an additional credit for full-time status while taking CSW 100 should take LAS 101 the same semester. Students who need an additional credit in order to graduate should take LAS 201 in their last year; students who will achieve 60 credits without LAS are exempt from the LAS requirement.	0 or 1	
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)	3	

SECOND SEMESTER

<u>CMN 111</u>	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)		✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet with your Success Coach for guidance and support.
	<i>OR</i>	3	
<u>CMN 112</u>	Public Speaking (3/0)		✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.
<u>ENG 102</u>	English Composition II (3/0)	3	
<u>HIS 113</u>	World History Since 1500 (3/0)	3	✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection.
<u>SOC 101</u>	Introduction to Sociology (3/0)	3	
<u>MAT</u> —	Mathematics elective	3 or 4	<p>✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships.</p> <p>✓ Begin attending college transfer events and visit campuses. Be sure to visit the Transfer Services and Career Services offices to get to know how the transfer process works and to explore career options.</p> <p>✓ Plan for how you will complete transfer applications while finishing your classes.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select from MAT 126 or MAT 146 depending on transfer goals; consult Global Studies faculty advisor about eligibility for MAT 146. Students taking MAT 146 are exempt from LAS 101 or 201. 		

THIRD SEMESTER

<u>ECO</u> —	Economics elective (3/0)	3	✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your faculty advisor. Make sure you are on track to graduate.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select from ECO 103 or ECO 111 depending on transfer goals. 		
<u>ENG</u> —	Literature elective	3	✓ Complete your applications to desired transfer institutions.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select from ENG 203, 204, 232. 		

<u>PHI</u>	—	200-level Philosophy elective (3/0)	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHI 210 preferred; any 200-level course is acceptable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop team and leadership skills by getting involved in activities and clubs.
—	—	<u>Lab Science general education elective</u>	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended: 3-credit science for Liberal Arts – BIO 113, CHE 106, OHT 101, PHY 111. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Manage your stress! Take advantage of the MCCC pool, Fitness Center, free yoga and Zumba. Reach out for counseling or other support if you need it. Your Success Coach can connect you with resources.
—	—	World Language elective	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take one language in a progressive sequence; start at 101 only if this is a new language for you. Consult Global Studies faculty advisor regarding the transferability of language courses. If language courses are CLEPed, you must meet with the Global Studies faculty advisor and the World Languages coordinator. 	

FOURTH SEMESTER

<u>BUS 230</u>		Global Environment of Business (3/0)	3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.
<u>LAS 201</u>		Liberal Arts Special Topics (1/0)	0 or 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take either LAS 101 or 201 – not both. Students who need an additional credit for full-time status while taking CSW 100 should take LAS 101 the same semester. Students who need an additional credit in order to graduate should take LAS 201 in their last year; students who will achieve 60 credits without LAS are exempt from the LAS requirement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Talk to your faculty advisor and the Transfer office for advice on how to successfully transition to a new school. ✓ Apply for Graduating Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships.
<u>POL 201</u>		International Relations (3/0)	3		
—	—	Humanities or Social Science elective	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select from ECO 112; ENG 203, 204, 214, 232; HIS 213, 215, 231, 232; REL 102. 	

<p>— —</p>	<p>Program elective (3/0)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select any course required for an A.A., A.S., or A.F.A. degree. Consult with Global Studies advisor based on transfer goals. 	<p>3</p>	
<p>— —</p>	<p>World Language elective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take one language in a progressive sequence; start at 101 only if this is a new language for you. Consult Global Studies faculty advisor regarding the transferability of language courses. If language courses are CLEPed, you must meet with the Global Studies faculty advisor and the World Languages coordinator. 	<p>3</p>	
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