

Global Studies Honors Program Application



Student Name _____

Current Grade _____ Birthday _____

Student Email _____

Student Address _____

Student Phone _____

The Global Studies Honors Program at Rocky Mount Academy aligns with the school's mission to prepare students for the challenges and opportunities to be encountered in life and college.

The purpose of the Global Studies Honors Program is to prepare students for a globally competitive world by providing opportunities to examine global issues through in depth study of foreign language, science, social studies, and literature, as well as to provide exposure to other cultures through collaborative projects, travel, and exchange programs.

High school students who choose to pursue the Global Studies Honors Program will be rewarded with not only travel opportunities and in depth study of foreign language, history, science, and collaborative community service projects, but will also graduate with a Global Studies Honor Certificate and Global Studies Honor Cord from Rocky Mount Academy. Final certification will be contingent upon the successful completion of the program requirements and approval by the Global Studies Faculty Team.

What special interests, abilities, or experiences have been instrumental in making the decision to apply to the Global Studies Honors Program?

What does it mean to you to be a “Global Citizen”?

The Global Studies Honors Program includes opportunities for in depth study in foreign language, science, social studies, and literature. How do you believe these four areas of study will help prepare you for a global world?

After reading JF Rischard's, *High Noon: 20 global problems, 20 years to solve them*, which 3 global issues did you find most interesting and why?

As a high school student, how can you affect change in one of these three global issues at a local, national, or international level?

My Plan of Study:

I understand that I must demonstrate an in depth understanding of another culture by participating in one of the following immersion activities while in high school.

- ◇ International travel through RMA annual summer trip or other approved program
- ◇ Study Abroad Experience through approved program
- ◇ Host foreign student before graduation through approved program
- ◇ Mission trip to foreign country (through school, church, exchange program)

Which immersion activity have you completed in grades 9-12? Through which program?

OR Which opportunity would you like to learn more about? _____

I understand that I must study three years of a foreign language (minimum).
Please check the level of foreign language in which you are currently enrolled.

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| _____ French 1 | _____ Spanish 1 |
| _____ French 2 | _____ Spanish 2 |
| _____ French 3 | _____ Spanish 3 |
| _____ French 4 | _____ Spanish 4 |

I understand I must be a member and active participant in a school sponsored service club. A signature form will be provided by your advisor at the end of each academic year.

I understand that I must complete at least 1 of the following courses* before graduation:

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| ◇ H Spanish 4 | ◇ H French 4 |
| ◇ Marine Biology | ◇ AP Environmental Science |
| ◇ AP US Government and Politics | ◇ AP Comparative Government |
| ◇ AP Economics | ◇ AP European History |

OR I may choose to complete **three** of the following trimester courses*:

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| ◇ Latin American Literature | ◇ Ecology |
| ◇ Documentary Filmmaking in a Global World | ◇ Zoology |
| ◇ World Religions | ◇ Botany |
| ◇ NC Coastal Marine Biology | |

*All of these courses may not be offered every year. Course substitutions and additions can be made with approval from the Global Studies Committee on an annual basis.

I understand that I must serve and document 15 volunteer hours related to a global issue of my choosing. These hours are above and beyond the required 50 hours for graduation. Ideally, volunteer work should be done in an area which supports the student's final capstone project on a global issue.

I understand that I will present a senior capstone project** –My senior year, I will complete a final project based on my interest and study of a global issue of my choosing. I will meet and work with a mentor to plan and implement my senior capstone project which can be presented anytime during my senior year. Capstone project options include **one** of the following:

- ◇ Problem Solving Paper (8 page minimum)
- ◇ Documentary Film (8 minute minimum)
- ◇ Speech or Presentation (15 minute minimum)

**Final approval for the Global Studies Honors Cord and Certificate is made by the Global Studies Committee.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Applications will be reviewed by the Global Studies Committee and students will be notified of acceptance into the program no later than October 1st of the application year. Students will be assigned a mentor and will be invited to participate in a variety of enrichment activities with other Global Studies Honors Program students each year. Activities may include field trips, guest speakers, and special projects.