











COMMUNICATION B.A.

+GLOBAL DISTINCTION

MAJOR ACADEMIC PLAN (MAP)

Sample Progression Plan

<p>Fall Semester 1 ACom 110 SS Natural Science Gen Ed NS Humanities Gen Ed HU Elective <i>Foreign Language FL</i>  (You can start FL study in you 2nd year instead.)</p>	<p>Spring Semester 1 ACom 265 IL, or ACom 203 Com Statistics Requirement MS UUNI 110 WCI Elective <i>Foreign Language</i> </p>	<p>Summer 1 Consider coursework Look for a summer job in the area of your studies</p>
<p>Fall Semester 2 ACom 265 IL, or ACom 203 Com Support course US Historical Perspectives Gen Ed US Elective <i>Foreign Language</i> </p>	<p>Spring Semester 2 Bltm 215/Inf 100/ ICsi 101/201 Com elective Minor Course (Language?) <i>AHis 158 CH IP</i>  <i>(Transnational)</i> <i>Foreign Language</i> </p>	<p>Summer 2 Consider study abroad options</p>
<p>Fall Semester 3 ACom 300+ level elective Minor Course <i>AArh 170 AR IP</i>  <i>(Culture)</i> Elective (more language?) Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p>Spring Semester 3 <i>Study Abroad!</i>  IP ACom 300+ level elective Com Support course Minor Course 2 Electives (language and culture area courses?) Study abroad in any semester or even for 1 year, with the approval of your Major and GD academic advisors.</p>	<p>Summer 3 <i>Intern/Research Abroad!</i>  IP (8-10 weeks) May earn credit for internship (ACom 390) or independent study and research (ACom 397). <i>Pro Tip: Why not declare the International Studies Minor to formally reflect study and interning abroad or add a Language Minor or Major?</i></p>
<p>Fall Semester 4 A Com 300+ level elective Minor Course <i>ALcs 359 CH SS</i>  <i>(Development)</i> Elective (more language?) Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p>Spring Semester 4 A Com 300+ level elective  <i>(globally-oriented capstone project, if Major and course requires a research seminar/paper)</i> Minor Course Minor Course Elective (more language?) Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p>Congratulations! You have earned UAlbany's <i>Global Distinction!</i></p>

General Education Requirements, for students matriculating Fall 2014 and after:



MS Mathematics and Statistics	SS Social Sciences
WCI Writing and Critical Inquiry	IP International Perspectives
AR Arts	US U.S. Historical Perspectives
HU Humanities	CH Challenges for the 21 st Century
NS Natural Sciences	FL Foreign Language (<i>one semester of collegiate study, or the equivalent, of a foreign language</i>)

Credit bearing Professional Development Options:

- RSSW 290, 291 and 390 – Community Service
- Research within major University
- Internship Departmental Internship
- Community Engaged Coursework
- Study Abroad
- Tutoring opportunities

NOTE: This is a suggested course sequence.

Global Distinction (GD) Course Categories:

-  UAlbany Gen Ed or Major requirement AND counts towards the GD (Global Distinction)!
-  Counts towards the GD AND your Electives AND may also count towards your Major, Minor or Gen Ed Requirements!

*See the back of this sheet for more information about the Global Distinction.

What the Global Distinction Program can do for you!

Global Distinction is a new University at Albany Milestone (appearing on the bottom of your official transcript upon graduation) conferred upon students who complete a structured set of life-changing, international academic experiences that produce a globally competent graduate. Today's employers and graduate school programs seek students who have the right balance of disciplinary knowledge and real-world problem-solving skills. In today's highly globalized society, scientists, artists, employees, and small business owners all need to master inter-cultural communication skills. Global Distinction meets that need through

- 2 years (4 semesters) of **foreign language** acquisition or the equivalent in proficiency
- **Interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework**, including 1 course that includes a focus on
 - Culture-Area Studies or Inter-Cultural Competency (*Culture*)
 - International Development or Economics (*Development*)
 - International Relations, Migration, or Human Rights (*Transnational*)
 - a Capstone Research Project that is approached with a global lens (if your Major requires a research seminar/paper)
- **International immersion** via a **study abroad** semester and an 8-10 week summer **internship/research** opportunity

You can graduate on time!

With the guidance of your academic advisors for your Major, Minor and the Global Distinction (GAP Director Dr. Annette Richie; email arichie@albany.edu for an appointment), you will find your "best fit" university for your study abroad semester and your summer internship or lab research placement. The "extra" language and interdisciplinary, globally-oriented coursework can be completed at UAlbany or abroad, or applied from your Transfer, Advanced Placement, and University in the High School courses. *Culture*, *Development* and *Transnational* courses can be found in various Majors and Minors and many fulfill Gen Ed requirements.

The GD program is within your financial reach!

You can use financial aid and most UAlbany scholarships for studying and interning abroad as you are earning UAlbany credit! Global Distinction participants are eligible for a **\$1,000 Flight Voucher** to apply towards studying, interning, or researching abroad.

Global Academic Programs offers its own **scholarships**, including the World Within Reach Scholarship Fund and The Joan N. Savitt Scholarship for Study Abroad. Learn more at <http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/scholarships-grants.php>. Jacqueline Ledermann, GAP Assistant Director, advises on external scholarship applications, such as the NSEP Boren Scholarship, the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, and the Critical Language Scholarship. Some nations and overseas universities that we partner with also offer their own scholarships. Amounts and eligibility criteria vary.

Study abroad in your Major at these UAlbany partner universities (these are just a few examples)!

(Students will find applicable courses in Communication, Mass Communication, Rhetoric, and Visual Communication)

Australia: University of Notre Dame of Australia (Freemantle and Sydney); University of Wollongong (Wollongong)

China: Beijing Normal University (Beijing); Hong Kong Baptist University (Hong Kong); Peking University (Beijing); Sichuan University (Chengdu)

Denmark: Study Abroad in Scandinavia (DIS Copenhagen)

Dominican Republic: Universidad Iberoamericana (UNIBE, Santo Domingo)

Finland: Abo Akademi University (Abo-Turku)

Germany: German Universities of Applied Sciences 7 (Bremen, Hamburg, and Munich – spring only)

India: Symbiosis University (Pune)

Ireland: Foundation for International Education (Dublin)

Israel: Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Beer Sheeva); University of Haifa (Haifa)

Italy: Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan)

Japan: Kansai Gaidai University (Hirakata City); Tokyo University of Foreign Studies (Tokyo)

Korea: Hallym University (Chuncheon); Sookmyung Women's University (Seoul)

Netherlands: HAN University of Applied Sciences (Arnhem); Tilburg University (Tilburg)

Norway: University of Bergen (Bergen)

Russian Federation: Internship Program in Russia (Moscow, and Latvia option)

South Africa: University of Cape Town (Cape Town)

Spain: UAlbany in Madrid

Taiwan: National Taiwan University (Taipei)

Trinidad and Tobago: University of the West Indies, St Augustine

United Kingdom: Foundation for International Education (London); University of Glasgow (Glasgow, Scotland); University of Hull (Kingston-on-Hull, England); Regent's University London