












# GEOGRAPHY B.A.

## +GLOBAL DISTINCTION

### MAJOR ACADEMIC PLAN (MAP)

#### Sample Progression Plan

<p><b>Fall Semester 1</b>            AGog 102 <b>NS</b> or 101 <b>SS</b>            Humanities Gen Ed <b>HU</b>            US Historical Perspectives Gen Ed <b>US</b>            Elective  <i>Foreign Language FL</i>             (You can start FL study in your 2<sup>nd</sup> year instead.)</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 1</b>            AGog 101 <b>SS</b> or 102 <b>NS</b>            Math Gen Ed <b>MS</b>            UUNI 110 <b>WCI</b>            Prof Development/Elective  <i>Foreign Language</i> </p>	<p><b>Summer 1</b>            Consider coursework            Look for a summer job in the area of your studies</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 2</b>  <i>AGog/AGlo/AUsp 225 IP</i>  (Development)            or <i>AGog 160 SS IP</i>  (Culture option)            as AGog Regional/Human Geographies            Minor Course (Language?)  <i>AArh 170 AR IP</i>  (Culture option)            Elective  <i>Foreign Language</i> </p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 2</b>            AGog Environmental Geography            Minor Course            Challenges 21<sup>st</sup> Century Gen Ed <b>CH</b>            Elective  <i>Foreign Language</i> </p>	<p><b>Summer 2</b>            Consider study abroad options</p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 3</b>            AGog GIS Course            Elective or AGog 300-400 level elective            Minor Course            Elective (more language?)            Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 3</b>  <i>Study Abroad!</i>  <b>IP</b>            AGog 300-400 level elective            Elective or AGog 300-400 level elective            Minor Course            2 Electives (language/culture area courses?)    <i>Study abroad in any semester or even for 1 year, with the approval of your Major and GD academic advisors.</i></p>	<p><b>Summer 3</b>  <i>Intern/Research Abroad!</i>  <b>IP</b>            (8-10 weeks)            May earn credit for Internship (AGog 492) or Independent Study (AGog 450) in Geography.    <i>Pro Tip: Why not declare the International Studies Minor to formally reflect study and interning abroad or add a Globalization or Language Minor or Major?</i></p>
<p><b>Fall Semester 4</b>            A Gog 496  <i>AGog 440</i>  (Transnational)            as AGog 300-400 level elective            Minor Course            Elective (more language?)            Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Spring Semester 4</b>  <i>AGog 492/482Z</i>  (globally-oriented capstone project)            AGog 300-400 level elective            Minor Course            Elective (more language?)            Prof Development/Elective</p>	<p><b>Congratulations!</b>            You have earned <i>UAlbany's Global Distinction!</i></p>

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



<b>MS</b> Mathematics and Statistics	<b>SS</b> Social Sciences
<b>WCI</b> Writing and Critical Inquiry	<b>IP</b> International Perspectives
<b>AR</b> Arts	<b>US</b> U.S. Historical Perspectives
<b>HU</b> Humanities	<b>CH</b> Challenges for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
<b>NS</b> Natural Sciences	<b>FL</b> 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 completion) 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](mailto: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 will be eligible for a **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)!

**Australia:** University of Notre Dame (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)

**Finland:** Oulu University (Oulu); University of Helsinki (Helsinki)

**France:** University of Grenoble-Alpes (Grenoble)

**Germany:** German Universities of Applied Sciences 7 (Bremen and Cologne)

**Ireland:** National University of Ireland, Galway

**Norway:** University of Bergen (Bergen)

**South Africa:** University of Cape Town (Cape Town)

**Taiwan:** National Central University (Taoyuan); National Taiwan University (Taipei)

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

**United Kingdom:** Swansea University (Swansea, Wales); University of Aberdeen (Aberdeen, Scotland); University of Glasgow (Glasgow); University of Hull (Kingston-on-Hull); University of Nottingham (Nottingham, England)

## Short Term Experiential Education Option

**India:** Global Citizens for Sustainable Development (Bangalore and Delhi)