

Meredith College General Education Program

Methods for fulfilling the Global Perspectives Requirement through Study Abroad

An approved study abroad program can fulfill the Global Perspectives requirement of the Meredith General Education Program. There are five different methods for completing the Global Perspectives (GP) Requirement through Meredith Study Abroad or through other approved academic study abroad programs.¹ All credit-bearing experiences abroad must be authorized by the Office of International Programs and must meet one of the following criteria.

1. Complete a course or set of courses in a Meredith Faculty-led Study Abroad Program that has been approved as fulfilling the GP requirement by the Office of General Education.
2. Complete one of three GP project options in conjunction with an approved study abroad program.² In this case the program abroad must be of three weeks or more in duration (including travel time).
3. Complete a course in a non-Meredith Study Abroad program that has been approved by the Director of General Education as fulfilling the GP requirement.³
4. Complete an approved GP Independent Study Course supervised by a Meredith instructor and in conjunction with a non-sectarian⁴ travel and study experience abroad of at least five weeks duration (including travel time).
5. Complete a Meredith faculty-led Study Abroad course that is linked to an on-campus Meredith course (minimum of 4 credit hours total). The itinerary and activities of the course abroad will clearly augment the content and goals of the on-campus course. In this case the time spent abroad must be of three weeks or more in duration (including travel time).

¹ See the office of General Education or the Office of International Programs for endorsement or approval of non-Meredith programs.

² See the Office of International Programs for a list and explanation of project options.

³ Such courses' syllabi must state explicitly that course objectives meet the objectives of the GP requirement. Syllabi must contain assignments or activities that clearly accomplish stated objectives.

⁴ Mission Trips sponsored by any religious denomination and with explicit purposes to convert or influence religious practices of citizens of another country are not eligible as options to fulfill Study Abroad requirements. Trips of this nature cannot meet the stated learning outcomes of study abroad.