GET GLOBAL NOW!

The General Education program at Montgomery College is undergoing substantive changes to ensure that all students are supported in being as active and involved as possible in their own learning. Soon you will have the option to choose a thematic track that interests you and that you want to focus on through the majority of your courses. One of these tracks is "global connections," and I invite you to become acquainted with it. To do this, begin by taking the course, “Introduction to Global Humanities,” being offered on all three campuses for the first time during the spring semester 2016.

**GHUM 101, Introduction to Global Humanities (CRN 25011)**

*Starts February 2nd, 2016*

- **Germantown Campus**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30—1:45, Prof. Jill Kronstadt
- **Rockville Campus**, Tuesday evenings, 6 – 8:45 p.m., Prof. Kenneth N. Jassie
- **Takoma Park/Silver Spring**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11 – 12:25, Prof. Gregory R. Wahl

**Why global studies?**

Simple: Because the globe is what it's about now. We no longer have the luxury of thinking only within our national boundaries. We live in an increasingly smaller world, where decisions that are made on one end of the globe are felt on the other. We work abroad more and more in a growing number of "global cities" and so we are compelled to learn more and more about each other. Scientists among you will perhaps choose to study environmental impacts on specific areas of the world, or perhaps global medicine. Economists among you may study sustainable production and distribution practices or research emerging and alternative professions that contribute to global safety and sustainability. Philosophers, humanists and artists among you may choose to look at how people all over the world are witnessing and expressing the rapid changes around them. You will want to seek understanding of how globalization impacts everyday lives.

In very practical terms, the majority if employers today list "global awareness" as a top skill because they recognize that today’s workplaces span the entire globe. Our work either takes us abroad or global work comes to our doorstep. A recent study by the Association of American Colleges and Universities...
titled “What Employers Want” notes that critical thinking and cultural intelligence are skills that cannot be taught on the job, but details specific to the work can be learned more easily. Employers want those who already know how to work in groups, how to communicate effectively and who understand the nuances of encountering other cultures and customs.

“International Relations,” a now-dated title for the major, is also transforming into less fixed content learning toward more critical thinking and relevant information acquisition. In the ever-changing world that is contemporary globalization, information and knowledge are constantly changing, as are methods and applications. Globalization is fluid and dynamic, ever changing, and your education needs to be as well. And yes, Global Studies is a popular major.

Other ways to get global

**Humanities Days:** workshops and events held every October on all campuses

**Mongo:** Virtual, self-paced language learning available through MC Libraries databases; more than 40 languages

**Summer short-term, noncredit “Inbroad” course:** On-site visits to agencies and businesses that do global work for the purpose of seeing Global Studies applied, introduce students to options for higher education and employment.

For details on upcoming events and all the programs of the Global Humanities Institute, visit [www.montgomerycollege.edu/globalhumanities](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/globalhumanities).

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