

## Global and Intercultural Skills Program: Strand One Courses

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### Global and Intercultural Studies Course

Students will develop an understanding of culture, how it is shaped, and how it shapes their own world view. Within this context, students gain insight into the interconnectedness of global issues and how culture affects those issues.

4 credits.

### Global and Intercultural Experience

Students will expand upon and apply the concepts introduced in the “Global and Intercultural Studies” course. A critical component of the course is the opportunity for students to apply their knowledge and skills through direct experience either locally or abroad.

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## Program Contact Information

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“A WORLD TO DISCOVER”



“We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.”

– Jawaharial Nehru

Discover Yourself.  
Engage with Others..



## What is the Global Intercultural Skills Program (GISP)?

The GISP is designed to provide students with opportunities that promote the development of global and intercultural competencies. The program will be integrated into the new BC curriculum by promoting communication, critical thinking and personal social competencies.

Participants can earn the GISP certificate by:

- ◆ Taking internationally-focused courses.
- ◆ Completing the Global and Intercultural Studies course.
- ◆ Completing the Global and Intercultural Experience requirement.
- ◆ Studying an international language.

## Why Participate in the Global and Intercultural Skills Program?

Intercultural competency is becoming increasingly important as the world continues to move towards higher degrees of internationalization. This global shift towards greater diversity has led to challenges and opportunities that require new skills and capacities. Students need to acquire the skills necessary to collaborate in intercultural settings in ways that create

### TOP 5 REASONS TO TAKE THE GISP:

1. Opportunities to travel both locally and abroad!
2. Interact and engage with a diverse network of people from across the world.
3. Become an engaged member of your community through volunteer and program-based initiatives.
4. Gain valuable insight into your own culture and acquire a higher degree of self-awareness.
5. Participate in a program that is currently in the process of being recognized by 7 British Columbia universities.

## Global and Intercultural Skills Program Strands

Global and Intercultural Skills Program participants must complete 32 credits of courses that significantly contribute to the acquisition of global and intercultural competencies. The program is broken up into 3 strands:

### Strand 1: Global and Intercultural Courses\*

Students must take the following courses:

1. Global and Intercultural Competencies Course (4 credits)
2. Global and Intercultural Experience (4 credits)

### Strand 2: Required Language Courses

Students must take 2 language courses at the grade 10 level or higher (8 credits).

### Strand 3: Elective or Graduation Courses

Students must take 16 credits at the Grade 10 level or higher of globally related courses. (e.g. Law, History, Business, Art, Dance, French Immersion, Geography, Economics, Fashion, Literature, Music, etc.)



\*See reverse page for more details.