



Global Studies Academy (GSA)

Wheaton High School's Humanities Academy



What is the Global Studies Academy?

Wheaton High School has one of the few Global Studies Academy (GSA) in Montgomery County. This unique interdisciplinary program prepares students to emerge into the workforce as culturally responsible global citizens. Through the liberal arts and humanities-based courses, which could include the performing arts, visual arts, and cultural studies, students are exposed to global issues and are challenged to understand and appreciate the many different cultures and histories of the world and its people. GSA students are expected to think critically and solve real-world problems through Project Based Learning. GSA motivates its academy students to explore the endless possibilities in our world, develop a global citizenship, prepare to be college and career ready, and be leaders in our global society.

Possible Career Paths for Global Studies Academy Completers

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| ▪ Actor / Actress | ▪ Graphic Designer | ▪ Producer |
| ▪ Advertising | ▪ Historian | ▪ Psychologist |
| ▪ Anthropologist | ▪ International / Foreign Affairs | ▪ Public Affairs |
| ▪ Artist | ▪ Journalist | ▪ Social Worker / Therapist |
| ▪ Business / Economics | ▪ Lawyer | ▪ Translator |
| ▪ Government Official | ▪ Musician | ▪ Writer |

Recommended 4-year Plan for GSA Academy Students

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
English English 9/Honors	English English 10/Honors	English English 11/Honors/AP	English English 12/Honors/AP
Social Studies U.S. History/Honors/AP	Social Studies National, State, & Local Government/Honors/AP	Social Studies Modern World History/Honors/AP	Social Studies AP Human Geography* / AP Psychology* / Elective <i>*If room in schedule</i>
Mathematics Algebra 1 or Geometry or Algebra 2 / Honors	Mathematics Geometry or Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus / Honors	Mathematics Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus / Honors / AP Calculus AB	Mathematics Pre-Calculus / Statistics / AP Calculus AB / AP Statistics
Science Biology/Honors	Science Chemistry/Honors	Science Physics/Honors/AP	Science AP Biology / AP Chemistry / AP Physics / Environmental Science
World Language	World Language	World Language / Elective	World Language / Elective
Academy Coursework Global Issues A & B	Academy Coursework GSA Electives (Ex. Theater 1, Psychology, etc.)	Academy Coursework GSA Electives (Ex. Ceramics 1, Law, etc.)	Academy Coursework Student Leadership A & B
Fine Arts Elective / Health	Physical Education	Technology Education	Internship / Montgomery College Course / Elective



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In order to be considered a Global Studies Academy Completer, you must:

- Successfully complete and pass both semesters of the core GSA courses, the fundamentals course - Global Issues and the capstone course - Student Leadership.
- In addition, successfully complete and pass four (4) additional semesters of global studies elective coursework beyond the Maryland State graduation requirements.

Core GSA Courses for Both Pathways	
9 th Grade GSA Fundamentals Course (Both Semesters are Required)	<i>Global Issues A & B</i>
12 th Grade GSA Capstone Course (Both Semesters are Required)	<i>Student Leadership A & B</i>

In addition to the four semesters of required GSA Courses, you must complete at least four additional semesters of any of the below GSA electives from either of the Pathways:

Humanities Pathway <i>I am an Explorer</i>		
Cultural Studies	Global Studies	Language Studies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Economics¹ ▪ Law¹ ▪ Psychology¹ ▪ Peace Studies¹ ▪ AP Psychology² ▪ AP Human Geography² 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Latin American History¹ ▪ East Asian History¹ ▪ Africa South of the Sahara¹ ▪ African American History¹ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creative Writing¹ ▪ African American Literature¹ ▪ Yearbook^{1/2} is preferred ▪ AP Spanish Language² ▪ AP Spanish Literature² ▪ AP French² ▪ AP Italian²
Arts Pathway <i>I am an Artist</i>		
Art	Theater	Music
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Digital Art^{1 or 2} ▪ Draw & Design^{1 or 2} ▪ Ceramics^{1 / 2 / 3}^{1 or 2} ▪ Digital Advanced Studio^{1 or 2} ▪ Studio Art^{1 / 2 / 3}^{1 or 2} ▪ AP Studio Art^{1 or 2} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theater¹^{1 or 2} ▪ Theater²^{1 or 2} ▪ Stage Design^{1 or 2} ▪ Advanced Acting^{1 or 2} 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chorus^{1 / 2 / 3}^{1 or 2} ▪ Music & Technology^{1 / 2}^{1 or 2} ▪ Piano^{1 / 2}^{1 or 2} ▪ Guitar^{1 / 2}^{1 or 2} ▪ Beginning Orchestra^{1 or 2} ▪ Concert Band^{1 or 2} ▪ Orchestra^{1 or 2} ▪ Jazz Band^{1 or 2} ▪ Concert Orchestra^{1 or 2}
Physical Education	Dance / Fine Arts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advanced Specialty PE course above the required 1.0 PE Credits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dance¹^{1 or 2} ▪ Dance²^{1 or 2} 	
Broadening Opportunities		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Internship^{1 or 2} ▪ Montgomery College Courses^{1 or 2} 		

Note: ¹ = a one semester class that can be taken either Sem A or Sem B & ² = a two semester class taken both semesters