



Canada House

Program Directors:

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If you ask the average American about Canada, you'll find that most know very little about this mysterious land north of the U.S. Despite being by far the United States' largest trading partner and sharing much history and geography with the United States, Canada remains in the eyes of many Americans, a place of cold weather, polite citizens, and the world's best hockey players.

In Canada House we explore these myths and help to dispel them through learning all that we can about our northern neighbors and, whenever possible, spending time in Canada, just 45 minutes to the north of UVM. Members of Canada House attend and organize Canadian-themed events, such as Canadian movie nights, guest speakers, dinners, and our highly popular "Learn to Curl" workshop.

Most important, though, Canada House is about having a great time as we learn and share all that we can about this interesting and often-overlooked country just a short drive away. With the success of the Canadian Thanksgiving dinner organized by Global Village and our new connections with the Green Mountain Curling Club, we have some exciting traditions to build upon for next year.

Canada House for 2009-2010 will be comprised of two suites, housing a mixture of new and returning students. Arts & Sciences first-year students who sign up for Prof. Paul Martin's English 005 TAP class on Canada or Prof. David Massell's TAP class on Canadian history are particularly encouraged to apply as are students pursuing a Major or a Minor in Canadian Studies.

If you have any further questions about this proposal, please feel free to contact Prof. Paul Martin at (802) 656-8451 or by e-mail at Paul.Martin@uvm.edu²



About the Global Village

This program is part of the Global Village Residential Learning Community (RLC). For UVM students interested in exploring other cultures, studying abroad, or pursuing lives and careers in an increasingly interconnected world, the Global Village may be just the place for you! Drawing on the resources of the Living/Learning Center and its dynamic network of student- and faculty-led programs, the community of learners that make up the Global Village will be engaged in coursework, lectures, concerts, exhibits, faculty and peer mentoring, social connections with international students, group meals, and trips that:

- Explore the many connections among language, art and culture at regional, national, and international scales.
- Share disciplinary expertise within an environment that values a holistic approach to “living and learning.”
- Encourage formal and informal contacts among students, faculty, and staff within the Global Village, the Living/Learning Center, the other Residential Learning Communities, and the university as a whole.
- Aim to be a complement to existing international and cross-cultural programs at UVM.
- “Think globally and act locally” by outreach to the international community at UVM and within the greater Burlington area.

More information about the Global Village RLC can be found at: <http://www.uvm.edu/globalvillage>

GRS 095/096: The Global Village Seminar

GRS 095/096: The Global Village Seminar is a largely self-paced, one-credit course designed to help you get the most out of your experience as a citizen of the Global Village Residential Learning Community. All new Global Village residents **must** enroll in GRS 095 for one credit during the fall semester or GRS 096 for the spring semester. (Returning Global Village students who have not yet satisfactorily completed the class must enroll in GRS 095 during the fall semester.) This course will be graded on a “Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory” basis. The course will be partly comprised of a series of “Common Hour” community gatherings held on Thursday afternoons. The primary purpose of the Common Hour meetings is to build a stronger sense of community among the members of the many Global Village houses and programs. As well, the Common Hour gatherings will help Global Village citizens build a common knowledge and skill set, including such topics as intercultural communication, globalization, etc. A variety of program offerings will take place during Common Hour meetings, such as special guest lectures, interactive dialogue and social gatherings. During weeks when the Common Hours are not held, you are expected to participate in one educational event or activity with a global cultural theme. We’ll provide you with a list of suggested events and activities, or you can identify other events/activities with a global cultural theme; you choose which ones you wish to attend.

We’ll provide you with a Global Village Passport; use it to keep track of your activities and explorations. In addition to documenting participation in Common Hours and the educational events/activities, you will need to do reflective writing in the form of five short journal entries on the cultural/educational events that you participated in, along with a lengthier essay looking back on your most meaningful experience of the semester within the Global Village.

Returning Global Village students are also invited (but not required) to enroll in GRS 095 during the fall semester. Enrollment in GRS 096 for one credit during the spring semester is optional and encouraged for all students.

If you anticipate a problem with fulfilling this course expectation (such as if you will already be enrolled in 18 credits), please contact Prof. Joseph Acquisto, Faculty Director of the Global Village, at Joseph.Acquisto@uvm.edu

For more details about this course, visit: <http://www.uvm.edu/~gvrlc/passport/GRS095096.pdf>