



The UNIVERSITY of VERMONT

Global Village

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

GRS 095/096: The Global Village

GRS 095/096: The Global Village 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.

In addition to taking part in any courses that are required or recommended for your individual House, all new Global Village residents **must** enroll in GRS 095/096 for one credit during the fall or spring semester. (Returning Global Village students who have not yet satisfactorily completed the class must enroll in GRS 095 during the fall semester.) Enrollment in GRS 096 for one credit during the spring semester is highly encouraged (but not required) for all students. If you anticipate a problem with fulfilling this course requirement (such as if you will already be enrolled in 18 credits), please contact Prof. Joseph Acquisto to request a deferral before the add/drop deadline: Joseph.Acquisto@uvm.edu.

The Global Village 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. At least half of these activities should take place outside of your House. Each House will have the opportunity to craft a “community learning plan” that will involve a combination of House and non-House activities that will fulfill the requirements of this one-credit course.

As one of UVM’s Residential Learning Communities, the Global Village is dedicated to promoting the development of the following five student learning outcomes: interdisciplinary inquiry; intercultural knowledge and collaborative skills; integrative, critical thinking; civic/social responsibility; communication/technology/leadership skills. To this end, you will be asked to choose one event or activity for each of these five areas

that best reflect your own personal goals and interests. The other selections are completely up to you!

We'll provide you with a list of suggested events and activities, or you can identify other events/activities with a cultural theme (check the Global Village events calendar on-line, <http://www.uvm.edu/~gvrlc/calendar>). You choose the ones in which you wish to participate. Examples might include:

- Organizing a panel discussion.
- Viewing and discussing a foreign film as part of the Global Village Film Festival.
- Coordinating a culturally-oriented meal or social event for the Global Village.
- Participating in a community service event.
- Hearing a Lane Series concert (free tickets frequently provided).
- Attending a Living/Learning Center Speaker Series event.
- Viewing an exhibit at the Fleming Museum or right in our L/L Gallery.
- Attending a play by a non-US playwright in Royall Tyler Theater (free tickets frequently provided).
- Inviting a faculty member to lunch or dinner at the Marché (funding provided).
- Participating in a Study Abroad or an International Careers workshop.
- Participating in a program meeting of another program in the Global Village.
- Participating in a field trip to Montréal or Ottawa.
- Serving on the Global Village Advisory Council.
- Writing an article for the Global Village newsletter or for *The Vermont Cynic*.
- And these ideas are just for starters!

We'll provide you with a **Global Village Passport**. Use it to keep track of your activities and explorations. Simply take this along with you to each event or bring documentation that you attended a cultural event to the L/L Director's Office, and we'll stamp your Passport. (To help you keep your intellectual journey on track, there will be a mid-semester "Passport Check" during the week of October 19-23, by which point you should have documented attendance at seven or more events.)

In addition to documenting participation in at least fifteen events/activities, you will need to do some reflective writing in the form of a journal entry on an event or activity from each of the five areas within your Global Village Passport. This journal will be turned in on the final day of classes, along with a 1000-word essay analyzing your most meaningful experience of the semester within the Global Village. Finally, you should plan to attend the Global Village community meetings, which are held periodically throughout the year.

Bon Voyage!

Important Dates – Fall Semester:

September 14, 2009:	Add/Drop Deadline
October 19-23, 2009:	Mid-Semester Passport Check
December 9, 2009:	Passport and essays due

Important Dates – Spring Semester:

February 1, 2010: Add/Drop Deadline
TBD/March, 2010: Mid-Semester Passport Check
May 4, 2010: Passport and essays due.

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