

## Associate in Integrated Studies- Global Studies (AIS-DTA)

### 90 Credits Minimum

The Associate in Integrated Studies - Global Studies degree prepares students for the myriad of academic, interpersonal, and professional opportunities and challenges posed by transformations within the world. More specifically, students who successfully complete this degree take a strong proactive step toward competency in a different language, are able to engage and negotiate multiple perspectives and analyze intercultural issues, and develop increased global awareness and a better appreciation of the common human destiny and dignity shared by all in the world.

The Associate in Integrated Studies- Global Studies (AIS-DTA) transfers to four-year colleges and universities with junior standing, having fulfilled all or most general education requirements. A minimum of 45 credit hours will be from courses designated as meeting the Global Studies designation requirements. This degree is based on the Associate in Integrated Studies degree framework, and therefore, it is equivalent to a Direct Transfer Degree. It is considered a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) because the AIS degree is designed to satisfy most (if not all) of the general education requirements of most public colleges and universities in Washington State.

Upon successful completion of this degree a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate interdisciplinary understanding of an increasingly interconnected world in which economies, environments, cultures, and societies are being transformed through transnational forces. The AIS-GS curriculum encourages learning of cultural, historical, socioeconomic, and political experiences in a global context.
- Better compete in professional areas which increasingly emphasize global and language training and competency. These include education, international law, business, media, sustainable development, and government.
- Access, process, construct, and express knowledge across cultures; develop an increased awareness of a global context for ideas and facts; take responsibility for encountering and mastering new knowledge
- Learn actively and gain comprehensive understanding; think critically, creatively, and reflectively in order to solve problems; communicate with clarity and originality for personal growth and productive work; and interact in diverse and complex environments and complicated, dynamic, and ambiguous situations

### Completion Requirements

The AIS-GS degree is a direct transfer degree that requires at least 90 credit hours in college level courses (numbered 100 or above), a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average, a minimum of 25 credits in residence at Cascadia, and completion of all of the requirements for this degree. Students must complete and submit an application for graduation to Enrollment Services for review and approval before the degree is granted.

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## GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES 25 CREDITS

### Foundations for College Success

Must be completed within first 30 credits.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
COLL 100, or COLL 101	Study Strategies, or College Strategies	55			5.0

### Communication

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
ENGL& 101	English Composition I	55			5.0
ENGL& 102	Composition II	55			5.0

**Quantitative or Symbolic Reasoning:**

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
MATH, or PHIL&120	100 level or above, or Symbolic Logic	55			5.0

**Cultural Knowledge Requirement:**

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
CMST, GS, HIST, HUMAN, or SOC	150 series CKR designated course	55			5.0

**GLOBAL STUDIES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT 45 CREDITS**

Students must complete a minimum of 45 college-level courses (numbered 100 or above) from the Global Studies (GS) distribution area with at least ten credits in each of the program requirement areas below. These courses can be within the General Education Core Courses, any of the Distribution Requirements, or the Program Electives.

**HUMANITIES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT**

Courses must be from at least two different disciplines. No more than five credits may be included from courses designated HP as performance/skills, applied theory, or lecture/studio courses. Only five credits of world language at the 100 level may be included.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
	H designated course	55			5.0
	H designated course	55			5.0
	H designated course	55			5.0

**SOCIAL SCIENCES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT**

Students must complete courses from at least two different disciplines. Five credits from the CKR distribution may be applied as one of the Humanities OR Social Science distribution requirements.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
	SS designated course	55			5.0
	SS designated course	55			5.0
	SS designated course	55			5.0

**NATURAL SCIENCES DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENT**

Students must complete courses from at least two different disciplines, and include at least five credits of a lab course (LAB). At least 10 credits required in physical, earth, and/or biological sciences.

Course ID	Course Name	Lec	Lab	Other	Credits
	NS designated course	55			5.0
	NS designated course	55			5.0
	NS designated (LAB) course	55			5.0

**PROGRAM ELECTIVE REQUIREMENTS 20+ CREDITS**

Students must complete sufficient elective credits in college-level courses (numbered 100 or above) to bring the total credits for this degree to 90, which must include 45 credits from GS designated courses. No more than 12 credits may be included from Restricted Elective list.

In addition:

1. Students must complete or show competency at (a) the 221 level in a single world language, OR (b) the 123 level in one world language **and** any five-credit course in an additional world language. \*

AND

2. Students must complete:

- A credit-bearing course with a globally focused community-based learning component, OR
- A credit-bearing study abroad experience. (International students on a student visa who satisfactorily complete a credit-bearing course at Cascadia College would have completed the Study Abroad requirement.) OR
- A globally focused internship.

\*Cascadia College recognizes prior learning in world languages. To demonstrate that the world language requirement for the AIS-GS has been met through prior learning, students must demonstrate equivalent language competency by

- (1) A 200-level placement on a language proficiency exam or
- (2) A high school transcript showing successful completion of the equivalent language level with a grade of 2.0 or higher or
- (3) Proof of completion of one-year of high school or one credit-bearing college-level course in a language other than English.