**Global Studies Application**

**Name………………………………………………………………………….**

**Mission Statement**

Sayre’s Global Studies Initiative encourages students to pursue their interest in world cultures and international relations by engaging in diverse academic, social and cultural opportunities. We challenge students to acquire a global perspective, while developing their intellectual curiosity, critical thinking skills, proficiency in world languages, and ability to grapple meaningfully with international issues – cultural, historical, political and ecological. Ultimately, we hope to inspire students to be responsive to the challenges and benefits of living in an interconnected world.

1. Why are you interested in the Global Studies program? What appeals to you about it and what do you personally hope to learn?
2. Rank the four international issues listed below that the Global Studies concentration focuses on (with 1 being your top choice and 4 being your least favorite.)
For your top two choices, write a sentence as to what interests you about that topic.

Cultural\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Historical\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Political\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Ecological\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. You will need to be self-motivated to fulfill the requirements of this program.
What strengths or experiences do you bring to the program? Looking at the requirements (flip side) what would you hope to get out of this program?

**Global Studies Concentration Requirements**

**1**.World Language Requirement: 4 years or a designated proficiency level as recommended by the Language Department. The addition of a second language is encouraged, including Mandarin or Arabic, which we currently do not offer but students could potentially take outside of school. (Taking an additional language might also fulfill "connecting with a culture” on approval of the program director) Preference would be four years of the same language or adding a second language.

**2.**Three semesters of Global Studies/ interdisciplinary electives **to be** taken over three years. **Current Offerings include:**

Global Studies Seminar

In Focus Course: Turkey at the Crossroads of Civilization

International Relations: Trouble Spots and Hot Topics

Leadership 101

Social Psychology and Personality

World Religions 1 (Eastern Faiths)

World Religions 2 (The Abrahamic Faiths)

**3**.Participation in one “connecting with culture” experience. This will be a minimum of 40 contact hours of organized travel, international service, or local service for global causes. Students **who travel** will do some kind of presentation on their return or keep a journal or blog while away.

Options include but are not limited to:

* Rustic Pathways
* Mission trip
* Seville summer experience
* Summer travel organized by Sayre’s language department or through a global studies course offering

**4**.Continued participation in global cultural events: **a minimum of three documented events (concerts, exhibits, lectures, etc.) per year in the program**

**5.**Culminating event as determined by the Global Studies Director and the student. This could be an ongoing project that would lead to a culminating activity or presentation. It could also be a digital portfolio that students can update as they go along.

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