

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
ACADEMIC EDUCATION DIVISION
ACADEMIC TRANSFER**

I. Catalog Description

Course Number: GLST2980

Course Title: Global Studies

Prerequisite: None

Catalog Description: The Study Abroad course will consist of interdisciplinary lecture topics designed to address areas of cultural, historical, and major political, concepts and controversies that have developed in the target country (ies). The course is under the guidance of the global studies coordinator. Students will read literature, and original documents from the target country and will visit actual sites of historical and cultural significance. Students will be exposed to national, comparative, and international culture and politics.

Credit Hours: 4.5

Contact Hours: 45

II. Course Objectives and Competencies

- A) Students will acquire an understanding of and appreciation for other cultures.
- B) Students will gain a well-rounded knowledge of significant political concepts crucial to understanding institutions, ideas, and political relationships between people and their nations, their foundational ideologies, as well as basic interactions among nations.
- C) Students will be able to comprehend the causes, events, results and significance of the topics explored and be aware of the varied cultures and practices in the target country (ies).
- D) Students will understand the difference between primary and secondary sources along with how scholars utilize each and apply this information in a research paper
- E) Students will be able to compile bibliographies for course-appropriate subjects
- F) Students will improve communication skills, verbally and written
- G) Students will develop critical thinking skills
- H) Students will improve their research skills, including the ability to do quality research in a library and distinguish between appropriate and inappropriate sources

III. Instructional Materials

A) Required textbooks
TBD

B) Other resources

Handouts supplied by instructor or web address links to appropriate websites

C) Outside Reading / Research required:

A research paper based on an appropriate topic for the course.

III. Course Content

1. Historical Development of the Host Country
2. Contemporary Society
3. Cultural aspects such as: Art, Education, Family, Health Care, Language, Politics, Religion,
4. Psychology of Cultural Adjustment
5. Historical Significance of Sites and Locations
6. Journaling, Travel Diary

IV. Course Requirements

- A) Travel to host country and participation in quarter course
- B) Quizzes/Exams
- C) Major research paper
- D) Small group activities/debates
- E) Class presentation(s)
- F) Travel Diary. Journal assignments

V. Methods of Presentation / Instruction

A variety of instructional methods will be incorporated into the course. The methods used will be based on class size, class motivation, and instructor preference. The methods may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A) Lecture
- B) Class /Group discussion
- C) Documentaries / film clips
- D) Student presentations / project(s)
- E) On-site tours

VI. Method of Evaluation

- A) Attendance / class participation
- B) Quizzes
- C) Small group activities/debates
- D) Written Assignment

- E) Class Presentation(s)
- F) Research Paper
- G) Travel Diary, journal

VII. Grading Scale

- 95 – 100 → A+
- 90 – 94 → A
- 85 – 89 → B+
- 80 – 84 → B
- 75 – 79 → C+
- 70 – 74 → C
- 65 – 69 → D+
- 60 – 64 → D
- below 60 → U