



Horace G. Fralin Program for  
**Global Studies**  
 AT NORTH CROSS SCHOOL



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The Horace G. Fralin Global Studies Program at North Cross School is designed to make students more aware, interested, and engaged in a globalized and interconnected world. Through interdisciplinary coursework and experiential education, students will become more knowledgeable and engaged in 21st century issues with greater international outlook, insight, and perspective. Students who successfully complete the established requirements will earn the designation of Global Studies Scholar on their transcript and receive a special diploma upon graduation.



The Global Studies Program combines specialized electives and seminars with international travel and various additional cultural activities to provide a unique 21st-century curriculum and perspective.

**Seminars** are intended to enhance and support the Global Studies Program and curriculum and are designed to be student-centered. Seminar themes have included vital global issues such as water,

women's rights in the 21st century, and war. Faculty and students seek ways to connect each year's theme with off-campus events and international travel.

**International experiences** are a key component to a student's full understanding of and appreciation for the 21st century. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of trips that include service learning, language immersion, adventure-travel, or cultural and historical study. These international expeditions will provide new insights, understanding, and respect that are only achieved through travel.

Through the integration and careful reflection of their coursework and experiences, a Global Studies Scholar will have a distinct appreciation and understanding of our world.

**GOALS OF THE PROGRAM**

A participant in the Global Studies Program will:

1. appreciate the complexity and fusion of interdisciplinary course work;
2. value the commonalities that are universal to all cultures;
3. understand that globalization creates opportunities and challenges;
4. realize the wide range of existing human circumstances and conditions around the world;
5. develop a mindset of stewardship and sustainability for the world and its resources; and
6. envision that their roles in the world as global citizens can make a difference.

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

**Interdisciplinary Academics**

Students will need to fulfill all current graduation course requirements plus additional requirements and expectations of the Global Studies Program.

**Travel Opportunities**

Past destinations have included Spain, France, Italy, China, Argentina, Peru, Costa Rica, and New Zealand.

**Model United Nations**

At the Harvard and National High School Model United Nations conferences, students develop the complex diplomatic skills necessary to represent a country.

**Cultural Exchange with Visiting Students**

Recently the school began an exchange program with Escuela Italiana in Mendoza, Argentina through which North Cross families can host visiting students.