

International Education at Harper College

The mission of the Office of International Education at Harper College is to develop international awareness through collaborative programs that enhance knowledge of global dynamics, cultural diversity, and world issues for students, faculty, staff and the surrounding community. The Office of International Education at Harper College serves as a resource to the College and surrounding communities to celebrate the many contributions of the world's cultures and traditions, and will foster the continuing global education of its citizenry. Furthermore, we are committed to educating students for leadership in an increasingly complex global society. To that end, the Office of International Education at Harper College strives to offer global education opportunities that provide students with the following:

- a curriculum that ensures that all of our students will be able to succeed in a world marked by interdependence, diversity and rapid change,
- the knowledge and understanding of culture, language, geography and global perspectives,
- the skills to understand the world through the eyes of others and how their actions can affect and be affected by people throughout the world.

Studying abroad is an exciting way to gain course credit. An educational experience abroad can help you develop skills that will give you an advantage transferring from Harper College. International experience, cross-cultural communication skills, global awareness and foreign language skills are becoming increasingly important in all areas of work and study, and your study abroad experience will prepare you for future challenges! If you are interested in a study abroad program, we have a variety of short-term and long-term programs available. In addition, we provide information about available programs, resources about funding opportunities, support through the application process, pre-departure orientation, advice and assistance while overseas, and post-return support.

Although all study abroad programs have been suspended for the 2021-2022 academic year, we are excited to offer a variety of virtual opportunities for you to have an intercultural experience. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, contact the Director of International Education directly.

The Office of International Education at Harper College also sponsors the graduation Global Scholars Distinction which is a graduation honor designed to promote, acknowledge, and reward individual students' real, life-changing growth during their studies at Harper College. A student who earns the Global Scholars Distinction will complete 12 hours in interdisciplinary academic studies at Harper College as well as a portfolio and capstone project. Students are supported through the portfolio and capstone activities by the Director of International Education and qualified faculty mentors. The Distinction offers students an opportunity to work closely with Harper faculty and exposes students to different cultures, creating a unique advantage for students' future employment, scholarship possibilities and higher education experiences.

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