



## Welcome to Global Citizenship at Santa Monica College!

### The Global Citizenship Idea

#### Annual Themes

- 2009-10: Water
- 2010-11: Food
- 2011-12: Health, Wellness, and the Pursuit of Happiness
- 2012-13: Poverty and Wealth, Want and Waste
- 2013-15: Peace and Security
- 2015-16: Gender Equity: Is Equity Enough?

#### Programs for Students

- Global Citizenship A.A. Degree Requirement
- Global Film Initiative
- Global Studies A.A. Degree
- Global Studies Courses
- International Education Week
- National Geographic Research Symposium
- Study Abroad

#### Programs for Faculty/Staff

- Field Studies Abroad
- Global Grants
- Professional Development
- Global Issues Stanford Symposium
- Global Conflict & Peacebuilding Seminar
- Study Abroad Proposals

#### Documents

- Reports
- Meetings
- Reference



*To be a global citizen, one is knowledgeable of peoples, customs and cultures in regions of the world beyond one's own; understands the interdependence that holds both promise and peril for the future of the global community; and is committed to combining one's learning with a dedication to foster a livable, sustainable world.*

- Santa Monica College definition of Global Citizenship, adopted 2008

# GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Santa Monica College

## OPPORTUNITIES START AT SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

SMC's Global Citizenship initiative prepares students for the 21st Century in a world of unprecedented global interconnection. With more than 30,000 students at its campus in Southern California, Santa Monica College is one of the more diverse community colleges in the United States. SMC also hosts one of the nation's largest groups of international students, with 3,400 students attending from 110 nations around the world.

### Global Citizenship Academic Theme

- The Global Citizenship Academic Theme is "Gender Equity: Is Equity Enough?"
- The goal of the annual theme is to provide students and faculty with a tangible set of issues to illustrate the more abstract ideas of globalism and citizenship.

### Global Studies

- Global Studies is a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary study program designed to increase students' understanding of the processes of globalization and their impacts on societies, cultures, and environments around the world.
- SMC offers an Associate degree and a Certificate of Achievement in Global Studies.
- SMC also has a variety of courses in many disciplines with the Global Citizenship designation which satisfies the requirement for the Associates degree.

### International Education Week (IEW)

- Celebrate our diverse campus of over 3,400 international students
- Explore and experience many facets of our different cultures
- Includes lectures, films, food, music, dance, and a popular Global Festival
- A joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education

For more information  
[www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship](http://www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship)

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:  
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Jonathan Eady, Student Trustee; Jeffrey Shimizu, Interim Superintendent/President

### Study Abroad

- Earn transferrable college credit while exploring the world
- Students are guided by SMC faculty
- Global Citizenship scholarships available
- Visit [www.smc.edu/studyabroad](http://www.smc.edu/studyabroad) for more information

### Annual Research Symposium

- Annual event hosted in the Spring semester
- Give students an opportunity to feature work that illustrates the concepts of Global Citizenship
- Students who submit projects are eligible to receive cash prizes and campus-wide recognition

### Global Connections Lecture Series

- An informative series of free lectures on the effects, benefits, and drawbacks of globalization.

### Global Lens Series

- A selection of award-winning films and videos from around the globe are available at the SMC library.

### Programs for SMC Faculty/Staff

- Mini Grants: Annual mini grants for faculty to invite guest speakers and special events that bring international perspectives to the campus.
- Professional Development Abroad: SMC sends a cohort of faculty, staff, and administrators to a partner institution abroad to learn more about the host culture and country. When they return, they draw upon their experiences and new knowledge to contribute to and support global citizenship at SMC.

### Global Council Meetings

- Open to the SMC community
- Visit [www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship](http://www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship) for meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes

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## About the Initiative

Launched in 2007, the Global Citizenship initiative at Santa Monica College develops and promotes activities that prepare students for the 21st Century. Such preparation includes awareness of the social, cultural, and environmental transformations taking place in our world of unprecedented global interconnection; attitudes of tolerance and respect for diversity and of anticipation and adaption toward global change; skillful command of the technologies that revolutionize the way we obtain information and interact with each other; and a commitment to act as responsible global citizens through political engagement, entrepreneurship, and community service.

Two major events highlight the Global Citizenship calendar each year. In November, [International Education Week](#) presents a series of lectures, films, and a midday fair that celebrate our global connections; the dates for this year's IEW are November 16-20, 2015. At the end of May, the [Student Research Symposium and Tournament](#) features work students have completed for any of their classes, in any subject, that illustrates ideas of global citizenship.

## Annual Themes

The annual Global Citizenship theme for 2015-16 is [Gender Equity: Is Equity Enough?](#) As with preceding years' themes, the goal is to help students and faculty connect their work, across disciplinary boundaries and inside and outside the classroom, by offering a tangible set of issues that illustrate the more abstract ideas of globalism and citizenship.

You can find, and help contribute to, [evolving bibliographies for each of our themes at our Goodreads site](#), where you can contribute your own suggestions. If you have an SMC e-mail address, you can also join [our Global Citizenship Goodreads group](#), and participate in online discussion about the themes, global citizenship, and related readings.

## Upcoming Events/Programs for Students

Event/Program	When	Details
<a href="#">International Education Week</a>	November 2015	Coming soon! Application and First Deposit Due: January 14, 2016
<a href="#">Study Abroad</a>	Spring 2016	Visit the Study Abroad website at <a href="http://www.smc.edu/studyabroad">www.smc.edu/studyabroad</a> for more information
<a href="#">Research Symposium</a>	Spring 2016	Coming soon!

## Contact Us

If you are interested in learning more about Global Citizenship at Santa Monica College, or have suggestions for the initiative, please contact the Global Council Chair Gordon Dossett via email at [Dossett\\_Gordon@smc.edu](mailto:Dossett_Gordon@smc.edu). In addition to this website, you can keep track of SMC Global Citizenship on [Goodreads](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Tumblr](#).



The Global Council is a standing joint committee of the college's [Academic Senate](#). Per its official scope and functions, in addition to generally promoting and guiding the development of global citizenship at SMC, the council:

- Actively seeks guidance and assistance from SMC students and staff in developing and promoting programs and activities that foster global citizenship;
- Solicits and reviews applications for Global Citizenship mini-grants and Global Citizenship professional development trips;
- Recommends Global Citizenship Study Abroad programs and faculty to Academic Affairs and International Education, and advises on the future development of Study Abroad at SMC;
- Selects the annual Global Citizenship theme through campus-wide vote or other procedures deemed appropriate by the committee;
- Organizes the annual Global Citizenship student symposium and tournament;
- Develops and maintains an online presence for SMC Global Citizenship (e.g., website, blogs, social media);
- Develops and administers Global Citizenship recognition awards, such as a proposed Global Leadership designation for students;
- Helps develop and support experiences and activities that promote and investigate ideas and values of global citizenship;
- Helps develop and support programs for SMC's international students, especially those that integrate their experiences with the domestic student population; and
- Promotes the infusion of global citizenship throughout the curriculum.

During the 2015-16 academic year, the Global Council consists of the following faculty and administrators:

Gordon Dossett, Chair  
 Kelley Brayton, Vice Chair  
 Jose Cue  
 Lizbeth Koenig  
 Lauren Movius  
 Alexandra Tower  
 Toni Trives  
 Nancy Grass  
 Catherine Weir

The Global Council meets on the first and third Thursday of every month, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.

[View agendas and minutes from past and upcoming Global Council meetings.](#)