

CGCS
CENTRE FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP STUDIES

Global Citizenship

Program Guide

Introduction

Welcome to our 3-credit module on Global Citizenship. We are very glad that you have decided to enrol in this course.

Once you have completed this module, you will be able to gain academic credit that can assist you in a variety of ways.

We endeavour to do all we can to make this learning experience as enjoyable, engaging and productive for you as possible. We want you to succeed, not just in this course, but going forward on your academic and professional path.

Information is the greatest tool and so we encourage you to read through this guide carefully. It contains everything you need to know to successfully complete this 3-credit module.

We wish you all the best on your learning journey.

Your programme coordinator

Your go-to person during this online course is your programme coordinator. The programme coordinator's role is to assist and support you every step of the way.

Feel free to contact your programme coordinator if you require assistance on any academic or technical issues related to this online course.

Your programme coordinator is available to answer your questions

- Mondays to Thursdays from 8:00 to 19:00
- Fridays from 8:00 to 17:00

You can reach your programme coordinator via email - learning@globalcitizenshipstudies.com

Program Coordinator for this course



Jared Borkum

Jared is an experienced educator, traveller and regards himself as a global citizen. Jared grew up and was educated in South Africa and has worked as an English teacher in Malaysia and the USA, a dive-master in Malaysia and Thailand and has volunteered on several projects in South Africa. Jared was a lecturer in Film and Media Studies for 17 years at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in Cape Town. He is also experienced in writing and designing online education courses for universities around the world. He is one of the co-founders of The Centre for Global Citizenship Studies.

Approaching your Course Work

When you need to complete each module

Before you begin any online work, it is very important that you spend some time going over the orientation module. The orientation module will help you become familiar with the course outcomes and how to navigate the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

How long it will take you to complete the module

I am sure the question you are asking is: how long will it take me to complete the module?

The module has course notes, videos, recommended readings, tasks and 2 assignments. It should take you around 20 hours to complete the module.

Fully completing the module means going through all the notes and finishing the tasks, watching the videos, doing the suggested readings and then finally completing the 2 assignments.

Remember, it does not have to be a full 20 continuous hours. The cool thing about CGCS's VLE is that you can work on something for 30 minutes, take a break for a few hours or a few days and then when you open the VLE again it will take you directly to where you left off.

Program goals and objectives

Program goals

The global citizenship course will help you develop the important life and career skills of critical thinking and analysis.

Program outcomes

The purpose and aim of this course are to enable learners to develop the underpinning knowledge and skills required to:

- Gain a critical understanding of the complex and interconnected issues facing our world, including poverty, inequality, climate change, and human rights.
- Become familiar with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and understand their role in promoting sustainable and equitable development around the world.

- Develop intercultural competence and communication skills, enabling them to engage effectively and respectfully with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

Program structure:

Orientation Module

Duration

This module should take you 2 hours to complete. Please only move onto the main content module when you feel you are comfortable with the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE).

Module objectives

This module offers you the opportunity to

- Explore the CGCS VLE, programme structure and activity types.
- Explore the assessment methods and expectations by means of a mock assignment.

Global Citizenship Module

Module goal

The goal of the module is to introduce you to the philosophy of global citizenship, and how it relates to your own goals and aspirations for the future.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, you will be able to

- Be able to define and explain the concept of global citizenship and its significance in contemporary society.
- Gain a critical understanding of the complex and interconnected issues facing our world, including poverty, inequality, climate change, and human rights.
- Become familiar with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and understand their role in promoting sustainable and equitable development around the world.

- Develop intercultural competence and communication skills, enabling them to engage effectively and respectfully with people from different cultures and backgrounds.
- Understand how to act as a global citizen, both in their local communities and on a global scale, to contribute to positive social and environmental change.
- Reflect on your own values, beliefs, and attitudes, and how these shape their understanding of and engagement with global issues.

Module topics

1. What is global citizenship and its significance in contemporary society?
2. The complex and interconnected issues facing our world.
3. The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their role in promoting sustainable and equitable development.
4. Developing intercultural competence and communication skills.

Assessment structure

Tasks: The module has several tasks that you need to complete. These tasks are not for marks but are compulsory to do. They are submitted, along with your assessments, to the accrediting university. If you are struggling to complete the tasks, for whatever reason, please contact your program coordinator and we will assist you. Remember, we are always here to help you and will work with you so you can complete the course.

Submitted Assignments: There are two main assignments in the course. These assignments are both fun and practical and it is essential that you complete all of them.

Once again, the programme coordinators are here to help you work through these assignments, so please contact them if, and when, you need assistance.

Academic policies

Assignment queries and remarks

Should you have a query regarding a marked assignment, and wish to request a re-mark, please email your program coordinator directly. Include the following

- The assignment in question
- Your exact comments and concerns

Please note

The result of the re-mark will be recorded as your final mark, regardless of whether it is higher or lower than your original mark.

Plagiarism policy

Please refer to the CGCS Plagiarism Prevention Guide available in the orientation module as well as the AI Guide.

If you need to reference any of your work in your assignments, you can choose which referencing style you want to use. The most widely recognised referencing styles are the Harvard, APA and MLA referencing styles. When necessary, please select one of these and use it throughout your assignments.

Tools and technology

Tips for studying online

If you have never engaged with online learning before, do not worry - this section includes some pointers on how best to manage your time over the programme.

Keep your game plan simple

- Understand what is required
- Remain on track
- Plan ahead
- Ask for help
- Ask questions
- Connect with others

Using the CGCS VLE

The CGCS VLE contains all your programme content. You access it using the username and login details provided by your programme coordinator. The VLE is built so you can access the content on your laptop, tablet or smart phone.

Software you will need for this programme

For the best possible programme experience, we recommend you use the following browsers

- Google Chrome or

- Mozilla Firefox

Documents can be opened with either Microsoft Suite or Adobe Reader. In order to watch videos, you will need a video player.

We have built the course to use as little data as possible, but you will still need a Wi-Fi connection or data to access the VLE. If an internet connection is a problem, we recommend that you download the assignments and work on them offline and then upload them when you have a connection.

Getting assistance

Contact your programme coordinator should you need any assistance- learning@globalcitizenshipstudies.com

Conclusion

While we hope that this course will challenge you, we know that your effort will be rewarded. You are not alone – we are here to support you during the entire course and look forward to welcoming you on the program.

Good luck, from your team at CGCS.

CGCS
CENTRE FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP STUDIES