

Global Perspective Requirement and U.S. Perspective Requirement

This document is intended to clarify the **Global Perspectives Requirement** and the **U.S. Perspective Requirement**, and who will be required to complete it.

Q1. What is the Global Perspective Requirement and the U.S. Perspective Requirement?

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents has instituted new “U.S. Perspective” and “Global Perspective” overlay areas to the core curriculum. These are not additional courses that are required. Rather, they impact the classes that students should choose to fulfill existing humanities and social science requirements.

The **U.S. Perspective requirement** is already being fulfilled by every Tech student with HIST 2111, HIST 2112, INTA 1200, POL 1101, or PUBP 3000. No additional class is required.

The new Global Perspective overlay area means that every student must take at least one class from the following list: <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/students/ugrad/core/gp.php>.

Q2. Who has to complete the Global Perspective Requirement?

The **Global Perspectives requirement** will be required and enforced for ANY students on the 2012-13 catalog year, and every subsequent catalog year. Thus, for students starting in Summer 2012, or even continuing students *who change their major, upgrade to a new curriculum, etc.*, the requirement will be enforced.

For ANY students on the 2011-12 catalog year, the requirement will NOT be enforced upon graduation. Thus, if a student on the 2011-12 catalog year has met all degree requirements, with the lone exception being the Global Perspectives requirement, he/she would still graduate. This would still be the case for Fall 2015 Commencement, for example, ***so as long as the student is on the 2011-12 catalog year.*** Again, if they make any changes to their curriculum that result in their catalog year changing to a later year, then the requirement would be enforced.

DegreeWorks and the current catalog do show the Global Perspectives requirement as part of the 2011-12 catalog year. This is because it is officially part of the 2011-12 USG Core Curriculum, but GT has a one year "transition" period to familiarize itself with the new requirement. The intent was to encourage students and advisors to use this current year to get in the practice of working toward the requirement, and "double-dipping" with a Humanities or Social Science, for example.

Q3. How does one complete the Global Perspective Requirement?

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Note that many of these classes also fulfill either a humanities or a social science requirement, so a student can complete two requirements (e.g., social science and global perspectives) with just one course. **In other words, "double dipping" is allowed in the case of the perspective overlays.**

Humanities classes that fulfill the Global Perspective are highlighted in yellow on the following page in

the catalog: <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/students/ugrad/core/corec.php>

Social science classes that fulfill the Global Perspective are highlighted in yellow on the following page in the catalog: <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/students/ugrad/core/coree.php>

Q4. I am graduating under the 2011-12 catalog but DegreeWorks (<http://degreeworks.gatech.edu/>) shows that I am lacking the Global Perspective requirement. Why?

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