



Program Overview

Pope High School’s Globalization Academy provides unique educational experiences at each grade level that differentiates student learning from the traditional high school curriculum. Grade level projects create opportunities for students to interact with global leaders and experts in international business. Global Connections Night, seminars on international issues with Consuls and Embassy personnel, university professors, and internationally focused business people allow students to delve into unique topics of their interest thus honing highly desired skills for higher education. Many students participating in this challenging academic program enjoy the Pope Culture by also participating in Fine Arts, athletics, leadership opportunities, and other extra-curricular activities.

Capstone Project

AP Capstone Program:

- AP Seminar (11th)
- AP Research (12th)

College Board states, “Rather than teaching subject-specific content, these courses develop students’ skills in research, analysis, evidence-based arguments, collaboration, writing, and presenting.”

AP Capstone Diploma:

- 3 or higher in 4 AP classes +
- 3 or higher Seminar and Research

**Globalization Academy
Scholar Data**

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| AP Tests taken | 292 |
| AP 3 or higher | 93% |

**Extracurricular Activities
Honor Societies &
Leadership**

- Student Government Association
- Pope Ambassadors
- National Honor Society
- Social Studies National Honor Society
- English National Honor Society
- Spanish Honor Society
- French Honor Society
- German Honor Society

Academy Enrollment

| Year | Grade Levels | Students |
|---------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 2019-20 | 9 th -12 th | 80 |
| 2018-19 | 9 th - 12 th | 83 |
| 2017-18 | 9 th – 12 th | 83 |
| 2016-17 | 9 th - 11 th | 65 |
| 2015-16 | 9 th & 10 th | 45 |
| 2014-15 | 9 th | 23 |



**International Skills
Diploma Seal**

ISDS is awarded to students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies. It is a signal to employers and higher education institutions that a student is prepared to participate in the global economy.

**Globalization Academy
Participation**

- Fine Arts**
- Pope Drama
- Pope Chorus
- Pope Band
- Teams and Clubs**
- Model UN
- Mock Trial
- Debate Team
- Interact Club
- Foreign Language of Pope
- Pope Varsity Soccer
- Pope Varsity Lacrosse
- Pope Varsity Tennis
- Pope Varsity Football

**Globalization Academy
College Acceptances**

- Georgia Tech
- UGA Honors Program
- Georgetown University
- University of Virginia
- College of William and Mary
- Northeastern University
- George Washington University
- University of Florida
- Clemson University
- Florida State University
- Tulane University
- Auburn University
- And more

Frequently Asked Questions

About Pope Globalization Academy

1. Are academy cohorts together all day and segregated from the rest of the school?

Academy cohorts are together for required academy courses (Language Arts, Social Studies, and Capstone courses). Cohorts benefit from smaller class sizes, like-minded interest in academic rigor, and development of lasting friendships.

2. How does the academic rigor of Pope's Academy compare to other magnet schools?

Pope offers 28 AP courses; this is equal to or more than the number of AP courses at other CCSD schools. Students in the Globalization Academy take 2 honors and 8 AP level courses as a required part of the program. Students may elect to take additional honors and AP classes in areas unrelated to their academy.

3. How do academy classes differ from non-academy classes of the same subject?

Academy teachers design cross-curricular lessons with a yearly thematic approach that links all 4 years together. The theme culminates in public presentations of long-term projects which focus on collaborative learning, technology, critical thinking, and public speaking. Guest speakers, field trips, and other activities support academic enrichment goals.

4. What are the benefits of being in the academy?

Students hone their skills in international and cultural ideologies along with like-minded classmates. Teachers observe increased student growth of "coming into one's own" more so than traditional classes due to the unique family-like experience of cohorts, specifically in class participation and public speaking. Thematic projects, guest speaker series, team building and social events, field trips, and travel give students a unique experience and meaningful discussion points for college interviews and admissions essays.

5. Why choose Pope's Academy over another CCSD magnet program?

Both students and teachers repeatedly say that building comradery within a rigorous academic program while still being a part of the spirited "Pope Culture" gives students the best of two worlds. Students can engage in intellectual debates in academy classes and attend pep rallies, plays, and athletic games with friends they have made in both academy and non-academy classes.

6. Can I be in Pope's fine arts program and the academy?

Yes. Many academy students participate in Pope's Fine Arts program; however, scheduling conflicts can occur where students may need to make a choice between classes. The administration and the fine arts teachers, pre-plan to reduce the greatest number of scheduling conflicts. Some students choose to attend summer school to open a spot on their schedule in order to reduce chances for schedule conflicts.

7. Can I play sports and be in the academy?

Yes. With good time management, many students successfully juggle the rigor of the academy and athletics.

8. Do I have to take a foreign language every year?

Globalization Academy students are expected to take an AP level language. Students often take a foreign language in middle school and/or summer school to achieve this level.

9. Is Academy related travel required?

The overnight national and international trips are not required; however, the opportunity to travel to unique destinations on a teacher-led trip has deep educational and cultural implications.

10. Do I have to do community service?

Globalization Academy students are expected to complete 20 hours of culturally related community service each year. These volunteer hours can be used towards the International Skills Diploma Seal.

11. Do I have to earn the International Skills Diploma Seal (ISDS)?

No, however Globalization Academy students have accomplished a majority of the ISDS requirements, so they are highly encouraged to complete the final presentation to earn their diploma seal.

12. Where can I find more information about the Globalization Academy?

Visit the Pope Academics page: http://www.cobbk12.org/pope/Academics/academies_index_2016.aspx