



APPLYING FOR THE GLOBALIZATION ACADEMY (program overview and requirements)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW:

The Globalization Academy curriculum combines (i) the highest rigor level classes in English and Social Studies offered at Pope, (ii) advanced placement (AP) research and seminar classes, and (iii) an ISDS diploma seal. Students participate in projects that connect local and global issues, and which are interwoven with curriculum standards. Students develop leadership, public speaking, and critical thinking skills. Through volunteer opportunities, experiential learning, and travel, students expand their worldview and prepare to take leading roles in various employment fields. Combined, the Globalization Academy provides a unique and enhanced civic and globally-focused learning experience.

The following are required of all Globalization students:

- Maintain a 3.2 unweighted GPA overall/ 3.5 weighted GPA in Academy courses
- Attend at least 1 Academy social event per school year (back-to-school picnic, dinner meet-up, international breakfast, escape room)
- Attend at least 1 Academy sponsored educational event per school year (off-campus or in-house field trip, capstone project for another cohort)
- Be an active member of an approved Globalization associated club
- Volunteer for at least 1 Academy event per school year (rising 9th grade meet & greet, parent night, open house, middle school visit)
- Volunteer for at least 5 hours of ISDS-approved global service activity per school year (Tutoring, Books for Africa, Hospital for Foundation Arts)
- Participate in and attend Globalization signature grade-level event each school year (e.g., Global Connections Night, Human Rights Summit, ISDS Presentation, and Capstone Presentation)
- Complete requirements of International Skills Diploma Seal (ISDS)
- Attend Awards Reception each school year.

At Pope, we have two categories of service hours:

1. (Optional for Globez Students but highly recommended)

Pope High School Community Service Hours: Most students choose to track their high school service hours through the MobileServe App, provided by Pope PTSA to its members. Students submitting hours earned through Pope clubs and organizations may qualify for a service cord at graduation if they earn a minimum of 120 cumulative hours over their four years at Pope High School. Of the 120 hours, students may submit up to 60 of those 120 hours from clubs/organizations outside of Pope High School.) To qualify for the graduation cord, students must track their service hours on MobileServe.



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2. (Required for Globez students)

International Skills Diploma Seal (ISDS): The International Skills Diploma Seal is awarded by the Georgia Department of Education to graduating high school students who complete an international education curriculum and engage in extracurricular activities and experiences that foster the achievement of global competencies. ISDS requires 20 total hours of community service over four years of high school involving a global/cross-cultural public service project. Click [here](#) for more information from the Georgia Department of Education.

Students may track their ISDS service hours on the MobileServe app (preferred method as there is a category for ISDS hours when submitting them to keep separate from the #1 above). Additionally, students may choose to track their Globalization community service hours on paper forms, available in person in the sponsor's classroom, currently Mr. Holman. In either event, at the beginning of the school year there will be a required meeting for Globez students to discuss ISDS requirements, and they should get a packet of information setting forth the current requirements. Please see Mr. Nick Holman if you have further questions.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Future Globalization Academy scholars must apply online.
- The applications are reviewed by the Pope Globalization Admissions Committee.
- Consideration is also given to:
 - standardized test scores
 - teacher recommendations
- Applicants will also participate in an in-person interview with a Globalization Faculty member as part of the application process.
- Two teacher recommendations are required. Recommendation instructions are included in the application link.

Attention School Choice Applicants: If you are NOT in the Pope Attendance Zone, you must go through the School Choice Application process *before* applying to the Globalization Academy.