



FAQ

1. Are Globalization Academy cohorts together all day and separated from the rest of the school?

Globalization Academy cohorts are together for the required academy courses only (Language Arts, Social Studies, and AP Capstone courses). Cohorts benefit from like-minded interest in academic rigor, and the development of lasting friendships. Globalization students join the full Pope population for all other classes.

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

Pope offers 28 AP courses, equal to or more than the number of AP courses at other Cobb County schools. Students in the Globalization Academy take two honors and nine AP courses as a program requirement. Students may elect to take additional honors and AP classes in areas unrelated to the Globalization Academy.

	ISDS Pathway
Freshman	AP Human
Sophomore	AP World
Junior	AP US History AP Language AP Seminar
Senior	AP Government/AP Economics AP Literature AP Research
TOTAL	9 required AP courses

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 four years together. The theme for both pathways culminates in public presentations of long-term projects focused 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 Globalization Academy?

Students who choose the ISDS pathway have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of international and cultural perspectives alongside peers who share a passion for global studies.

Teachers observe increased student growth, argumentation development, and educational maturity beyond the traditional classroom due to the unique family-like experience of cohorts, specifically in-class participation and public speaking. Thematic projects, guest speakers, 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 Globalization Academy over another Cobb County School District magnet program?

Cobb County School District offers an array of worthwhile experiences for high school students, and the choice of which high school to attend is personal to each student. Cobb County's magnet programs draw students from throughout Cobb County, whereas the Globalization Academy is available only for students districted to Pope High School or attending Pope through "school

choice.” As such, the Globalization Academy is smaller than the magnet programs. Our students and teachers appreciate the opportunity to foster camaraderie within a challenging academic environment while remaining immersed in Pope High School’s culture. This dual experience allows students to participate in a selective, rigorous academic program while also enjoying Pope’s pep rallies, performances, and athletic events alongside friends from both academy and non-academy courses.

6. Can I be in Pope’s fine arts program and the Globalization Academy?

Yes. Many Globez Academy students participate in Pope’s Fine Arts programs (band, chorus, orchestra), however, junior and senior year, students will either have to have taken a Math or Science class in summer school to open an available period in their schedule.

7. Can I play sports and be in the Globalization Academy?

Yes. Many students successfully juggle the rigor of the Academy and athletics with good time management.

8. What is the foreign language requirement for the Globalization Academy?

4 years of a World Language are required for Globez students (8th grade HS credit for World Language counts toward the 4 years). Note: Students may take 4 years of the same world language or take two years of two different languages. Globalization Academy students are encouraged to take an AP level language (Spanish is the only language offered through the AP level). Students often take a foreign language in middle school and/or summer school. This may allow an open period during the Senior year.

9. Is travel required?

No. The overnight and international trips are not required; however, the opportunity to travel to unique destinations on a teacher-led trip has deep educational and cultural benefits. Please click [here](#) to see previous and upcoming travel opportunities being offered to Globez students.

10. Am I required to do community service?

Yes. Globalization Academy students are required to complete 20 hours of community service during their 4 years (5 hours minimum each school year must be completed). [PGAFA](#) arranges for many opportunities throughout the school year for you to sign up to satisfy this requirement.

Students must volunteer at pre-approved opportunities involving a global/cross-cultural emphasis. These volunteer hours are required to obtain the International Skills Diploma Seal.

11. Do I have to earn the ISDS diploma seal?

Yes. Globalization Academy students are required to complete all requirements for earning the International Skills Diploma Seal. Students in the Globalization Academy will automatically fulfill the coursework of this pathway through their participation in the program. Moreover, the field trips, travel, and volunteer opportunities arranged for Globalization Academy students will satisfy most of the experiential and volunteer requirements for this pathway. Therefore, the only additional requirement to obtain the diploma seal is a final presentation given their junior year.

Have a question not answered above? Please email: [Dr. Lindsay Barnette](#)