



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY



THE GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

Program Overview

The Honors Program and Gatton College's Global Scholars Program are proud to introduce a formal partnership. This partnership helps to streamline the application process, recruitment initiatives, and curricular interests for students within Gatton College by allowing them to select a customized Global Scholars Program option, within the larger Honors context. In this way, students will still be fulfilling their Honors requirements, and with additional curricular requirements under the Global Scholars Program, will earn a Global Scholars designation on their diploma.

The Honors Program and the Global Scholars Program strive to accommodate the needs of the students and help them reach their fullest potential in a convenient and seamless way. The primary goal of this partnership is to continue to serve the best and brightest students across campus. Every Global Scholar (GS) will study abroad for at least one semester and complete a minor in international business. In this sense, the GSP is an academic program designed to enhance any Gatton major. That being said, we also consider the GSP to be a holistic educational program, one that will challenge the student both in and outside the classroom. To this end, the GSP provides several co-curricular requirements, such as professionalism events and community service projects.

Mission, Values, and Goals

The Program's mission is to develop perceptive business professionals well-equipped to confront challenges of a global environment through specialized curriculum and co-curricular activities designed to enhance any Gatton major. Through successful completion of the Program, students should accomplish the following goals:

- Develop an appreciation of a global business perspective
- Develop the ability to communicate and work effectively in diverse teams
- Gain knowledge and exposure to international business practices and environments
- Galvanize leadership and professional skills through scholastic vigor and community engagement
- In pursuit of these goals, the GSP values
 - Academic excellence
 - Self-discovery and creativity
 - Professionalism
 - Teamwork
 - Diversity of opinion, ethnicity, culture, & experience

Program Benefits

GSs enjoy an array of benefits, such as priority registration, personalized advising, and smaller, cohorted classes with some of the best professors and students on campus. The cohort structure is a particular strength of the GSP. It provides a small, tight-knit network of excellence so that students can enjoy accelerated conversation in the classroom and enhanced professionalism, networking, and leadership opportunities outside the classroom. This will make you more competitive on the job market, as the successful graduate



school and job placement track record of our alumni network can attest. The hard work of GSs is also recognized by the larger UK community in the form of an official certificate upon successful graduation from the GSP. In short, the GSP affords an array of benefits and opportunities, but it is the individual student's responsibility to take advantage these offerings. We encourage you to get involved. Go above and beyond and get to know the students beyond your immediate cohort.

Academic Curriculum

The cohorted curriculum (outlined below) is yet another benefit afforded to all GSs. These classes are designed to enrich your business major by increasing your leadership skills and global acumen. Please make sure you plan your schedules accordingly and please note that the GS cohort classes are required. In some cases, you may need to plan your other coursework and extracurricular activities around these required classes.

*The accounting and economics classes listed above are not counted in the 18 credit hours because these courses are required of all Gatton College students. Please note that additional hours are required for the International Business Minor.

- MGT 309 Intro to International Business (3hrs)
- ECO 471/370 International Economics (3hrs)
- FIN 423 International Finance (3hrs)
- MKT 435 International Marketing (3hrs)

Total additional International Business Minor hours: 12

Academic Expectations

As members of the GSP, you are held to higher standards. Students earning a 3.0 UK cumulative grade point average (GPA) are in good academic standing within the GSP. Students who earn less than a 3.0 term GPA will automatically be placed on probation. If a student maintains less than a 3.0 for two consecutive semesters, he or she will be dismissed from the Global Scholars Program.

Global Scholars must also meet the general academic standards of Gatton College, e.g. a 2.8 pre-major GPA is required for upper-division College coursework. All standards of the University of Kentucky, such as academic honesty and integrity, must also be upheld. Should a student fail to meet any of these standards, this may warrant immediate expulsion from the GSP.

Education Abroad (EA)

GSs spend at least one semester studying abroad via a UK-approved EA program. Most Global Scholars choose to do this during their junior year. Please keep in mind that there are a variety of program types and costs and that Global Scholars study in locations all around the world. Thus, you are encouraged to research your options well in advance. Make sure you consider all of our Gatton exchange programs, which are listed below, but please note that the application process for the exchange programs can be competitive.

- Grenoble School of Business, France
- Burgundy School of Business, France
- The University of Neuchatel, Switzerland
- WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management, Germany
- Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Austria
- Korea University Business School, South Korea
- Stockholm School of Economics, Latvia
- UFV – University Francisco Vitoria, Spain



Co-Curricular Requirements

In addition to the required curriculum, the GSP offers several co-curricular requirements. These are designed to develop GSP community, leadership, and professionalism. They will also make you more competitive on the job market.

1. Community Service

We believe leadership involves active citizenship and community engagement. Thus, as an important part of your leadership development, Global Scholars are required to engage in meaningful community service with other Global Scholars. Freshmen, year students must complete fifteen hours of community service each semester. Sophomores 10, Juniors 5 and seniors 5. To count towards the GS requirement, the community service must be personally meaningful to the given individual and provide an actual service to the community, College, or University

You will be provided with a variety of opportunities during the academic year to complete your service requirements, but it is ultimately your responsibility to fulfill this obligation. You will also be required to maintain accurate records of your service activities and complete paperwork as instructed by the Global Scholar Honor Council and the Program Director. Examples of approved activities include the following:

- Attending College recruiting functions and/or trips
- Co-teaching a section of UK 101
- Working as an UK Education Abroad Peer Ambassador (EAPA)
- Serving on the Global Scholar Honor Council
- Joining one of the Global Scholar Community Service Teams

2. Business Matters Talks/Site Visits

GSs are required to attend at least one Business Matters (guest lecture) or company site visit per semester. Options will be provided for students to choose from over the course of the academic year.

3. Additional Events

GSs may be required to attend additional events throughout the academic year such as professional conferences, career fairs, academic lectures, and opening and closing meetings. If the event is deemed mandatory, notice will be given as far in advance as possible.

4. Professional Dress & Behavior

You should exhibit professional behavior within the College and beyond by vigorously working to meet your obligations and program expectations in all situations, including participation in other campus organizations, class, internships, education abroad programs, and community service projects.

As members of the GSP you will experience unique networking opportunities that other students may not have until they are juniors or seniors. It is important that you realize the importance of representing yourself well in these types of situations. In some cases, you will be expected to attend functions as part of your leadership development that may require you to wear business casual or business professional attire. Here is a quick guide to help:

Business Casual Attire:

- Male student attire includes: khaki pants or trousers, button-down shirt, closed-toed shoes, and a belt.
- Female student attire includes: khaki pants, trousers, or skirt that is no more than two inches above the knee, and a blouse. No flip flops.



Business Professional Attire:

- Male student attire includes: suit, button down shirt, tie, closed-toed shoes, and a belt.
- Female student attire includes: suit, blouse, closed-toed shoes, and conservative make-up and jewelry.

The GS Honor Council

The GS Honor Council consists of approximately eight students selected from the various cohorts within the GSP. The purpose of the Honor Council is to serve as a liaison between the student body and the Program administration. In this sense, the Honor Council is designed to be a platform and voice for the student perspective. It is also designed to support the mission of the Program and College. Toward this end, the members of the Honor Council will review different GS events and opportunities and work to make improvements as necessary. The Honor Council will also help the Program Director ensure that all GSs are meeting the co-curricular requirements of the Program, such as the required community service, coffee talks, and site visits. If you have an idea about how we can improve the GSP, we want to hear your thoughts! Please contact a member of the GS Honor Council.

The GS Faculty Advisory Board

The GS Faculty Advisory Council consists of 4-6 faculty members who meet periodically throughout the year to provide support to the Program Director and to address issues that may arise or to review proposed changes to the GSP. Unlike the Honor Council, the Faculty Advisory Board has the ability to determine official GSP policy. The Program Director and the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Affairs are ex-officio voting members.

Program Probation

Global Scholars status is an honor and privilege that comes with a host of benefits. To enjoy these benefits fully, the student must uphold all GSP expectations and requirements, including the requirements and expectations of the College and University at large. Should a student fail to meet the requirements of the GSP (e.g. the GPA or co-curricular requirements) he or she may be placed on probationary status and his or her GS status may be revoked. In such cases, the student may become ineligible for GS benefits, such as (but not limited to) priority registration or certificate status. In some cases, probation may not be offered, particularly if the student's effort to meet the GSP requirements falls particularly short. Similarly, we do not intend for students to remain on probation for more than one academic year. In extreme cases, students who violate the standards of the GSP may be expelled from the GSP immediately. If the violation is in breach of wider College and University policies, the student may always be subject to further academic sanctions and penalties. We hope this guidebook offers you a concise overview of the GSP, its benefits and resources, as well as its policies and expectations. As members of the GS community, it is your responsibility to be aware of the contents of this guidebook and the expectations of the GSP. Please note that the policies and expectations of the GSP work in concert with the policies and expectations of Gatton College and the University of Kentucky. The information provided in the GS Guidebook are not intended to be all-inclusive and do not constitute a contract. Gatton College reserves the right at any time to add to, modify, or revoke any of the regulations and policies contained in this handbook without notice.

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