

Woodward Academy Diploma Distinctions

Distinctions at Graduation: While all of our students have accomplished distinctive college preparatory work, the school seeks to award those who have accomplished a goal in an area vital to 21st century learning and citizenship. Those who elect and complete the requirements will have the words “Distinction in Global Studies” or “Distinction in Sustainability” read after their names as they receive their diploma. Inside the diploma will be a certificate attesting to their accomplishment. There is no other academic regalia for the graduation robe. The Director of International and Global Connections will monitor the progress of the students who declare their interest in the Global Studies Distinction while the Sustainability Coordinator will monitor those seeking the Sustainability honor.

Distinction in Global Studies

Requirements: A-D

Available for the class of 2019 and forward

A. Apply for the distinction and receive approval from the Director of International and Global Connections no later than the end of 10th grade year and meet as requested with the Director. New to Woodward 11th grade students must immediately apply to the program upon enrolling

B. Complete at least four years of one world language or complete the highest level of the language offered at Woodward Academy with a B or better average in this world language while in the Upper School.*

C. Complete **four** out of the **seven** following options.

1. Volunteer a minimum of **twenty** hours a school year in an international organization in Atlanta (educational or non-profit) for a minimum of two years. All programs must be approved through the US Dean of Students, and 10 hours per year can count towards the 20 service hours required in the US.
2. Host an international student for short or long-term.
3. Participate in the International club and work as a mentor/big brother-big sister for International student (two years minimum).
4. Take and pass an international language test at a higher level (defined by world language teachers).
5. Travel abroad on a WA educational trip.
6. Study abroad for a minimum of a summer long program in a WA-approved setting which includes a course study.
7. Complete and present in front of a school panel made of students and faculty members a research project on a Global issue or topic related to the language of study of the student.

D. Complete **seven** semester courses from the following selection of **fifteen** courses while

maintaining a **B** average or higher in these selected courses.*

Option of semester courses: Each counts for one semester (some limits apply; not all courses are offered every year).

1. History of East Asia
2. History of the Middle East
3. U.S. Political Economy & its Critical Choices (Semester 1)
4. U.S. Political Economy & its Critical Choices (Semester 2)
5. Topics in Multicultural, Ethnic & Diversity Studies
6. Comparative Religions
7. Multicultural Literature
8. Literary Explorations 1
9. Literary Explorations 2

Option of year-long courses: Each course counts as two semesters ((some limits apply; not all courses are offered every year).

1. A.P. European History
2. Modern World History
3. Study of a second world language (maximum two Semesters)
4. Environmental Science
5. AP Environmental Science
6. Chorus at the performing-abroad level (maximum **two** Semesters)

***NOTE:** While the course work for items B and D can be completed by the end of the eighth semester in the Upper School, the **B** average GPA will be calculated at the end of semester seven.