



Statement of intent to participate 2025-26

Name _____

Freshman or sophomore? (Circle one)

First Period Teacher _____

Email address: _____

(Your contact information will remain confidential. It will only be used to contact you with program information).

I, _____, plan to participate in Oakland Catholic's Global Competence Initiative with the intention of earning a Certificate in Global Competence. I understand that I will be required to recommit to this program every year, following a review of my progress toward meeting the requirements of the program.

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____

GCI Participation Requirements

Receiving the Certificate in Global Competence involves the completion of three types of activities over your high school career:



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS*:

World History I: Ancient times to 1450 CE (One Year)
World History II: 1450 CE to Present Day (One Year)
World Literature (One Year)
Science (Three Years)
Language Proficiency

ENCOUNTERS (12 needed - 3 per year if joining as a freshman):

Encounters include Model UN events, lectures, films, festivals, museum trips, and volunteering. Mr. Williams and/or Ms. P share 5-6 approved events via Schoology (our online classroom) or email every two to three weeks.

Students can make their own encounters or attend ones not mentioned by GCI if Mr. Williams approves of the event. Most events that last over an hour and have international affairs or cultural focus work. A short, written reflection is required following encounter attendance.

ENGAGEMENTS (3 needed):

Engagements involve multiple days of exposure to another country or culture. Examples include Model UN overnight conferences, OC international mission trips, the annual GCI book groups, and summer classes. Mr. Williams and Ms. P share approved opportunities and the requirements for credit every few months.

With the approval of Mr. Williams, other events can also qualify. For example, international travel with family can count as an engagement if Mr. Williams is aware of the trip and reflection work is completed.

RESEARCH POSTER PROJECT:

During senior year, students must research an international topic of their choosing, create a poster and present their findings to the public at the GCI Global Showcase. The Global Showcase is held in late April or early May.

To learn more about the opportunities listed above, check our website:

<https://www.oaklandcatholic.org/academics/gci>

Or email us at:

gci@oaklandcatholic.org

* - There are no GPA requirements for GCI