

Parish Academy of Global Studies

Diploma Endorsement Program



Today's complex and interconnected world presents significant challenges. Will the next generation be informed and prepared enough to identify and implement solutions to these obstacles? AGS launched in 2011, and provides students a unique platform to explore contemporary issues and accelerate their academic progress through a rigorous course progression designed to provide a program graduate with a deeper, well-rounded understanding of the world. Students' milestones, speaking engagements, field trips, travel experiences, acts of service and notable accomplishments are documented over the course of four years. AGS students who successfully complete the program requirements receive an AGS endorsement on their diplomas, an enduring mark that recognizes the sum of their program-related accomplishments.

Program Objectives:

- Knowledge Acquisition: Foster informed global citizenship, policy-making and solutions to shared problems
- Effective Communication: Understand connections through international cooperation in academic research, diplomatic efforts and global activism

- Critical Thinking: Apply critical thinking to evaluate information from diverse sources, understanding biases and considering the perspectives of various stakeholders in global issues
- Disposition: Engage with and approach global challenges in an open, informed and responsible manner
- Tangible Achievements: Demonstrate processes through which individuals, organizations and societies gather, interpret and analyze information, insights and understandings about the world on a global scale

• Four Pillars of AGS

- Coursework
- Community Service
- Extracurricular Activities
- Capstone Project

• Program Requirements:

- Completion of five exclusive courses
- Prospectus and topic proposal presentation
- 15- to 30-page capstone paper
- Capstone paper oral defense with faculty panel
- Retrospective presentation
- Field experience and observation requirement in designated educational activities
- Digital component completed senior year.

Global Studies Coursework

- FR: AGS Global Cultures is a year-long, on-level course.
- FR: AGS I is a third-trimester, honors-level course.
- SO: AGS II is a third trimester, honors-level course.
- JR: AGS III is a first trimester, honors-level course.
- SR: AGS IV is a second-trimester, honors-level course.

Capstone Project

At the heart of the AGS experience lies the creation of the capstone paper, a meticulously researched document spanning 15 to 30 pages, dedicated to the exploration of a significant global or regional issue. The essence of this scholarly endeavor revolves around the synthesis of insights from at least 20 peer-reviewed documents, resulting in a comprehensive and in-depth analysis that is created over three years.

Capstone Presentation

After students successfully defend their capstone paper before a faculty panel, their work is published in the hardbound AGS Capstone Volumes. The accomplishment is honored further as students present their work to the community at the AGS Expo at the conclusion of their senior year.

Application Process

(Conducted during 8th grade year)

- February - Applications open and are due by the end of the month
- March - In-person interviews
- April - Decision communication

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