

Introducing

Pitt Interdisciplinary Transcript Distinctions

The University of Pittsburgh Office of the Provost has announced a new type of credential for undergraduate students: distinctions. Distinctions incorporate a curated combination of curricular, cocurricular, and experiential learning activities that support growth and development in target areas. The first distinction to be launched is the Global Distinction.

Undergraduates can pursue the Global Distinction at any point in their studies. The Global Distinction also can provide the basis for an international, area, or thematic studies certificate from the University Center for International Studies.



Why Enroll in the Global Distinction?

- Academic transcript annotation: Students who complete the Global Distinction will have the achievement reflected on their official academic transcript.
- Global competence digital transcript: Students will receive a personalized digital catalog of all of the courses, activities, and experiences they completed to achieve the Global Distinction. The unique URL can be shared with prospective employers and recruiters and/or included on résumés or social media sites.
- Rewards and incentives: Students will receive rewards and incentives when they achieve certain milestones and/or competencies. These may include prizes, invitations, and advance notice of and/or preferred consideration for travel grants or other funding opportunities.
- Graduation honorable mentions: Students who complete the Global Distinction will receive special recognition during their school and University Center for International Studies' graduation ceremonies.

Earning the Global Distinction

To earn the Global Distinction, undergraduate students must complete:

1 enrollment form

6 credits of global course work (international/area/thematic studies courses)

24 global events or activities

2 high-impact global experiences

BEGINNER (complete one):

First-year seminar

Living Learning Community

(Casa Cultural, Global Village)

Writing-intensive course

ADVANCED (complete one):

Service/community-based learning

Study abroad

Undergraduate research project

Internship (at home or abroad)

Capstone course or project

1 reflection (unless pursuing a capstone)



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Start Any Time

Students may already qualify for the Global Distinction.

The University Center for International Studies will create a list of eligible courses every term and make it available at personalized.pitt.edu/distinctions. Upon a student's enrollment, the mobile app Suitable will confirm the student's courses and global activities, events, and experiences that qualify.

Enrollment is Easy

Students enroll in the Global Distinction via myPittGlobal on Suitable:

- Go to my.pitt.edu.
- Click on the myPittGlobal icon.
- Log in using your Pitt credentials.
- Search: Distinction Enrollment.
- Complete the online form.

Questions?

Students can visit the Pitt Global Hub in the galleria on the ground floor of Wesley W. Posvar Hall to talk with a student ambassador, a University Center for International Studies advisor, or the Pitt Global Hub manager to learn more about the Global Distinction.

Learn more

Visit personalized.pitt.edu/distinctions, or e-mail: yourpitt@pitt.edu.