VI. Individual Global Fellow Portfolio

Each Global Fellow will enhance his or her Global Fellow experience at MU in his or her major by creating a personal portfolio with a Mission Statement, Global Education Philosophy, and Key Global Citizen Traits and Skills as a future professional. The Global Fellow will prepare a portfolio including a final reflection piece, to be completed in the last semester. Most of the portfolio will be developed throughout the student’s three years in the program, with the final reflection piece at the end, which will be an essay, but may also include artwork, a performance, a film, a website, or other work that would be more reflective of a Global Fellow’s discipline.

To be considered for the Distinguished Global Citizen Award, additional essay questions will also be assigned, answered, and placed in the Individual Global Fellow Portfolio.

To apply for the Global Education Fellows Program, visit http://www.methodist.edu/global-fellows.

THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

The strong international community at Methodist University also helps expose students to the larger world that awaits them outside of this country. Through friendships, activities, and conversations, MU students are discovering concepts and realities that challenge assumptions, break stereotypes, and build bridges. There are more than 100 international students currently enrolled at MU. This is an impressive percentage of total enrollments. The goal for the future is to increase the number of international students to 200.

Since 2011, the following countries have been represented: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahamas, Belarus, Belize, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Botswana, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ethiopia, England, France, the Gambia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kosovo, Mexico, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Norway, Palestine, the Philippines, Russia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Spain, South Korea, South Africa, South Sudan, Swaziland, Thailand, Tibet, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Contact Lyle Sheppard for more information.

FOREIGN FILM FESTIVAL

Transport yourself into another world by observing another culture through its history, language, geography, and scenery with trendy story lines and plots.

Contact Dr. Cristina Francescon for more information.

THE INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The International Club provides an environment for promoting the culture of international students and making the campus more aware of foreign cultures. Any member of the Methodist University community who has an interest in cultural diversity and international understanding may join.

Contact Dr. Peter Murray or Dr. Cristina Francescon for more information.
STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity with benefits that go far beyond an academic education. Students develop relevant intercultural communication and problem-solving skills. They develop confidence, flexibility, independence, and a new appreciation for diversity. An international learning experience strengthens career opportunities and increases awareness of the interconnected nature of the world.

Students can experience Study Abroad through short-term faculty-led trips for course credit, or through semester exchanges around the world. Methodist University has special exchange agreements with universities in several countries, with full transfer of financial aid benefits. MU also has access to an extensive number of other universities through third-party study abroad providers.

Contact the Study Abroad office for more information.

DAVIS PROJECTS FOR PEACE

This is the 8th year that Methodist University students have been invited to participate in 100 Projects for Peace. The invitation is extended to selected American colleges and universities within the Davis United World College Scholars Program (of which Methodist University is one). It is an opportunity for all undergraduates to design a grassroots project for peace that they will implement in the summer of 2016. Through a competition of over 90 campuses, the 100 most achievable projects will be selected for funding at $10,000 each.

MU has been participating in the Peace Projects since 2007, with three MU projects approved the first year. So far, MU students have completed projects in eleven countries and covered issues of clean water/sanitation, literacy, health, sustainable food production, and restitution of peace. Our students have built wells, started schools, provided health education and care, built greenhouses and helped war victims reestablish their homes and small farms in a war-torn area.

Contact Lyle Sheppard for more information.

GLOBAL EDUCATION

Enriching students’ worlds by engaging in the global community

Every Methodist University student can be a member of the global community through Study Abroad programs, attending international activities such as PANGEA, the Foreign Film Festival, and the International Student Dinner, to name a few; and by taking courses whose goals and objectives are to make students more aware of the global world in which we live. MU offers courses in business, foreign language studies, political science, history, the major in Global Studies, and many more - all of which offer students a unique perspective of their place in world affairs. Additionally, whether it’s for a semester, during the summer, or over spring break, there are international travel and learning options available that explore other cultures, languages, and locales, such as Italy, United Kingdom, Spain, Mexico, and Guatemala.

The basic goals of the MU Journey’s Globalization Initiative are:

- Increasing the opportunities for students to study abroad
- Increasing the international student presence and engagement of students in the community through the Global Fellows Program
- Creating the Center for Global Education, a resource center of all things “global” at MU
- Inclusion of globalization themes in FYE/FYS and the living/learning community experience
- Promotion of foreign languages
- Positioning Methodist University as an institution that provides a global education experience

Contact Dr. Cristina Francescon for more information.

GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Students who are Global Fellows at Methodist University participate and complete selected activities focused on global and cultural issues leading toward recognition as a Global Fellow and possibly a Methodist University Distinguished Global Citizen.

To be a Global Fellow, students must submit an application, usually in their Freshman or Sophomore year. Candidates are admitted to the program if approved.

Contact Dr. Cristina Francescon for more information.

THE GLOBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

I. Language Study

By the end of the program, students must demonstrate ability in a second language (or beyond the student’s country/culture of origin), equivalent to at least five semesters of college study.

II. International Coursework

A Global Fellow will commit to increasing the number and scope of international courses that he or she completes during his or her four years at Methodist University. These courses may also satisfy other requirements in each student’s major(s) or minor(s).

Each Global Fellow must take a minimum of five courses. Of these:
- At least three courses should be dedicated to different geographical areas;
- A broad range of time periods should be studied;
- Courses should be taken in at least three disciplines.

III. Study Abroad

Global Fellows will commit to a successful completion of either a full semester abroad or an approved experiential learning or academic program, or an approved short-term study abroad or experiential learning program. Global Fellows will select their experience in consultation with the Director of Global Education. Short-term programs must be linked to an academic program or independent academic study before and after the student’s trip to deepen his or her understanding of the community he or she is immersed in.

IV and V. Global Fellow Experience

Global Fellows will also be required to complete five “On Campus” and two “Off Campus” global opportunities that will enhance the student’s global awareness.

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