

## **CHABSS' Global Commitment Committee Rolls Out the Global Competency Certificate**

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Most students come to college to open their minds to different ideas, people, values, and experiences with the desire to one day make a change in the world or to just understand the world better. To this end, CHABSS Global Commitment Committee (GCC) aims to provide students a critical view of the world and an opportunity to learn and engage in relevant global issues.

In the Spring 2020 semester, the Global Commitment Committee will be trialing the new [Global Competency Certificate](#) program with a group of students from the American Language Culture Institute (ALCI) before going university-wide in Fall 2020. “Because the ALCI has students who come from abroad, it is a way for them to engage their students more deeply in the campus community. Their students already have to do something like this so these students are going to be our pilot group to see how well or efficiently we can make this work for all students,” stated Dr. Elizabeth Ridder, GCC co-chair and geography professor.

The GCC is dedicated to social progress and engaging students, the College community and beyond in becoming globally aware of social, environmental, and technological changes. The Global Competency Certificate will give students the opportunity to attain global competency through participation in various activities such as performances, discussions, community-outreach activities, guest-speaker events, and the [CHABSS Global Commitment Film Series](#).

The goal of earning the certificate is for students to broaden their global awareness so that they may apply their knowledge to real life scenarios they may face in their work and daily lives. And, it's a resume enhancer.

“We have an average of 200 students come to watch the GCC films so we're hoping that we can take events like these and turn them into something where students can feel they have an actual understanding,” explained Dr. Gabriel Valle, GCC co-chair and environmental studies professor. “We're kind of trying to get students to think bigger about their daily life, but also about what they can actually do with this new understanding in a global aspect.”

To earn the Global Competency Certificate students will complete a list of requirements and attend the Study Abroad Fair, the International Fair, a Global Commitment Committee Film Screening, a Cross-Cultural Center event, an Arts & Lectures event, a Career Center event, a Global Commitment workshop, and an event during International Education week. Students who complete the program will receive a certificate, and the GCC is working with their partners in Student Affairs to get the certificate listed in the co-curricular transcript.

After piloting the program this Spring semester, it will be open to all CSUSM students in Fall 2020.