

Global Learning: A World of Opportunities for Appalachian Students
Appalachian State University – Boone, North Carolina

Appalachian State University has chosen “Global Learning: A World of Opportunities for Appalachian Students” as its Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Students will engage in diverse experiences at home and abroad to increase their knowledge of global issues, regions, and cultures; improve their intercultural skills, and develop attitudes that cultivate global citizenship.

The goals and learning outcomes for Appalachian’s QEP are:

Goal 1: Develop globally competent knowledge

Learning Outcomes:

- Explain the historical, political, scientific, cultural and/or socioeconomic interconnections between the United States and the rest of the world
- Describe some of the contested assumptions and intellectual debates across the globe that are relevant to their major
- Analyze the dynamics of global transactions as applied to a problem important to their field

Goal 2: Cultivate intercultural competencies

Learning Outcomes:

- Apply knowledge of other cultures and countries
- Analyze a single issue from multiple perspectives

Goal 3: Foster globally competent citizenship

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate a sense of global interconnections and interdependencies
- Identify obligations to people situated both inside and outside their own national borders
- Describe a social problem requiring collective remedies that transcend national borders
- Identify some of the ethical and moral questions that underlie a given transaction between countries

To achieve these goals and learning outcomes, the QEP includes an array of coordinated actions organized into three areas: Curricular Actions, Training and Development Actions, and Assessment Actions. Appalachian’s QEP will engage a wide range of academic and non-academic units on campus to implement global learning for students. Leadership for implementing the QEP and ensuring its success will occur across colleges, schools, departments, and administrative offices at Appalachian and at different levels within those units. The global learning QEP will be integrated into the fabric of the campus to ensure lasting impact that should extend beyond the life of the QEP.

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