

Frequently Asked Questions

Global Citizenship Distinction (GCD) & Students for Global Citizenship Distinction (S4GC)

What is GCD?

Global Citizenship Distinction (GCD) is a unique recognition program in which students take globally focused courses and engage in global events on campus. Students who have successfully completed the curricular, cocurricular, and capstone requirements in their final semester at Brookdale will be awarded a medallion at the GCP Awards Ceremony and earn special recognition for their outstanding achievement.

What is S4GC?

Students for Global Citizenship (S4GC) is a club that strives to raise campus awareness about global issues and diverse people. The Club will organize fundraisers, host events, and attend select functions as a group. As a student-led organization, S4GC will be empowered to pursue the causes and engagement opportunities that they care about. (Engagement in the S4GC club is also the preferred way that GCD scholars can fulfill their cocurricular requirement.)

Can I earn Global Citizenship Distinction without participating in the S4GC Club?

Yes. There is flexibility in the cocurricular requirement. Equivalent engagement in a related club or independent volunteer work could also count for comparable credit. However, GCD and S4GC are designed to work together, so GCD scholars are strongly encouraged to participate in the S4GC Club.

Can I participate in the S4GC Club without pursuing Global Citizenship Distinction?

Yes. The S4GC Club is open to any Brookdale student who is in good academic standing.

How can I become an official member of GCD or S4GC?

To join GCD, please email the GCD faculty coordinator. To join S4GC, simply come to a meeting and share your desire to join with the club secretary. You will be added to the group communications and become an official voting member when you attend more than half of the meetings in a given semester. Those who cannot attend regularly, are still welcome to show up at S4GC meetings or events, but they cannot vote on club matters.

What are the general requirements for GCD?

GCD scholars must do three things: (1) successfully complete 12 credits in courses that address global issues or diversity, (2) actively participate in S4GC for two semesters, and (3) complete a capstone project that meets the specified requirements. Substitution credit may be given for comparable club involvement or coursework, but all substitution credit is at the discretion of the GCD coordinator.

When and where should I submit my materials for GCD?

You should plan to submit all of your materials electronically in Canvas at the beginning of your final semester at Brookdale. It's important that you keep a running record of the global courses that you've taken and your cocurricular engagement, as these lists will need to be provided if you wish to earn Global Citizenship Distinction. As a GCD scholar, it is your responsibility to understand the GCD requirements and plan accordingly.

What guidance is available to me during the GCD submission process?

The GCD faculty coordinator is available for personal conferences to guide you through the submission process. Ideally, you should request an individual conference the semester before you graduate to review all GCD requirements and discuss your capstone project. The GCD coordinator is also available for personal conferences whenever you have a question or concern about your progress. You may email the faculty coordinator at any time during your global learning journey to request a personal conference.