



# PATHWAYS TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP:

## HOW DO I BECOME A GLOBAL CITIZEN?



### What is a global citizen?

A global citizen is someone who is **aware of key global issues** and understands that even as an individual, they **play a role in the wider world community**. They are open and **empathetic** to other cultures and worldviews, while remaining curious to learn more. They also have the ability to view the world with **a critical and creative lens** and are ultimately dedicated to making a more **positive and sustainable world**. To become a global citizen, you will need to build competence in these five critical areas. Read below for an in-depth understanding of these skills and turn the page for ideas about how you can gain these competencies through different experiences at Rollins!

#### Immersion

...is about engaging with people from other cultures. Even just having a conversation with someone is valuable, but experiences where you are spending extensive time in another culture or engaged with a culturally-different community offer the most opportunities for immersion.

#### Intercultural Awareness

...is about having an understanding of other cultures and global networks. This skill imparts a more holistic and multi-dimensional understanding of how global issues such as health, poverty, climate change, immigration, etc. are interconnected and affect the global community in different ways.

#### Global Skills

...is about developing tools and hard skills that prepare citizens to take effective global action. These can include language skills, research and fieldwork capabilities, problem-solving, conflict resolution, cross-cultural communication, etc.

#### Global Empathy

...is about building compassion and empathy for diverse others and different worldviews. It emphasizes using a critical lens to understand how power and privilege play a structural role in local and global communities. It engages citizens with these dynamics so that they might actively work towards a more just world for all citizens.

#### Reflection

...is about being thoughtful of experiences after they happen. This allows citizens to maximize learning and personal development. Reflection should allow citizens to become comfortable and well-versed with sharing what they learned from their experiences to make it even more meaningful.

Flip me over to learn more!





# ROADMAP TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



## Fall:

- While **exploring majors**, consider those with a **global or social justice-oriented** focus!
  - e.g. Sociology enhances your understanding of cultural differences while encouraging a critical outlook of social structures to develop your **global empathy**
- Consider attending events put on by **cultural student organizations** to enhance your **intercultural awareness**
  - e.g. Attend a Shabbat with Hillel! Or Lunar New Year celebrations with the Rollins China club

## Spring:

- Join a **student organization** dedicated to addressing pressing issues and inclusivity
  - e.g. *Voices* uses intersectional feminism to support and empower all women and their allies
- Want to get involved and serve but don't know where to start? Visit **CLCE** and attend their service events!
- Get to know your community by attending an **Immersion** that introduces you to local needs and hands-on approaches to addressing them
- Attend **speaker series** events hosted by Rollins that offer global perspectives from expert academics and experienced professionals to gain **global empathy** skills



## Fall:

- Spend a **semester abroad!** Studying abroad is an easy way to use the skills you've learned and fully immerse yourself in other cultures while gaining multiple global citizenship skills
  - **Blog** about your experiences to **reflect** on the experience
- If you're not abroad, get to know and welcome incoming international students by becoming an **International Peer Advisor**
- Don't forget about earning your language competency, this can help build your **global skills** toolbox!

## Spring:

- **Reflect** on your experiences abroad after coming back by attending one of our post-abroad sessions on how to maximize your experience on your resume
- Consider an rFLA 300 that furthers your **intercultural awareness**
  - e.g. *Music and Politics in the Americas*, *Tilt and Spin*
- Get involved with the **Social Impact Hub** and their sustainability events
  - e.g. the Rethinking Fashion Show is an ethical and sustainable approach to fashion that also promotes diversity and inclusion of all body types



**Congrats! You're a Global Citizen!**  
Take these transferable skills into future jobs, education, and other meaningful experiences.

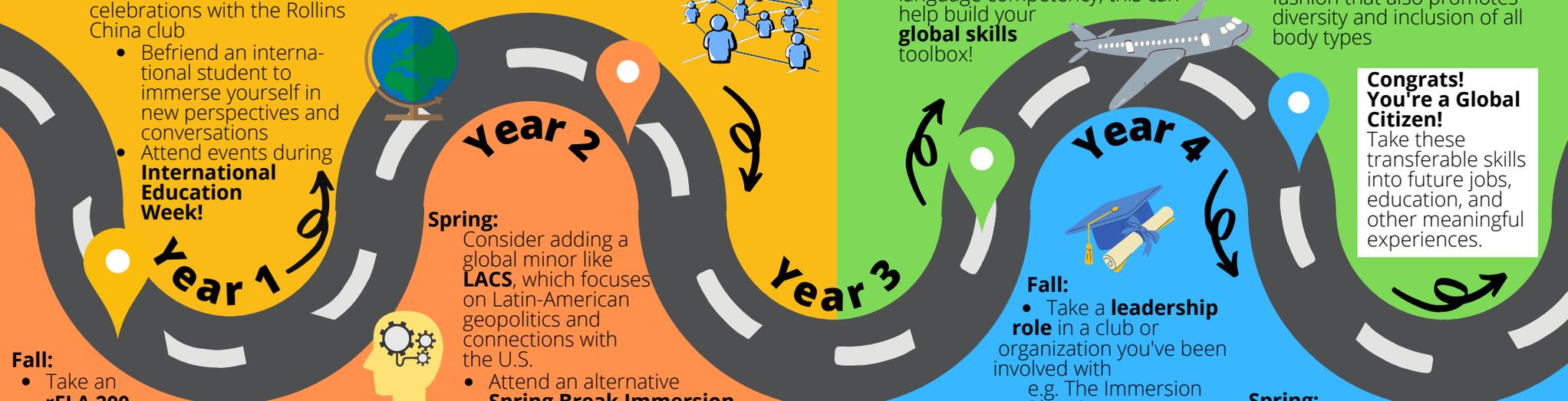
## Fall:

- Take an **rFLA 200** that enhances your **intercultural awareness** and/or **global empathy**
  - e.g. *Identities and Conflict in the 1960s*, *Spanish Identity Through the Lens*, etc.
- **Declare a major** dedicated to global citizenship's ideals!
  - e.g. Anthropology builds your global skills in research and intercultural awareness on human culture in a holistic way
- Take a **CE course** to **reflect** on how research and service can influence your understanding of a subject
- Start thinking about **study abroad!** Visit the Office of International Programs



## Spring:

- Consider adding a global minor like **LACS**, which focuses on Latin-American geopolitics and connections with the U.S.
  - Attend an alternative **Spring Break Immersion** to a new, culturally-different community
  - Consider a **short-term field study** experience or a **Summer internship** abroad. Or, start planning for a semester abroad!
  - Attend a show at the **Annie Russell** or an exhibit at **CFAM** to learn more about critical issues through the arts. CFAM and the Annie have consistent programming that tackle pressing issues and create moments of reflection



## Fall:

- Take a **leadership role** in a club or organization you've been involved with
  - e.g. The Immersion Planning team
- Take an **rFLA 300** that imparts a **global perspective** on **critical issues**
  - e.g. *America's Gift*, *Social Choice Mathematics*, *Conflict, Stories, and Identity\_CE*, etc.
- Have extra space in your schedule? Consider **taking a class** in a subject that addresses any of the **five competencies** you still have room to grow in

## Spring:

- **Reflect** on your experience at Rollins before you graduate
- Visit the **Office of Career and Life Planning** to **transfer the global skills** you learned to your resume, job interviews, grad school applications, etc.