

Troy University Quality Enhancement Plan
“Internationally Aware, Globally Prepared”
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The goal of Troy University’s QEP is to improve TROY’s ability to cultivate human talent in the realm of global competency. This goal will be achieved through curriculum design and faculty development training that offers an educational experience that will enable students to more readily adapt and become more competitive in an increasingly complex and interdependent global community. This QEP directs efforts toward developing TROY’s capacity to provide students with a “global studies” education. Through a combination of academic coursework, the study abroad process, and guided research/studies with a faculty mentor, students will gain knowledge and have experiences that create a heightened state of international awareness and promote an increased sense of global preparedness. Additionally, the QEP focuses on providing faculty and staff at all locations the opportunity to improve their own global awareness in order to better serve both domestic and international students alike.

Two Globally Focused Initiatives

Reinforcing TROY’s position as Alabama’s International Institution will occur through the implementation of two independent yet complementary global-focus initiatives:

1. *“Global Scholars” Initiative*

Focused on developing the international awareness and global preparedness of *students*, the “Global Scholars” Initiative complements the existing University Honors program with a globally focused major-specific track developed within and by each of TROY’s five colleges. The Global Scholars Initiative modifies existing tracks or establishes enhanced tracks of study associated with standing majors for academically advanced students in each college. These programs include considerable international and globally oriented content, employ interdisciplinary strategies, and incorporate elements of the existing Honors Program. It is the responsibility of each college to:

- determine eligibility and admissions criteria for this highly selective program, in which a study abroad experience is expected.
- develop a program specific course of study for students accepted into the Global Scholars Program.
- determine which majors have the flexibility to fit the needs of the Global Scholars Program.
- develop an evaluation methodology to assess Student Learning Outcomes in accordance with SACSCOC QEP standards.

2. *“Global Awareness” Initiative*

Focused on *faculty, staff, and administrator* development, the QEP committee or designates will establish a “Global Awareness” Initiative. This multi-faceted program will develop training for faculty, staff, and administrators that facilitates interaction and understanding between Troy University employees and international students. Upon successful completion of the training, the participant will be expected to be more sensitive to and have a better understanding of the unique needs and issues our international students face, which should result in an improved TROY experience for international students.