In a world that is increasingly interconnected, these programs provide first-hand, individual, international experiences for the overwhelming majority of our students who cannot study abroad.

The global understanding (GU) course is taught in a real-time shared virtual classroom with students and faculty at over 59 universities, in 30 countries in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Europe, North, and South America. Daily video-based dialogs, chat, and student projects provide personal, global experiences that open student perspectives about other cultures.

About Global Understanding

- Use technology to bring global experiences into ECU classrooms
- GU 3 SH courses in ANTH, COMM, ENGL, FORL, POLS, PSYC, and SOC
- Live chat - SabaMeeting/wiki/email/skype
- Enables learning and research in a virtual environment
- Facilitates global awareness; global engagement; and global readiness
- All learning activities are conducted in English
- Lectures & student interactions
- Live group video with 3 cultures in each course
- Live chat with individual partners
- Local discipline specific sessions each week

~Partner Countries~

- Algeria
- Brazil
- Chile
- China
- Columbia
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- India
- Japan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Lebanon
- Macedonia
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Netherlands
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Peru
- The Gambia
- Poland
- Russia
- Spain
- Taiwan
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

What are Students saying about GU?

- “Global Understanding, a course where you can experience and unveil mysteries of cultures all around the world, represents a step forward in creating a world without borders.” – Macedonia Student
- “Getting to know different people is an amazing thing... Getting into their lives, getting into their heads, seeing how they think... it’s an amazing thing.” – ECU Student

http://www.ecu.edu/globalinitiatives/