

Official Transcript
Boston College's Global Proficiency Program

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I. International Experience

University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

July 2005- August 2005

- Intensive Arabic Language Program
- Traveled extensively throughout Jordan
- Volunteered with Caritas Jordan- International Catholic Migration Commission with Iraqi Refugees

Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco

July 2004- August 2004

- Intensive Arabic Language Program
- Traveled extensively throughout Morocco
- Lived with Moroccan roommate entire program
- Participated in weekend family home stays

II. Academic Component Majors: *Int'l Studies, Political Science* Minor: *Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies*

Languages: Spanish, Italian, German, Arabic

- Spanish (Native Speaker)
- Italian – 2 years of Italian courses, lived abroad with Italian family for 6 months
- German – 1 year abroad with German family.
- Arabic – Completed through advanced level

Humanities Courses:

- Humanitarian Crises and Refugees
- Art of the Silk Road

Humanities Courses (continued)

- Ethics, Religion, and International Studies
- Modern Latin America History

Social Science, Business, Education Courses:

- International Conflict Management
- Introduction to International Studies
- Comparative Politics
- Comparative Social Movements

III. Co-curricular Activities

Activity 1: President and Organizer, German Stammtisch & Club

September 2001- May 2002

- Description: Served as the President of the German Club and organizer of the German Stammtisch; As President, organized movie nights and dinners; As the organizer of the Stammtisch, lead weekly conversation on a broad range of topics with fellow American and German students in German.
- Skills: Utilized intercultural communication skills and fluency in the German language, demonstrated leadership, planning, organizational, and programming skills.
- Time Commitment: 4 hours per week from September through May

Activity 2: Vice President, Muslim Student Association, Boston College

September 2005- May 2006

- Description: Elected as Vice President in 2005-2006; Organized daily iftars during Ramadan, helped establish halaqa on a weekly basis; Increased awareness of Muslim needs at Boston College.
- Skills: Deepened appreciation for the inclusion of all cultures, demonstrated strong supervisory and organizational skills, utilized cross-cultural communication, inter-religious dialogue.
- Time Commitment: 2 hours per week for 1 year

Activity 3: 5 Events and Lectures

January 2006- April 2006

- Description: Attended five lectures on various international and intercultural topics and participated in discussions: Democracy in Palestine, Muslims in the West, End Genocide in Sudan, Understanding Corporate Social Responsibility in a Globalizing World, A Justice of Faith for a Globalizing World.
- Time Commitment: 4 hours a week for 5 weeks

Service Project: Uganda Solidarity/Service/Immersion Trip :

Sabina Primary School, Rakai District, Uganda

September 2005- January 2006

- Description: Participated in meetings twice a week, researching background information on the history, culture, and society of Uganda, specifically in dealing with the orphan population, AIDS and malaria epidemics; In Uganda, lived within orphanage in a remote village for 2 weeks, in care of 12 orphaned girls' recreational activities and educational programs; Also traveled extensively throughout the southern regions of Uganda, visiting hospitals, AIDS clinic and hospice care centers.
- Skills: Developed team building skills as well as recreational and educational activities focusing on math and reading skills for the orphans; Before departure: research and presentation skills; For fundraising: organizational, managerial, marketing, skills.
- Time Commitment: 5-6 hours per week from September until December trip; 18 days from December – January immersed in Uganda