



## How to Obtain Credit

### **Academic credit for Global Service Corps programs is available as follows:**

- Through your own institution as an independent study program. Students arrange for credit with their institution for the GSC program in which they enroll
- Through SUNY-Albany as an independent study program. Students arrange for credit with SUNY-Albany for the GSC program in which they enroll
- Through enrollment in the Tanzania 9 Credit Summer Program or 15 Credit Semester Program

### **Through your own institution**

Many student volunteers have received college credit for completion of a GSC Program in Cambodia, Thailand, or Tanzania. Students may be eligible to earn credit for any program, completed in any country, for any amount of time. The key to gaining credit is beginning the process early and working with a professor or academic advisor to create your academic program. Professional in-country staff in each country can help you reach your goals and learning objectives. In this option, students enroll in the GSC program of their choice and work directly with their college or university to obtain credit for their chosen program.

### **Through SUNY-Albany**

GSC began a partnership with SUNY-Albany in 2001. This partnership grants students academic credit through SUNY –Albany for any GSC program. Students choosing to receive credit through SUNY should contact SUNY directly (see contact information below) and also speak with an advisor at their own university to ensure that credits will be transferable. While this is a useful option as SUNY has already pre-approved all GSC programs, students who are receiving financial aid and/or scholarships may want to work directly with their own institution.

### **For this option, students will have to apply through both GSC and SUNY.**

- To apply through GSC go to <http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/apply/>
- To apply through SUNY go to <http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/> and search for the GSC program of your choice

## **Through enrollment in the Tanzania 9 Credit Summer Program or 15 Credit Semester Program**

Students participating in these Tanzania programs will receive credit through SUNY-Albany. These credits have already been reviewed and approved, thus, students do not need to contact SUNY concerning the granting of credit. However, students should speak with an advisor at their own university to ensure that SUNY credits will be transferable.

**Note for Graduate Students:** GSC recommends working directly with SUNY-Albany to obtain general credits for these programs. Graduate students may receive partial graduate credits for participation in the programs as they are, or, they may be eligible for full graduate credits upon completion of supplemental assignments as arranged with SUNY.

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- To apply through GSC go to <http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/apply/>
- To apply through SUNY go to <http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/> and search for the Tanzania Summer or Semester Program

For more information on the Tanzania College Credit Programs please visit:

<http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/for-students/>

### **GSC's SUNY-Albany Contact Information**

Office of International Education  
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<http://www.albany.edu/studyabroad/>

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### **Valuable Reminders for Students Considering an International Program**

- ✓ Know your academic status. Be aware of what requirements are left for you to complete your major, minor and general education (GE) requirements.
- ✓ Ensure that the program will be accepted by your institution if you decide to pursue credit through your own school. If you decide to pursue credit through SUNY-Albany, verify that the credits will transfer to your university.
- ✓ Visit your academic advisors and let them know your plans to study abroad. Give them information on what the program entails and what learning experience you hope to have. They might be able to offer suggestions on the best way to deal with the administration as well as your department.
- ✓ Make an Academic Information Packet for your time abroad with all of the necessary documents from your institution and/or SUNY-Albany.
- ✓ Carry with you the contact information of your advisors and contacts, including E-mail, telephone, address, and fax number.

**\*\*Please note:** Upon completion of a program, GSC will provide students with an end-of-program certificate to verify their program participation which students may use in order to obtain credit. Aside from the 9 and 15 Credit Programs in Tanzania, GSC is not responsible for evaluating academic success or securing credits for students choosing to pursue college credit on an individual basis.

