

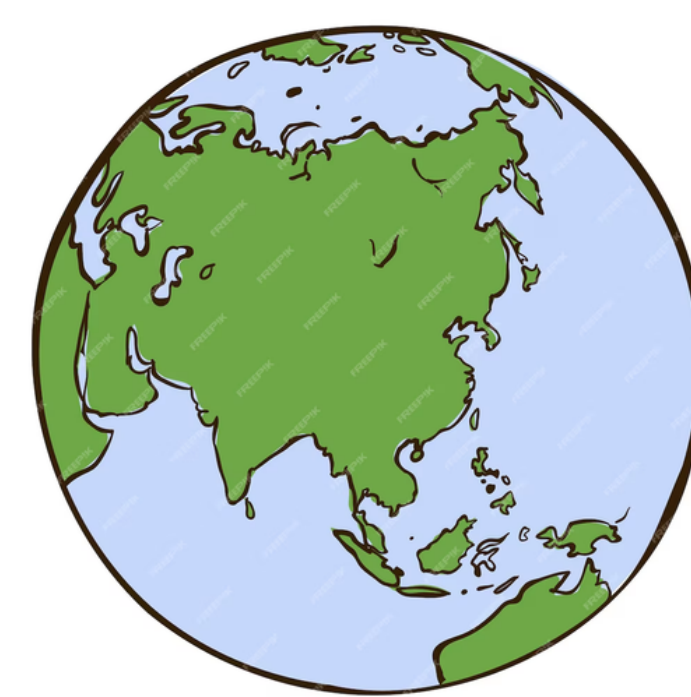
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Global Impacts Pathway

Why I Joined the Global Impacts Pathway

- I intend on dedicating my life to helping disadvantaged or exploited communities in the “Global South”
- To follow an organized schedule of activities that build my resume (and that help me navigate a complex and overwhelming world)
- I wanted to network with Wooster faculty, staff, and other motivated and interesting students with similar life intentions
- To be introduced to job opportunities in my field (e.g. Peace Corps)
- Personal reflection and discovery



My Pathway Courses & How They've Affected my Global Impacts Journey

STUDY ABROAD: Globalization and environmental degradation

I learned how nature is sacred to the Balinese culture, but tourists and foreign investors take advantage of Balinese land and people. This has motivated my IS topic which is “How Foreign Direct Investment Negatively Affects Preservation of Culture in Thailand and Cambodia”

COMM-26000: Environmental Communication

I learned how communication is used to frame topics about the environment and influence the public's beliefs and actions. This has given me the tools to critically analyze information, determine how truthful it is and how much of it is shaped by a company's best interest.

ENVS-22000: Farm to Table: Food Systems

I am learning about the complex systems of food production and consumption by analyzing U.S. agricultural history and current data. This is accompanied by lectures concerning “What should we eat?” (organic, locally grown, etc.).



My Experiential Learning Opportunities & What I Gained

Study Abroad in Bali, Indonesia (4.5 months)

I lived with a host family in a rural village with no English speakers. Here, I studied the Indonesian language and culture by traveling and interviewing local professors, business owners, farmers, religious leaders, and commoners. This experience has been life changing as it has gifted me with the following attributes: appreciation, confidence, acceptance of diverse ways of thinking and living, cross-cultural communication skills, a broader life perspective.

Leadership & Volunteering at “Bali Street Kids Project”

I volunteered as a teacher at an informal school (non-profit) in the impoverished areas in South Bali. Children migrate here because the economy is shifting its dependence from rice cultivation to accommodating tourists. Children migrate alone or with their families with the hope of making more money by selling trinkets on the streets. This disables them from attending formal school (time, lack of identification, poverty).

Internship at Urbani Truffle Farm in Umbria, Italy

Truffles are a prestigious cuisine in Italy as they are an underground mushroom characterized by a unique strong flavor. I interned at the Urbani truffle farm and learned the complex process of planting, growing, and harvesting truffles.

Final Thoughts:

How My Pathway Has Shaped My Career Path

This pathway has helped me by providing a sense of direction and guidance in accomplishing my goals for the future. Through this pathway I will get my Peace Corps certification. The requisites for this certificate have helped me gain experience in the field and deepen my knowledge in a specific sector (environment). Finally, I have made connections with many inspiring people who share similar life missions.

