Global Studies Global Scholars

## Winter Break in Morocco

**27 December 2025 – 7 January 2026**

Student Application

Please type or write your answers. Completed applications are due to the Director of Global Studies no later than 11:59 PM Eastern time on Monday, 6 October 2025. E-mail completed applications to [mschneider5@loyola.edu](mailto:mschneider5@loyola.edu).

1. Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Full Legal Name (as it appears on your government ID): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Passport number (if you do not have a passport yet, please note that here): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. Class Year:
   1. 2026
   2. 2027
   3. 2028
   4. 2029
6. Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. Current GPA (overall): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you ever taken GT 201 - Introduction to Global Studies?
   1. Yes
   2. No
9. Are you a first-generation college student (that is, are you the first person in your family to attend college?)
   1. Yes
   2. No
   3. Sort of (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
10. Have you ever traveled outside of the United States?
    1. Yes
    2. No
11. If you answered ‘Yes’ to the previous question, where have you traveled? Please list destination and year(s) of travel. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you currently possess a valid, unexpired passport?
    1. Yes
    2. No
13. When does your passport expire? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. Do you speak any French or Arabic? If so, please elaborate below.
15. This trip will have students learn about Christian-Muslim-Jewish relations in Morocco (including entering mosques, churches, and synagogues). To enter some places of worship, students will need to follow dress codes during the duration of the site visit (ex. covering hair, covering arms to elbows, covering knees, removing shoes, wearing a kippah) or go through separate gendered entrances. Are you comfortable and willing to respectfully enter different places of worship to learn about religious customs and beliefs? If you are not, how do you envision approaching scenarios where the group enters these places of worship?
16. Application essay—please respond to the following prompt (approximately 250-500 words each):

This year’s Global Studies Global Scholars study tour will explore Morocco in depth. Students will be exposed to the diverse languages spoken in Morocco (French, Arabic, Darija, Amazigh), as well as the richness of Moroccan cultures, identities, music, and dance. Students will examine the legacies and impacts of French colonization. They will learn about Muslim-Christian-Jewish relations in North Africa. They will also explore Morocco’s ecology (including a desert excursion on camels), economy (tourism, artisans, and agriculture), and politics (Morocco’s constitutional monarchy with a parliamentary national legislative system). Students will also explore Morocco's history and its relationship with other countries and regions (France, the Middle East, Africa, USA) to better understand global movements and mutual relationships. In addition, students will experience the soccer frenzy of the African Cup, which will be hosted in Morocco during our stay. Overall, students will leave with a better understanding of Francophone and Arabic influences in North Africa, as well as minority languages and cultures in Morocco. They will interact extensively with local people, observe their daily lives, and gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of diverse cultural perspectives.

**What aspects are you most interested and excited to learn about and participate in? How do these themes intersect with your current studies at Loyola, and/or your professional goals?** [[please attach your essay to this document]]

1. Is there anything else you would like to share with the selection committee about why you should be a part of this year’s Global Studies Global Scholars program?
2. Please sign or type your name to confirm that you agree to the following statements:

I understand that traveling to a different country can be stressful and push students outside of their comfort zones. I have thought about how to deal with stress and have considered what self-care practices I might use while traveling abroad. I also understand that travelling to Morocco will require students to function in a non-English speaking country with different cultural norms and expectations. I will strive to be culturally aware and sensitive to my surroundings.

If selected for the 2026 Global Studies Global Scholars experience to Morocco, I confirm that I will attend all mandatory pre-departure meetings and will comply with all pre-departure requirements. Further, I confirm that I will adhere to all the rules and guidelines during travel set by the GSGS ’26 Program Director, Dr. Heidi Shaker. Finally, I agree to write a brief reflection about my experience upon our return from travel, and I agree to share my experiences with members of the Loyola community if asked by the Global Studies Program Director or the Office of International Programs.



Thank you for your application. Selectees and alternates will be notified in October 2025.