

**MOLLOY UNIVERSITY  
GRADUATE EDUCATION**

EDU 5900.68 – Going Global: Virtual Field Trips at Your Fingertips

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Course Description:

In Going Global: Virtual Field Trips at Your Fingertips, teachers will embark on an immersive, hands-on journey to explore the world through virtual field trips. The course will focus on using digital tools and platforms to take students to global landmarks, historical sites, and cultural hotspots, fostering an understanding of diverse cultures, ecosystems, and histories—all without leaving the classroom. This experiential learning approach will guide educators in designing engaging and interactive virtual field trip experiences for their students, helping them connect with global perspectives and develop critical thinking and cultural literacy. Topics covered will include navigating virtual tour technologies, integrating global exploration into curriculum design, and promoting cross-cultural awareness. The course will equip teachers to incorporate these innovative virtual travel experiences into their teaching practices, supporting global citizenship in a K-12 classroom setting. All grade level teachers are invited as all of the lessons can be adapted for ages K-12. Activities cover NYS learning standards crosscutting all disciplines.

Course Learning Objectives:

1. Explore key virtual field trip technologies and platforms for global exploration.
2. Understand the value of using virtual field trips to enhance cultural awareness and global citizenship.
3. Integrate virtual field trips into the curriculum for a variety of subjects and grade levels (K-12).
4. Develop interactive, hands-on virtual field trip experiences that engage students in experiential learning.
5. Design and adapt lessons that promote cross-cultural understanding and critical thinking.
6. Examine the educational potential of virtual tours in fostering curiosity, inquiry, and exploration.
7. Create virtual field trip lesson plans and activities aligned with state and national standards.

Course Grading:

Discussion #1: Introduction to Virtual Field Trips and Global Exploration (5 pts)

Module #1: Exploring Virtual Tour Platforms (10 pts)

Module #2: Integrating Virtual Field Trips into the Curriculum (10 pts)

Module #3: Designing Interactive Global Experiences (10 pts)

Discussion #2: Cross-Cultural Awareness through Virtual Travel (5 pts)

Module #4: The Role of Virtual Field Trips in Promoting Global Citizenship (10 pts)

Module #5: Engaging Students with Virtual Landmarks and Historical Sites (10 pts)

Module #6: Assessing the Impact of Virtual Field Trips on Student Learning (10 pts)

Module #7: Adapting Virtual Field Trip Lessons for K-12 Classrooms (10 pts)

Module #8: Creating a Virtual Field Trip Lesson Plan or Activity (20 pts)