Introduction

- Army ROTC in Illinois is a special group for International students from Macau. In fact, there is no army in Macau. Our knowledge of the military system is limited and we have never encountered those who are both military and students at the same time. As a result, we are interested in looking into the international perspectives on ROTC, as the relationship between citizenship and service differs in various international contexts. This project will examine international and domestic students familiarity with the ROTC on the UIUC campus as a means to explore their understanding of the complex relationship between national and global citizenship.

Method

- We will conduct 6 semi-structured interviews with both international and domestic undergraduate students at UIUC. Each interview will last between 30-60 minutes.

Observation

- Most of our interviewees know there is a program called ROTC in campus.
- Half of them would like to join ROTC.
- For the interviewees, only two of them have ROTC friends in their campus social circle and their friends in ROTC have good academic performance.
- Three of them think ROTC program is a sense of honor or patriotism.
- 3 of the interviewees know the U.S. government support the financial aim for the students, and 4 of them didn’t think it is too much because they are serving the country.
- 4 of them from Asian believed that the citizenship should serve their own country and help each other.
- U.S. interviewee thinks many people in U.S. think they no need to serve the country or the world but he thinks the U.S. should do more to be aware of national and global issues than they are currently.
- Others interviews have a limited concepts about the global citizenship and national citizenship.
- Only the interviewee from south-Korea considers the global citizenship means it represents multicultural people.
- Questions about the citizenship in military. The interviewees from America and Cape Verde think everybody should obey the command if they chose ROTC program; the South-Korean interviewee and Taiwanese interviewee said that the situation supposed to be avoided because it would create too much conflicts between their own race and their own identity.

-I think joining ROTC is meaningful. ROTC students in my class are excellent. And citizenship should serve their countries

-I think ROTC students just like normal students who have a part-time job. I think people should protect their country, especially men.

-Citizenship means the people who represent their country. Service means the people who serve their country with their pride.

-I don't know much about ROTC. And I think the U.S spends too much money for the military.

-You have to obey what they need you to do, you cannot say no. That is what military is.

-I believe that US citizens should do more to be aware of national and global issues than they are currently.