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It's a quieter atmosphere here at the Globe, the building that houses Florida State University's Center for Global Engagement, where every World Cup match is being shown live. Leigh Ann Osborne, the Assistant Director of Intercultural Programs, says the World Cup is a perfect fit for the Center's mission of bringing an international experience to FSU students.

LeighAnnOsborneSoundbyte1 **oc: "...with students here."** **0:13**

Sound- *"And we figured, um, that it was an international event, and so, you know, what better type of event to show than, um, than soccer, which is really, you know, popular around the world, um, and particularly with-with students here."*

Osborne says the Center also hosted screenings of the last World Cup in 2010, but attendance has jumped this time around and is bringing out true fans of the sport.

SudiptaKarmakarSoundbyte1 **oc: "...soccer? It's football."** **0:05**

Sound- *"Yeah, I'm just joking, but-it's not soccer. Why do you call it soccer? It's football."*

Sudipta Karmakar, a graduate student at FSU, says he thinks the World Cup screenings are, in his words, a "good initiative."

SudiptaKarmakarSoundbyte3 **oc: "...I would say."** **0:10**

Sound- *"Maybe not all the students do have television at their home because they are students, you know, so, yeah, those students get an opportunity to watch the games on big screens, and that's a really good thing I would say."*

And Alex Jeffrey, an incoming freshman at FSU, says this is his first time watching the matches at the Globe. He says he enjoys the camaraderie of watching the game in a group.

AlexJeffreySoundbyte3 **oc: "...like that too."** **0:19**

Sound- *"It's not just about the sport, but it's also about, like, supporting your country and socializing. Like, for like, high school football games and college football games, a lot of people don't like football, but they go just for the atmosphere and the environment and the social event of it, so watching an American game, especially with other people, can be exactly like that too."*

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And despite the more academic environment, there was still some excitement.

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For WFSU News, I'm Margaret Tobin.