

GLOBAL STUDIES

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Programs Offered

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

Minor in Global Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies is an interdisciplinary program that prepares students for international or intercultural service through the study of other cultures, world history, political and economic systems, world geography and environment, cross-cultural communication and conflict resolution, and a modern language. Recognizing the increasing interdependence of the world and the global nature of contemporary issues, the major is designed to increase awareness and understanding of other cultures and systems as well as global issues, while developing the skills needed to work effectively in a global or multicultural context.

The major requirements include foundational courses, basic areas, an integrative seminar, a field of concentration, a capstone seminar project, intermediate (or better) proficiency in a second language, a cross-cultural living or work experience, and a service internship. Since the foundational and basic area requirements include general education courses, students may meet 18 units of GE while completing major requirements. The approved concentrations include Europe, Latin America, Asia, international economic development, and global environmental policy. In exceptional cases, with the approval of the Global Studies Steering Committee, students may also develop individual concentrations in other disciplines or regions.

Intermediate-level (or higher) proficiency in a modern language other than English is required of all global studies majors. Students may demonstrate this proficiency either by passing an intermediate-level proficiency exam or by completing a fourth-semester standard language course (202 [plus lab] or equivalent) with a grade of C or better.

All global studies majors are expected to participate in an intensive cross-cultural experience of at least three months duration, during which they speak primarily a language other than their mother tongue. Students normally will meet this expectation by studying or working abroad. When travel abroad is impossible, students may arrange an extended cross-cultural experience closer to home, e.g., living and working for a summer in an immigrant community. (Students who have spent extended time in other than mainstream-U.S.-American circumstances, speaking a language other than English, may already have met this expectation.)

Students interested in declaring a global studies major are urged to take MATH 165 to meet the GE requirement for mathematics, category B.

Careers in Global Studies

Most global studies majors intend to pursue international careers. Positions most readily available to new graduates without specialized training are with non-profits such as the federal government (Peace Corps, Foreign Service), international service agencies (CARE, UNICEF, or Direct Relief International), and English-language teaching jobs.

Many overseas careers require an advanced degree (e.g., law, business, and international affairs) and/or working your way up within an organization and positioning yourself for an international assignment.

Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

Degree Requirements	Units
General education	50
Foundational requirements	14-31
Breadth Requirements	14-15
Concentration	20
Capstone requirements	11
General electives	1-6
Total units needed for graduation	120-134

Note: Courses required for the major must be taken for a traditional letter grade, except for courses that are offered Cr/NC only. Students must earn a C- or better in any course applied to the major.

I. Foundational Requirements (14-31 units)

1. Language Skills (0-16 units)

Intermediate level proficiency in a modern language other than English, except where noted

2. Global Cultures (choose one)

ANTH 203 Cultural Anthropology (D1)	3
GEOG 203 Human Geography (D2)	3

3. Global Environment (choose one)

ENSP 200 Global Environmental Issues (D5)	3
GEOG 201 Global Environmental Systems (B1)	4

4. Economic Perspectives

ECON 204 Macroeconomics (D5)	4
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5. Global Issues (all required)

GLBL 300 Local Responses to Global Issues (D1)	3
GLBL 350A Introduction to Community Service	1
GEOG 302 World Regions in Global Context (D5)	4

II. Breadth Requirements (14-15 Units)

(One course from each of the following four areas)

1. Political Ideas and Institutions

POLS 303 Comp. Govrt and Global Systems	4
POLS 304 Introduction. to International Relations	4
POLS 315 Democracy, Capitalism, Socialism (D5)	4
POLS 452 Third World Political Systems	4

2. Historical Perspectives

HIST 202 Dev. of the Modern World (D2)	3
HIST 380 20th Century World (D2)	3

3. Globalization and its Social Impact

ANTH 352 Global Issues	4
GEOG 322 Liberation Ecologies: Globalization, Environment, and Social Movements	4
WGS 385 Gender and Globalization	4

4. Religious and Ethical Perspectives

PHIL 302 Ethics and Human Value Theory (C3)	4
POLS 307 Holocaust Lecture Series (D5)	4
SOC 431 Sociology of Religion (C3)	4
UNIV 302 War and Peace Lecture Series (C2)	3

III. Upper-Division Concentrations (20 units minimum)

Students take at least 20 upper-division units in one of the five approved concentrations: Europe; Latin America; Asia; Economic, Political and Social Development; and global environmental policy. Concentrations are described below. In exceptional cases, with the approval of the Global Studies Steering Committee, students may also develop individual concentrations in other disciplines or regions.

No courses used to satisfy breadth requirements may be used to satisfy the concentration requirements. The combination of courses chosen to meet concentration requirements must be approved by the Global Studies advisor.

IV. Capstone Requirements (11 units)

1. Experiences

Cross Cultural Experience

All majors are expected to participate in an intensive cross-cultural experience of at least three months' duration, during which they speak primarily a language other than their mother tongue. Students normally will meet this expectation by studying or working abroad.

GLBL 497 Community Service Internship	3
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2. Classes

GEOG 320 Geopolitics	4
GLBL 498 Senior Capstone Thesis	4

Europe Concentration

Students must take two survey courses from group I, and choose more courses in their regional specialty (groups II-V) to meet the 20-unit minimum.

Students choosing groups III, IV, and V must demonstrate advanced proficiency (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages scale definition) in the language of the respective culture (French, Spanish, German, or other appropriate language), either by passing an advanced-level proficiency exam or by successfully completing a third-year standard language course with a grade of "C" or higher.

Group I: Survey Courses (select two)

HIST 410 Early Modern Europe (1350-1789)	4
HIST 411 the Enlightenment to WWI (1650-1914)	4
HIST 412 Europe Since 1914	4
POLS 350 European Parliamentary Democracies	4
POLS 345 Model United Nations (when European focus)	4

Group II: British Isles

HIST 426 Britain and Ireland (1399-1714)	4
HIST 428 Modern Britain (1714-present)	4
ENGL 240 Survey: Later English Literature (post 1789)	4
ENGL 448 Periods in English Literature (Victorian to the present)	4
HIST 498 Senior Sem: The Atlantic World (1450-1800)	4

Group III: France

FREN 320 France Yesterday (prereq= FREN 300)	4
FREN 321 France Today (prereq= FREN 300)	4
FREN 411 French Literature (prereq= FREN 321)	4
FREN 415 Special Topics in French Culture	4
HIST 420 The French Revolution	4
HIST 498 Senior Sem: The Atlantic World (1450-1800)	4

Group IV: Iberia

HIST 382 The Mediterranean World (1400-1700)	4
HIST 498 Senior Sem: The Atlantic World (1450-1800)	4
HIST 422 Imperial Spain	4
SPAN 306 Cultures of Spain	4
SPAN 401 Peninsular Literature	4
SPAN 491 Seminar in Literature (with Iberian topic)	4

Group V: Central / Eastern Europe

HIST 415 Eastern Europe (1815-1918)	4
HIST 416 Eastern Europe (1918-1989)	4
HIST 417 Origins of Modern Russia	4
HIST 418 Fall of European Communism	4
HIST 419 Soviet Union	4
HIST 498 Senior Seminar (when Eastern European topic)	4
POLS 351 Politics of Russia	4
POLS 352 Politics of Eastern Europe	4
MUS 324 Sonoma County Bach Choir	2
MUS 343 Studies in Musical Genres (when European)	2
SOCI 305 Holocaust Lecture Series	3

Latin America Concentration

Students must take two survey courses from group I and choose more elective courses to meet the 20-unit minimum.

Group I: Survey Courses (select at least two)

GEOG 392 Latin American and the Caribbean	4
HIST 339 Ancient and Colonial Latin America	4
HIST 342 Modern Latin America	4
POLS 453 Political Systems of Latin America	4
SPAN 307 Cultures of Latin America	4

Group II: Elective Courses

GEOG 314D Field Experience Abroad (when Latin America)	2-3
ECON 403 Seminar in International Economic Development	4
HIST 348 Race and Ethnicity in Latin America	4
HIST 433 History of Mexico	4
HIST 449 Gender and Sexuality in Latin America	4
SPAN 402 Latin American Literature	4
SPAN 491 Seminar in Literature (when Latin American focus)	4
POLS 345 Model United Nations (when Latin American focus)	4

Asia Concentration

Students must take four history and political science courses from group I and choose two arts and humanities classes (group II) to meet the 20-unit minimum.

Group I: History and Political Science (select four)

HIST 338 Early Japan to 1650	4
HIST 438 Modern Japan	4
HIST 335 Early China to 1500	4
HIST 435 History of Modern China	4
HIST 436 Class and Gender in Modern East Asia	4
HIST 498 Senior Sem: The Pacific since 1500	4
HIST 498 Senior Sem: Asian Revolutions	4
POLS 450 The Politics of Asia	4
POLS 345 Model United Nations *	4

Group II: Arts and Humanities (choose classes from different departments)

ARTH 474 Islamic Art	3
ARTH 480 Selected Topics *	3-4
LIBS 320C The Arts and Human Experience *	3
MUS 301 The Sacred Traditions of South Asia	3
MUS 352 History, Music and Secular Traditions of South Asia	3
PSY 342 Psychology of Meditation	3-4
PSY 352 Psychology of Yoga	3-4
PHIL 390 Advanced Topics in Philosophy *	4

* when Asian Topic

Economic, Political and Social Development

Students select courses in consultation with an advisor, with no more than 8 units from a single department.

ANTH 352 Global Issues	4
ANTH 354 Quest for the Other: Tourism and Culture	4
BUS 393 Introduction to International Business	4
BUS 494 International Business Strategy	4
COMS 321 International Communications	4
ECON 303 International Economics	4
ECON 403a Seminar in Int'l Economic Development (prereq ECON 303)	4
ECON 403b Seminar in Int'l Trade (prereq ECON 303)	4
ENSP 330 Energy, Technology, and Society	4
GEOG 322 Liberation Ecologies: Globalization, Environment and Social Movements	4
GEOG 335 Global Food Systems: Scarcity and Sustainability	4
GEOG 345 Tourism Geographies	4
POLS 304 Introduction to International Relations	4
POLS 345 Model United Nations, when developing world	4
POLS 447 Nonviolent Strategies in International Relations	4
POLS 448 Political Violence, Terrorism and Law	4
POLS 452 Third World Political Systems	4
POLS 486 International Political Economy	4
WGS 385 Gender and Globalization	4

Global Environmental Policy Concentration

Students select courses in consultation with an advisor, with no more than 10 units from a single department. Please be attentive to prerequisites within the ENSP major.

ANTH 345 Anthropology and the Environment	4
COMS 323 Environmental Communications	4
ECON 381 Natural Resource and Environmental Economics	4
ENSP 302 Applied Ecology	3-4
ENSP 303 The Physical Environment	3-4
ENSP 306 Environmental Ethics	3
ENSP 307 Environmental History	4
ENSP 310 Introduction to Planning	3
ENSP 315 Environmental Impact Reporting	3
ENSP 322 Conservation Biology	4
ENSP 330 Energy, Technology, and Society	4
ENSP 401 Environmental Policy	4
ENSP 416 Environmental Planning	3
GEOG 322 Liberation Ecologies	4
GEOG 340 Conservation of Natural Resources	4
GEOG 345 Tourism Geographies	4
GEOG 372 Global Change: Past, Present, and Future	4
SOCI 482 Sociology of the Environment	4

Overseas Concentrations (20 units)

A wide variety of concentration options exist for students who study abroad under the auspices of the CSU International Program (IP). Coursework to be included in such concentrations will depend on the offerings available at the respective foreign universities. Students interested in pursuing such an individualized concentration should consult their Global Studies advisor and the SSU Study Abroad advisor as soon as they have decided which IP study abroad option they intend to pursue.

Global Studies Minor

With the exception of courses taken to fulfill the language skills requirement, only 4 units may double count with a student's GE requirements. Students who have met requirements through GE will take additional elective classes to meet the 20 unit minimum.

Core Courses (all required)

ECON 204 Macroeconomics (D5)	4
GEOG 302 World Regional Geography (D5)	4
GLBL 300 Local Responses to Global Issues (D1)	3
HIST 380 20th Century World (D2)	3

Language Requirement

Students will demonstrate an intermediate-low level proficiency in a foreign language. This may be met by taking 4-5 units of a foreign language at the 102 level or higher.

Global Cultures (choose one)

ANTH 203 Cultural Anthropology (D1)	3
GEOG 203 Human Geography (D2)	3

Globalization and its Social Impact (choose one)

ANTH 352 Global Issues	4
GEOG 322 Liberation Ecologies	4
WGS 385 Gender and Globalization	4

Electives (take additional classes to meet the 20 unit minimum)

ANTH 352 Global Issues	4
ANTH 354 Quest for the Other: Tourism and Culture	4
BUS 393 Introduction to International Business	4
COMS 321 International Communications	3
ECON 303 International Economics	4
ENSP 330 Energy, Technology, and Society	4
GEOG 322 Liberation Ecologies	4
GEOG 335 Global Food Systems	4
GEOG 345 Tourism Geographies	4
POLS 304 Introduction to International Relations	4
POLS 345 Model United Nations	4
POLS 447 Nonviolent Strategies in International Relations	4
POLS 448 Political Violence, Terrorism and Law	4
POLS 452 Third World Political Systems	4
POLS 486 International Political Economy	4
WGS 385 Gender and Globalization	4