

Global Studies

“Think Globally, Act Locally”

The Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies is a new interdisciplinary major which prepares students for international or intercultural service through the study of other cultures, world history, religious and ethical values, world geography and environment, political and economic systems, social structures, cross-cultural communications and a modern language. Recognizing the increasing interdependence of the world, 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. With this background, graduates are encouraged to undertake an active commitment as responsible, culturally sensitive members of a global community.

The program's Core Courses provide a basic framework for interdisciplinary thought and application, while the Basic Areas introduce students to a broad range of discipline-based knowledge. Since the Core and Basic Areas requirements include General Education courses, students may meet 18 units of GE while completing major requirements. The upper-division concentrations apply students' emerging global perspective to one of a variety of more specific geographical regions or discipline areas. The Cross-Cultural Internship provides students with a direct community service experience, while the acquisition of a Language Proficiency enables them to understand and communicate with other cultures. In the Capstone Seminar, students apply their knowledge and skills to a specific project combining different disciplines.

The Global Studies B.A. program at SSU seeks to prepare undergraduate students for careers which involve intercultural work at home or abroad. Students should be aware that while some entry-level positions may be available for graduates with a bachelors degree of this type (e.g., positions with non-governmental organizations, in the travel industry, in international business, etc.), many such careers require graduate degrees in specific fields or further training for permanent, full-time employment.

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Requirements for B.A. in Global Studies

I. Core Units

ECON	201A	Introduction to Macroeconomics	4
GLBL	200	Written and Oral Analysis (Global Studies section)	3
GEOG	302	World Regional Geography	3-4
GLBL	350	Integrative Seminar	1, 1
GLBL	498	Service Internship	3
GLBL	499	Capstone Seminar	3

II. Basic Areas

Complete at least one course from each of the following seven areas:

I. Culture

ANTH	203	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH	340	Living in a Pluralistic World	3
ANTH	389	Language and Communication	3
ANTH	352	Topics in Cultural Change	3
GEOG	203	Cultural Geography	3
GEOG	338	Social Geography	3

2. Global Environment

ENSP	200	Global Environment Issues	3
ENSP	304	World Food and Population Crisis	3
ENSP	334	Energy, Technology, and Society	3
GEOG	372	Global Change: Past, Present, and Future	3
GEOG	396	Conservation of Natural Resources	3

3. Historical Perspectives

HIST	202	Development of the Modern World	3
HIST	380	20 th Century World	3

4. Political Ideas and Institutions

POLS	342	International Politics and Foreign Policy	4
POLS	349	Introduction to Comparative Government	4
POLS	345	Model United Nations	4
POLS	315	Democracy, Capitalism, Socialism	3-4
POLS	390	The Politics of Asia	4
POLS	452	Third World Political Systems	4
POLS	453	Political Systems of Latin America	4

5. Context, Communication, and Negotiation

ANTH	360	Topics in Developmental Anthropology	4
BUS	391	Cross-Cultural Communication	3
COMS	320	International Communication	3
LING	432*	Language in Sociopolitical Context	3
PSY	490	Conflict Resolution Courses in Extended Education	2-3
WGS	311	Global Perspectives on Feminism	3

*Prerequisite—see major program for details.

6. Global Economy and Business

ECON	303	International Economics	4
ECON	403	Seminar in International Economic Development	4
BUS	393	Introduction to International Business	4

7. Religious and Ethical Perspectives

PHIL	302	Ethics and Human Value Theory	3
SOCI	431	Sociology of Religion	4
PSY	485	Ecopsychology	4
ENSP	306	Environmental Ethics	3
HIST	482	Judaism and Christianity in the Hellenistic and Roman World	4
UNIV	301	War and Peace Lecture Series	3

III. Upper-Division Concentration, 20 units.

(Courses used to meet **Basic Area** requirements may not be used to meet Concentration requirements.)

Concentrations:

Europe

Latin America

Asia

International Economic Development.

Students may also develop individualized concentrations, subject to approval by their faculty advisor and the Global Studies Steering Committee. Future concentrations may include Africa, the Near East, and Sustainable Development.

IV. Integrative Seminar

GLBL 350 A one-unit seminar which must be taken at least twice. (2 units)

V. Cross-Cultural Experience and Community Service Internship

GLBL 498 (3 units) or 135 hours of supervised internship in a community service organization here or abroad.

VI. Capstone Seminar: GLBL 499 (3 units)

(Requires term project utilizing 3 distinct disciplines.)

VII. Language Study:

All Global Studies majors must demonstrate intermediate-level proficiency in a modern language other than English. This requirement may be met by passing an intermediate-level proficiency exam or by completing a second-year standard language course sequence (201–202 [plus lab], or equivalent) with a grade of C or higher.

We hope this information will be helpful. Official requirements of all majors and programs are published in the Sonoma State University catalog. Sonoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution and has a strong commitment to the principal of diversity. A member of the California State University

