

# 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 are development, and Area Studies through Study Abroad.

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, 9-14 units in major)	36-41
Core Courses	24-39
Concentration	24
Capstone	14
General electives	0-22
<b>Total units needed for graduation</b>	<b>120</b>

*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. Core Courses (24-39 units)

#### Language Skill Requirement

##### 1. Language Skill Requirement

(1 course or verified proficiency:)

Intermediate level proficiency in a modern language other than English is required, which is typically met by completing a fourth-semester standard language course with a grade of C or better. With department approval, the requirement may be waived if proficiency in a language has been met through prior language study, study abroad, or test credit. If waived, consult with your advisor to ensure that the minimum 24 units required for the major core has been met.

#### Cultural Perspectives

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

#### Environmental Perspectives

GEP 201 Global Environmental Systems (B1)	4
GEP 206 Society, Environment and Sustainable Development (D2)	3

#### World Regions Overview

GEP 305 World Regions in Global Contexts (D5)	4
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#### Introduction to Community Service

GLBL 350A Introduction to Community Service	1
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#### Political Perspectives

POLS 303 Comparative Political Analysis	4
POLS 304 Theory and Analysis of International Relations	4

### **Historical Perspectives**

HIST 202 Development of the Modern World (D2) 3

HIST 380 Twentieth Century World (D2) 3

### **Religious and Ethical Perspectives**

PHIL 302 Ethics and Value Theory (C2) 4

SOCI 431 Sociology of Religion (C2) 4

POLS 307 Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide (D5) 4

ENGL 304 War and Peace Lecture Series (C2) 4

## **II. Concentration (24 Units)**

Development (renamed)

Area Study Through Study Abroad

## **III. Capstone (14 Units)**

Cross Cultural Experience

GLBL 497: Community Service 4

GEP 320: Geopolitics 7

Senior Capstone Thesis (2 semesters) 7

## **Development Concentration**

Take at least 3 courses in Group II and no more than 2 courses in Group III. Group III courses must align with a student's language expertise and/or career aspirations. Students applying for the Peace Corps may substitute one course for an upper-division course in their work sector.

### **Group I**

POLS 304: Theory & Analysis of International Relations 4

POLS 345: Model UN, when developing world 4

POLS 447: Nonviolent Strategies in International Relations 4

POLS 448: Political Violence, Terrorism and Law 4

### **Group II – Globalization, Development and Society**

ANTH 352: Global Issues 4

BUS 393: Introduction to International Business 4

COMS 321: International Communication 4

GEP 322: Globalization and Environments 4

GEP 324: Climate Change and Society 4

GEP 325: Global Food Systems 3-4

GEP 370: Globalization and the City 4

GEP 373: Energy Technology and Society 4

POLS 452: Politics of the Developing World 4

WGS 385: Gender and Globalization 4

### **Group III-Regional**

#### **Europe:**

HIST 416: Eastern Europe (1918-1989) 4

HIST 417: Russian Empire 4

HIST 418: Fall of European Communism 4

HIST 419: Soviet Union 4

POLS 351: Politics of Russia 4

POLS 352: Politics of Eastern Europe 4

#### **Latin America:**

GEP 327: Latin America and the Caribbean 4

HIST 342: Modern Latin America 4

HIST 348: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America 4

HIST 449: Gender and Sexuality in Latin America 4

POLS 453: Politics of Latin America 4

SPAN 307: Cultures of Latin America 4

#### **Asia**

HIST 435: History of Modern China 4

HIST 438: Modern Japan 4

POLS 450: Politics of Asia 4

#### **Africa**

GEP 328: Africa, south of the Sahara 4

## **Area Studies Through Study Abroad (24 units)**

Study abroad is expected. An unlimited number of SSU courses may be applied, but cannot be relied upon to graduate.

Take 1 course from either Group I or II. Take at least 2 courses from Group III, and take additional courses from Group IV to meet the overall 24 unit minimum in the concentration. Two courses (or 8 units) may be from the Arts and Humanities. The rest must be from the Social Sciences.

### **Group I-Intermediate Relations**

Courses available at SSU:

POLS 304: Theory & Analysis of International Relations 4

POLS 345: Model UN (when within region of focus) 4

POLS 447: Nonviolent Strategies in International Relations 4

POLS 448: Political Violence, Terrorism and Law 4

### **Group II-Globalization, Development and Society**

Courses available at SSU:

ANTH 352: Global Issues 4

GEP 322: Globalization and Environments 4

GEP 324: Climate Change and Society 4

GEP 325: Global Food Systems 3-4

GEP 370: Globalization and the City 4

GEP 373: Energy Technology and Society 4

WGS 385: Gender and Globalization 4

### **Group III-Regional**

Take at least 2 courses covering a broad region that aligns with your language skills, career goals and study-abroad destination. Courses available at SSU:

#### **Europe**

HIST 412: Europe Since 1914 4

POLS 350: European Parliamentary Democracies 4

HIST 418: Fall of European Communism 4

#### **Latin America**

GEP 327: Latin America and the Caribbean 4

HIST 342: Modern Latin America 4

HIST 348: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America 4

HIST 449: Gender and Sexuality in Latin America 4

POLS 453: Politics of Latin America 4

SPAN 307: Cultures of Latin America  
 SPAN 402: Latin American Literature  
 SPAN 491: Seminar in Literature (when L.A. focus)

**Asia**

POLS 450: Politics of Asia  
 HIST 346: Class and Gender in Modern East Asia  
 Africa  
 GEP 328: Africa, south of the Sahara

**Group IV- Sub Regional**

Take courses covering your study-abroad destination. Courses available at SSU:

**Spain:**

SPAN 306: Cultures of Spain  
 SPAN 401: Peninsular Literature  
 SPAN 491: Seminar in Literature (when Spain focus)

**France:**

FREN 320: France Yesterday  
 FREN 321: France Today  
 FREN 411: French Literature  
 FREN 415: Special Topics in French Culture

**Germany:**

GER 300: Advanced German Studies  
 GER 314: Lit, and Culture of German-speaking world  
 GER 315: German language and Literature

**Britain:**

HIST 428: Modern Britain, 1714 - present

**East Europe:**

HIST 416: Eastern Europe (1918-1989)  
 HIST 417: Origins of Modern Russia  
 HIST 419: Soviet Union  
 POLS 351: Politics of Russia  
 POLS 352: Politics of Eastern Europe

**Latin America:**

HIST 433: History of Mexico

**Asia:**

HIST 438: Modern Japan  
 HIST 435: History of Modern China

**Other:**

HIST 384: Colonies and Empires (when regionally relevant)

**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**

Students take courses focused on the region in which they are studying. This minor does not apply to Spanish-, French- or German speaking countries. In those cases, students should choose a Language or Latin American Studies Minor. SSU courses may apply, but cannot be relied upon to fulfill the minor's 20 unit minimum. Two courses may be from the Arts and Humanities. The rest must be from the Social Sciences.

**Group I- Language Skills**

Intermediate-low level proficiency (2 college semesters) in a modern language other than English, with the expectation that students will take language courses while studying abroad.

**Group II- Regional (at least 2 courses)**

Courses encompassing the broader region in which the host country lies. Courses available at SSU:

**Europe**

HIST 412: Europe Since 1914 4  
 HIST 416: Eastern Europe (1918-1989) 4  
 HIST 418: Fall of European Communism 4  
 POLS 350: European Parliamentary Democracies 4  
 POLS 352: Politics of Eastern Europe 4

**Asia**

POLS 450: Politics of Asia 4  
 HIST 346: Class and Gender in Modern East Asia 4

**Africa**

GEP 328: Africa, south of the Sahara 4

**Group III – Sub-Regional**

Courses focused on the study-abroad host country. Courses available at SSU:

**Europe**

HIST 417: Origins of Modern Russia 4  
 HIST 419: Soviet Union 4  
 POLS 351: Politics of Russia 4

**Asia**

HIST 438: Modern Japan 4  
 HIST 435: History of Modern China 4

## Sample Four-year Plan for Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies- Developmental Concentration

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The following is a sample study plan. The sequence and specific courses given are suggestive; please see an advisor each semester to plan your personal program.

### FRESHMAN YEAR: 30 Units

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<i>Fall Semester (14-16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (14-16 Units)</i>
GE (11)	GE (12)
Language Class (4)	Language Class (4)

### SOPHOMORE YEAR: 30 Units

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<i>Fall Semester (14-16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (14-16 Units)</i>
Cultural Perspectives (3)	Environmental Perspectives (3)
GE (4)	GE (3)
Language Class (4)	Language Class (4)
Elective (4)	Elective (4)

### JUNIOR YEAR: 30 Units

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<i>Fall Semester (14-16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (14-16 Units)</i>
Historical Perspectives (3)	Religious/Ethical Perspectives (4)
Political Perspectives (4)	Concentration Grp II (4)
GEP 305 (4)	Concentration Grp II (4)
Concentration Grp I (4)	GLBL 350A(1)
	GE (3)

### SENIOR YEAR: 30 Units

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<i>Fall Semester (14-16 Units)</i>	<i>Spring Semester (14-16 Units)</i>
GLBL 496 (3)	GLBL 498 (4)
Concentration Grp II (4)	GEP 320 (4)
Concentration Grp I (4)	Concentration Grp III (4)
Elective (3)	GLBL 497 (3)

### TOTAL SEMESTER UNITS: 120

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