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Course Plan

Programs offered: Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

Bachelor of Arts 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 core 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 core 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, International Economic Development, Asian Studies, 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.

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.)

Applicants to the program must have a GPA of 2.50 or better in at least one semester of college study, and must submit a two-page statement of interests, background, goals, and values to the program coordinator. Students interested in declaring a Global Studies major are urged to take MATH 165 to meet the GE requirement for Mathematics, category B.

Degree Requirements

General education	51
Core requirements	19
Language study	greater or equal to 5
Basic Areas	22-25
Concentration	20-23

Total units needed for graduation 120-124

Students must complete all core courses and one course from each of seven basic areas.

I. Core Requirements

ECON 201A Introduction to Macroeconomics	4
GLBL 200 Written and Oral Analysis: Introduction to Global Issues	3
GEOG 302 World Regional Geography	3-4
GLBL 350 Integrative Seminar (1,1)	2
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:

1. 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)
 GEOG 394 Geography of Africa (3)

2. Global Environment

ENSP 200 Global Environmental 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 20th Century World (3)

4. Political Ideas and Institutions

POLS 303 Introduction to Comparative Government and Global Systems (4)
 POLS 342 International Politics and Foreign Policy (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)

*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)
 POLS 486 International Political Economy (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)
 WGS 385 Gender and Globalization (3)

III. Upper-Division Concentrations

No courses used to satisfy Basic Area requirements may be used to satisfy the concentration requirements.

The combination of courses chosen to meet concentration requirements must be approved by the students Global Studies advisor.

A. Europe: 20 units

Pursuant to consultation with the Global Studies advisor, students will take 2 courses from Group I, plus courses from **one** of the Groups II-V to total 20 units. In the process, students shall develop a focus within one of the different areas of Europe: United Kingdom, France, Iberia, Eastern Europe, or Central Europe.

Group I:

GEOG 420 Regional Geography of Western Europe
 HIST 410 Europe, 1450-1650: Renaissance and Reformation
 HIST 411 The Enlightenment to WWI
 HIST 412 Europe Since 1914
 POLS 350 European Parliamentary Democracies

Group II: British Isles

HIST 427 Aristocratic Britain, 1707-1832
 HIST 426 Britain and Ireland, 1399-1714
 HIST 430 Modern Britain, 1714-present
 ENG 240 Survey: Later English Literature (post 1789)
 ENG 448 Periods in English Literature (Victorian to the present)
 HIST 383 The Atlantic World, 1450-1800

Students choosing groups II., IV., and V. must demonstrate **advanced** proficiency (ACTFL 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 (SSU: FR 300 or GER 301 *and* 302 or SPAN 300 *and* 301 with a grade of "C" or higher.

Group III: France

FREN 320 France Yesterday
 FREN 321 France Today
 FREN 411 French Literature
 FREN 415 Special Topics in French Culture
 HIST 420 The French Revolution
 HIST 383 The Atlantic World, 1450-1800

Group IV: Iberia

HIST 370 Spanish Empire
 HIST 382 The Mediterranean World, 1400-1700
 HIST 383 The Atlantic World, 1450-1800
 HIST 422 Imperial Spain

SPAN 306 Cultures of Spain
SPAN 401 Peninsular Literature

Group V: Central / Eastern Europe

HIST 371 Eastern Europe 1914-present
HIST 417 Origins of Modern Russia
HIST 419 Modern Russia and the Soviet Union
POLS 351 Politics of Russia
MUS 316 Diction -- French and German (2)
MUS 324 Sonoma County Bach Choir (1-2)
MUS 350 Survey of World Music (1-3)
MUS 344 Studies in Specific Composers (1-3)
POLS 352 Politics of Eastern Europe (4)
SSCI 305 Perspectives on the Holocaust and Genocide (3)
HIST 349/370* Topics in European History (1-4)

*Applicable to Global Studies requirements only when course focuses preponderantly on Central/Eastern European subjects, and subject to advisor's approval.

Supporting Courses:

ART 464 Modern Art from 1850-1945
ART 465 Modern Art from 1945-1979
ART 440 Early Italian Renaissance Art
ART 442 Later Italian Renaissance Art
HIST 410 Europe, 1450-1650: Renaissance and Reformation
HIST 414 Gender and Society in Early Modern Europe
HIST 383 The Atlantic World, 1450-1800
POLS 315 Democracy, Capitalism, and Socialism
POLS 354 Comparative Political Parties (4)
ARTH 454 Nineteenth Century Art (3-4)
ARTH 464 Modern Art from 1850 to 1945 (3-4)
POLS 353 European Social Democracies (4)
UNIV 301 War and Peace Lecture Series (3)

B. Latin America: 20 units

Choose at least one course from Group I, and not more than three courses in any one discipline:

Group I

GEOG 392 Latin American Culture and Environment (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

ANTH 392 Communities in Mexico (4)
GEOG 318 Baja California (3)
ECON 403 Seminar in International Economic Development (4)
HIST 431 History of Cuba (3-4)
HIST 433 History of Mexico (4)
HIST 434 The United States and Latin America (4)
SPAN 402 Latin American Literature (4)

Language: At least two years of college Spanish or Portuguese, or the equivalent.

C. International Economic Development: 20 units

Take both courses in Group I, and 12 units from at least three of the five categories in Group II:

Group I

ECON 403 Seminar in Economic Development (4)
BUS 393 Introduction to International Business (4)

Group II

BUS 394 International Business Strategy (4)
 BUS 473 International Finance (3)
 GEOG 372 Global Change: Past, Present, and Future (3)
 ENSP 334 Energy, Technology, and Society (3)
 ENSP 356 Environmental Politics and Economics (3)
 POLS 345 Model United Nations (4)
 POLS 452 Third World Political Systems (4)
 POLS 486 Selected Issues in International Politics (4)
 ANTH 352 Special Topics in Culture Change (3)
 BUS 391 Cross-cultural Communication (3)
 PSY 303 The Person in Society (3)

D. Asian Studies: 20 units

Pursuant to consultation with a Global Studies advisor, a student will take one course from Group I, one course from Group II, and courses from among the subgroups in Group III to total 20 units.

Students are strongly encouraged to take an Asian language course: Japanese, Chinese, or Hindi offered at SSU and/or SRJC or another institution to insure language proficiency in their area of study.

Group I

ANTH 365* Ethnographies of Regional Cultures (3)
 HIST 435 Modern China (4)
 HIST 438 Modern Japan (4)
 POLS 390 The Politics of Asia (4)

Group II

ARTH 470A Survey of South and Southeast Asian Art (3-4)
 ARTH 470B Survey of Chinese and Japanese Art (3-4)
 PHIL 390 Asian Philosophy (3)

Group III

- **Sociology and Ethnography**
 - AMCS 360* Ethnic Literature (South Asia) (3)
 - AMCS 467* Selected Topics in Asian American Studies (3-4)
 - AMCS 377* Asian American Experience (3)
 - ANTH 340* Living in a Pluralistic World (Asia) (3)
 - ANTH 365* Ethnographies of Regional Cultures (3)
 - HIST 498** Class and Gender in East Asia (4)
- **Fine Arts**
 - ARTH 363 Asian Cinema (3)
 - ARTH 470A Survey of South and Southeast Asian Art (3-4)
 - ARTH 470B Survey of Chinese and Japanese Art (3-4)
 - ARTH 474 Islamic Art (3-4)
 - ARTH 480 Selected Topics: Buddhist Art; Zen; Hindu Art; Japanese Prints (1-4)
 - ENGL 314* Modern World Literature in English (3)
 - ENGL 436* Studies in Postcolonial Literature (Asia) (3)
 - FL 314* Foreign Literature in English Translation (3)
 - LIBS 320C*: The Arts & Human Experience: Asian Topics (3)
 - MUS 321 Advanced Music Practicum: Indian Singing (1)
 - MUS 351 Sacred Traditions of South Asia (3)
 - MUS 352 History, Music, and Secular Traditions of South Asia (3)
 - MUS 370* Music and Dance in the World's Religions (3)
- **History and Politics**
 - HIST 336 Early China to 1500 (3)
 - HIST 337 Early Japan to 1650 (4)
 - HIST 435 Modern China (4)
 - HIST 438 Modern Japan (4)
 - HIST 475 Pacific Region (4)
 - POLS 390 The Politics of Asia (4)
- **Philosophy and Religion**
 - PHIL 390 Asian Philosophy (3)

- PSY 342 Psychology of Meditation (3-4)
- PSY 352 Psychology of Yoga (3-4)
- SOCI 431* Sociology of Religion (3)

* These courses will be approved for the concentration **ONLY** when the course focus is predominantly on Asia **AND** with the written consent of the student's Global Studies advisor.

** Approval of instructor required.

E. Global Environmental Policy: 21-23 units

Students must take all four basic courses, plus two supplemental courses which shall include no more than one ENSP course.

Basic Courses

ENSP 200 Global Environmental Issues (3)
 ENSP 301 The Human Environment (4)
 ENSP 321 The Biological Environment (4)
 ENSP 331 The Physical Environment (4)

Supplemental Courses

(select two - no more than one ENSP course);

ANTH 345 Topics in Anthropology and the Environment (3)
 BUS 385 Special Topics: Global Issues and International Business (3)
 COMS 320 Selected Topics: Environmental Communications (3)
 ENSP 304 World Food/Population Crisis (3)
 ENSP 306 Environmental Ethics (3)
 ENSP 310 Introduction to Planning (3)
 ENSP 315 Environmental Impact Reporting (3)
 ENSP 318 Environmental and Natural Resources Planning (3)
 ENSP 322 Conservation Biology (4)
 ENSP 334 Energy, Technology, and Society (4)
 ENSP 418 Planning for Sustainable Communities (3)
 ENSP 419 transportation Planning (3)
 GEOG 335 Global Food Systems (4)
 GEOG 340 Conservation of Natural Resources (4)

Overseas Upper-Division Concentrations: (20)

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.

IV. Integrative Seminar: GLBL 350 (1 unit)

Each Global Studies major must enroll in the one-unit Integrative Seminar for at least two semesters. Its purpose is twofold: to afford students and faculty a regular opportunity to exchange information about students' progress toward their degree (including news of internships, experiences with courses, faculty, students in the various disciplines subsumed under Global Studies, etc.); and to study current global issues using books and articles offering diverse perspectives. Grade option: Cr/NC Only.

V. Cross-cultural Community Service Internship: GLBL 498 (3 units)

A three-unit community service internship is required of all students. This is a supervised program of cross-room cultural community service work and study for a governmental or non-governmental agency, completed either at home or abroad. A minimum of 135 hours of supervised work is required. Students will keep a daily journal of their experiences, and upon completion will submit 1) a formal letter from their internship supervisor, verifying hours worked and duties performed; and 2) a four-page essay summarizing their experience in rich personal detail. Information about a broad spectrum of internship options is available from the Global Studies coordinator, whose approval is required for all service internship proposals. Grade option: Cr/NC only.

VI. Capstone Seminar: GLBL 499 (3 units)

In spring of the senior year, Global Studies majors will enroll in a seminar devoted to research on globally relevant issues of the student's choosing, in consultation with the instructor. Each student will produce an original research paper on one such issue, examined from various disciplinary perspectives. This project is the capstone requirement for completion of the Global Studies degree. The paper must be approved in its final draft by at least one other qualified faculty member besides the seminar instructor.

VII. Language Study

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.

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