

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	51
Foundational requirements	8-24
Basic Areas	25-28
Concentration	20
Capstone requirements	11
General electives	0-5
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. Students must also achieve intermediate-level proficiency in a modern language other than English.

I. Foundational Requirements (8-24 Units)

GLBL 200: Introduction to Global Issues	3
GEOG 302: World Regional Geography	4
GLBL 350A: Community Service	1
Language Requirement (Intermediate level proficiency, except where noted)	0-16

II. Basic Areas (25-28 Units)

(One course from each of the following seven areas)

1. Culture	
ANTH 203: Cultural Anthropology (D1)	3
ANTH 340: Living in a Pluralistic World (E)	3
GEOG 203: Cultural Geography (D2)	3
2. Global Environment	
ENSP 200: Global Environmental Issues (D5)	3
GEOG 204: Global Environmental Systems (B3)	4
ENSP 330: Energy, Technology, and Society	4
GEOG 340: Conservation of Natural Resources	4

3. Historical Perspectives	
HIST 202: Development of the Modern World (D2)	3
HIST 380: 20th Century World (D2)	3
4. Political Ideas and Institutions	
POLS 303: Intro. to Comparative Government and Global Systems	4
POLS 304: Introduction to International Relations	4
POLS 315: Democracy, Capitalism, Socialism (D5)	3-4
POLS 452: Third World Political Systems	4
5. Global Economy and Business	
ECON 201A: Introduction to Macroeconomics	4
ECON 303: International Economics	4
GEOG 322: Geographic Perspectives on International Dvlpmnt	4
BUS 393: Introduction to International Business	4
POLS 498: International Political Economy	4
6. Globalization and its Social Impacts	
AMCS 475: Sem. on Race, Racism, and Globalization	4
WGS 385: Gender and Globalization	4
ANTH 352: Global Issues	4
GEOG 338: Social Geography (E)	3
SOCI 499: Project Censored Internship	3-4
COMS 321: International Communications	3
7. Religious and Ethical Perspectives	
PHIL 302: Ethics and Human Value Theory (C3)	3
SOCI 305: Holocaust Lecture Series (D5)	4
SOCI 431: Sociology of Religion (C3)	4
HUM 301: War and Peace Lecture Series (C3)	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, International Economic 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 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 Global Studies advisor.

IV. Capstone Requirements (11 Units)

GEOG 320: Geopolitics	4
GLBL 350B: Global Social Movements	1
GLBL 497: Community Service Internship	3
GLBL 498: Senior Capstone Seminar	3

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.

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 (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 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: Special Topics: Eastern Europe (1815-1918)	4
HIST 416: Special Topics: Eastern Europe (1918-1989)	4
HIST 417: Russian Empire	4
HIST 418: Fall of Communism	4
HIST 419: Modern Russia and the 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 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: 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 L.A. focus)	4
POLS 345: Model United Nations (when L.A. 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

International Economic Development Concentration

Students must take all required courses (Group I) and choose more elective courses (Group II) to meet the 20-unit minimum. Those who have taken courses from Group I as basic areas selections will choose more elective courses.

Group I: Required Courses

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

Group II: Elective Courses

ANTH 352: Global Issues	4
BUS 394: International Business Strategy	4
BUS 473: International Finance (prereq = BUS 370)	4
ENSP 330: Energy, Technology, and Society	4
GEOG 321: Geographic Perspectives on International Development	4
GEOG 335: Global Agricultural Systems and Issues	4
GEOG 394: Sub-Saharan Africa: People, Environment & Development	4
POLS 304: Introduction to International Relations	4
POLS 345: Model United Nations (when developing world)	4
POLS 452: Third World Political Systems	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 to meet the 20-unit minimum.

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: Applied Physical Science	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 340: Conservation of Natural Resources	4
GEOG 345: Resource Wars	4
GEOG 372: Global Change: Past, Present, and Future	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

The minor consists of course work totaling between 22 and 28 units. Students will take all core courses, meet the language requirement, and take one course in each of the elective areas. Only 4 units may double count with a student's GE requirements.

Core Courses (All required)

GEOG 302: World Regional Geography	4
HIST 380: 20th Century World	3
GLBL 350A Community Service, or GLBL 350B Global Social Movements	1

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.

Elective Courses (Take one course from each group)

I. Culture

ANTH 203: Cultural Anthropology (D1)	3
ANTH 340: Living in a Pluralistic World (E)	3
GEOG 203: Cultural Geography (D2)	3

II. Political Ideas and Institutions

POLS 303: Intro. to Comparative Govnt and Global Systems	4
POLS 304: Introduction to International Relations	4
POLS 315: Democracy, Capitalism, Socialism (D5)	3-4
POLS 452: Third World Political Systems	4

III. Global Economy and Business

ECON 201A: Macroeconomics (D5)	4
ECON 303: International Economics	4
GEOG 322: Geographic Perspectives on International Dvlpmnt	4
BUS 393: Introduction to International Business	4
POLS 498: International Political Economy	4

IV. Globalization and its Social Impact

AMCS 475: Sem. on Race, Racism, and Globalization	4
WGS 385: Gender and Globalization	4
ANTH 352: Global Issues	4
GEOG 338: Social Geography (E)	3
GLBL 497: Global Studies Internship: Project Censored	3
COMS 321: International Communications	3