

Global Studies

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary undergraduate program that offers a major leading to the B.A. in Global Studies. The program provides students with the opportunity to investigate and analyze the globalized world and the transnational interconnections that are its hallmark. The innovative curriculum includes required core courses housed in Global Studies as well as elective courses drawn from across the university. Through critical analysis of the contemporary world, carried out in coursework and through hands-on research and internship opportunities, students in the program accrue knowledge, scholarly abilities, and practical skills that will prepare them as informed members of the global community and a valuable part of 21st century workforce. The program prepares students to pursue graduate education and careers in a wide range of fields, including international business and law, applied social sciences, community resources management, social services, international education, and international development.

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GS-201. Thinking Globally: Global Perspectives On The Contemporary World. 3 Hours.

This course introduces students to the multiple dimensions and impact of globalization as it is reflected across disciplines. Accordingly, we explore globalization through specific themes and approaches, including those of: 1) Culture, Society, and Identity; 2) Language, Knowledge, and Representation; 3) Power, Movements, and Political Economy; 4) Nature, Technology, and the Body; 5) Violence, Resistance, and Resolution. In this way, the course generates a comparative understanding of the significant implications arising in the wake of an increasingly globalized world.

GS-205. Writing Intensive Program: Interdisciplinary Research And Writing. 3 Hours.

Interdisciplinary Research and Writing provides students with practical training in conducting research and writing effectively in an interdisciplinary field. Students will learn about the advantages and challenges of interdisciplinary scholarship through a series of stepped research and writing assignments, including literature searches and reviews, hands-on experimentation with field methods, and multiple formal and informal writing activities that guide students in creating rough drafts, conducting revisions, and producing polished work. The course serves students in all interdisciplinary fields.

Prerequisite: ENGL-101 with a minimum grade of C.

GS-303. Writing Intensive Program: The Power Of Writing: Interdisciplinarity As Critical Practice. 3 Hours.

This course provides students with experience and training in interdisciplinary writing by focusing on three critical genres: writing for change through carefully crafted letters and social media posts, reflexive writing in the form of autobiographical essays, and academic writing based on empirical research. Students will learn about advantages and challenges of interdisciplinary writing through multiple formal and informal writing activities. The course encourages students to embrace writing critically and creatively in order to express themselves effectively in a broad range of contexts. The course, and the interdisciplinary writing skills on which it focuses, are relevant to students from many academic fields.

Prerequisite: ENGL-101 with a minimum grade of C.

GS-3901. Independent Study In Global Studies. 1 Hour.

The Independent Study in Global Studies provides an opportunity for a student to propose and conduct a scholarly project that is not otherwise possible within existing courses. A Global Studies major or minor interested in doing an independent study must contact a Global Studies faculty member to propose their project and to confirm the faculty member's ability to support the student as mentor and instructor for the duration of the course. The student and mentoring faculty member must submit the necessary proposal and paperwork the semester before the independent study is to take place. Contact the program coordinator for details.

GS-3902. Independent Study In Global Studies. 2 Hours.

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GS-3903. Independent Study In Global Studies. 3 Hours.

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GS-397. Capstone Portfolio Global Studies. 1 Hour.

In this one credit hour course, students will compile the written work they have accomplished across their Global Studies coursework and synthesize it through a carefully edited portfolio that includes an integrating essay. The course provides an opportunity for students to reflect on their work across the GS major and gather the strands together toward a comprehensive whole that highlights the synergies and dominant themes that have emerged from their body of work as Global Studies majors.

Prerequisite: GS-201 with a minimum grade of C and GS-303 with a minimum grade of C.

GS-399. Capstone Global Studies. 4 Hours.

In this course students will examine and conduct research on global phenomena. We will read and debate a range of approaches to the study of the global, addressing both methodological and theoretical issues. Students will conduct individual research projects, working through all the stages from proposal to completed paper. As the capstone course for the Global Studies Program, the primary course goal is to provide students with practical experience in linking reading and discussion of published sources in Global Studies to the tasks of researching, analyzing, and writing about their own areas of interest in the field.

Prerequisite: GS-201 with a minimum grade of C and GS-202 with a minimum grade of C.