Program of Study

Please note that this curriculum applies to all students entering the college in Fall 2020 or later. Students who began in Fall 2019 may petition to complete the major under the new requirements; otherwise, they will be held to the previous curriculum. All students who started prior to Fall 2019 will continue under the previous curriculum. To review those requirements, please click here.

The Bachelor of Arts degree program in Global Studies is an interdisciplinary major concerned with the interconnected and interdependent nature of the contemporary world. Students employ interdisciplinary methods and analytics, and take courses across the College in departments such as Environmental Studies, Public Health, Anthropology, History, or in area studies.

Like the concept of the “global” itself, the major is not limited to specific sites or themes, but rather aims to provide students with a critical analytical framing with which to pursue their own scholarly interests. These are in areas as diverse as climate change, human rights, public health, international law, and urban studies. Students are guided by a set of thematic tracks to help them narrow their focus and develop an expertise within a given field, while engaging with the broader theoretical thrust of the major. Thanks to this flexibility, our students are often double majors, and go on to a wide variety of careers.

Program Requirements

Students must complete a total of 1000 units (1200 if a student chooses to pursue honors or to write a BA thesis), a research activity, final research paper/project/thesis, and a language requirement, broken down as follows:

Introductory Courses (2 courses)
All students are required to take the two-quarter introductory sequence to the major, GLST 23101 Global Studies I and GLST 23102 Global Studies II. These courses are offered annually and in sequence in the Autumn and Winter Quarters. Students are expected to complete the sequence in their second year (if possible), especially if they plan to study abroad during their third year.

Methods Course (1 course)
In their third year, students must take either a designated methods course by a Global Studies instructor, or they may enroll in an approved methods course in another department. This course must be suited to the thesis project developed and proposed in GS2, and may double-count with a second major when appropriate. Approved courses outside of Global Studies include: ANTH 21420 Ethnographic Methods, CMLT 20109 Comparative Methods in the Humanities, GEOG 28702 Introduction to GIS and Spatial Analysis, HIST 29803 Historiography, SOCI 20001 Sociological Methods, STAT 22000 Statistical Methods and Applications.

Thematic Tracks (4 courses) Majors must take four courses in one of the following tracks. These courses may come from the approved course list posted on the Global Studies website, or may be selected in consultation with the Program Administrator.
Political Economy

(Recommended for double majors in Economics, Sociology, Political Science, LLSO, Public Policy, and Anthropology)
Representative courses

PBPL 25550 Economic Development and Policy
HIST 11301 Global British Empire to 1784: War, Commerce, and Revolution
PLSC 27541 Race, Capitalism and the Atlantic World
PHIL 22220 Marx's Capital, Volume I
LLSO 29091 Governing the Global Economy
ECON 17110 International Monetary Systems
SOCI 20297 Education and Social Inequality

Health, Environment, and Urban Studies

(Recommended for double majors in Environmental and Urban Studies, Geographical Studies, Public Policy, Anthropology, Sociology, Environmental Science, and HIPS)
Representative courses:

HMRT 22201 Philosophies of Environmentalism and Sustainability
ENST 24102 Environmental Politics
GEOG 28800 History of Cartography
RLST 27802 Technology and the Human
ENST 26801 The Global Urban
ANTH 23806 The Politics of Plant Life: Edens, Plots, and Ruins
PBPL 26690 The Politics of Health Care
SOCI 20104 Urban Structure and Process

Law, Borders, and Security

(Recommended for double majors or minors in LLSO, Public Policy, Anthropology, and Human Rights)
Representative courses:

HIST 29319 Human Rights: Philosophical Foundations  
LLSO 21701 The Carceral State in Modern America  
ANTH 21356 The State as Imagination, Fetish, Spectacle  

PBPL 22100 Politics and Policy  
ANTH 21356 The State as Imagination, Fetish, Spectacle  
LLSO 28040 Introduction to Law, Letters, and Society  
HMRT 21005 Militant Democracy and the Preventative State  
CMLT 29024 States of Surveillance

**Race, Gender and Religion**

(Recommended for double majors in Anthropology, History, Religious Studies, Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies, and Gender and Sexuality Studies)

Representative courses:

CRES 28000 United States Latinos: Origins and Histories  
ANTH 22770 Anthropology of Power, Status, and Performance  

HIST 19010 Introduction to Critical Race Studies: Historical, Global, and Intersectional Perspectives  
RLST 21401 Latin American Religions, New and Old  
GNSE 28498 Women, Development and Politics  
CRES 22775 Racial Melancholia  
ANTH 22845 Xenophobia and the Politics of Belonging  
GNSE 26111 Queer Asia(s) I

**Electives (3 courses)**

Electives must be selected from the approved course list posted on the program website. Students may petition for the addition of courses in the social sciences or humanities and relevant to the themes pursued in Global Studies. These may include courses such as the European Civilization in Paris program or East Asian Civilizations in Beijing, as well as other courses that may not fit within the specific tracks, but may not double-count to fulfill College requirements.
Foreign Language Requirement
The Global Studies language requirement can be completed one of four ways:

1. Students may obtain a Practical or Advanced Language Proficiency Certification, which is documentation of functional ability in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. For details, visit the Foreign Language Proficiency Certifications page.
2. Students who have a high school diploma or the equivalent from a country where another language is spoken may use that documentation to satisfy the language requirement.
3. Students may participate in a study abroad program in a country where another language is spoken.
4. Students may complete an internship in a language other than English.

Students must provide written documentation of one of the four above options by filling out the Foreign Language Requirement form with requisite signatures from either their College Adviser or the Office for Language Assessment. This form is available for download on the Global Studies website.

Research Activity Requirement
Students must have experience with research before they graduate. Research activities include serving as a research assistant to a professor in any capacity, or participation in volunteer, employment, or internship opportunities, as well as study abroad or independently conducted field research relevant to the major track. Students should work with the appropriate program adviser to identify opportunities and should have their activity approved ahead of the experience itself. Most activities should last no less than six weeks, though intensive programs of shorter duration may be considered. The research activity may be linked to the student’s BA thesis and ideally serves as an introduction to that topic. International experiences are encouraged for the completion of this requirement, but the requirement may be met with domestic projects dealing with global issues (for example, an internship with a domestic NGO or lawmaker). Study abroad programs alone do not fulfill this requirement; however, many students use them as an opportunity to conduct additional research.

Research Paper or Thesis
Students have two options to complete the Global Studies major:

- **BA Thesis and Seminar**

  Students may opt to write BA thesis organized around a contemporary global issue. For students opting to write the thesis, the process begins in the third year, when they must secure a faculty reader and submit a topic proposal together with the completed faculty reader form. In their fourth year, thesis-writing students must take a two-quarter BA Thesis Seminar (GLST 29800 BA Thesis Seminar I and GLST 29801 BA Thesis Seminar II) in the Autumn and Winter Quarters. The final version of the BA thesis is due by the end of the second week of the quarter in which the student plans to graduate. Successful completion of the thesis requires a passing grade from the faculty reader.
Students who hope to count their thesis for two different majors must first obtain written permission to do so from the directors of both programs; otherwise, they will be required to write two theses. Regardless of the requirements of the second major, the thesis seminar cannot be waived for the thesis to count towards the Global Studies major.

The BA thesis and seminar are requirements for students to graduate with honors in the Global Studies major.

- **Final Paper**

Students may opt out of writing a thesis, and instead produce a shorter final paper (approximately 20-35 pages) or project such as a podcast, short film, artwork, or other multimedia project. These projects must be approved by the Associate Director or the Faculty Director of the program. In the case of projects deviating from the standard paper format, students must demonstrate that they have the skills and/or training in their chosen medium. This paper or project should grow out of one or more of the student’s courses in the major track, and should be developed in coordination with that course instructor. This project must involve original research and be in addition to course assignments. If students choose to write a final paper with a different instructor or separate from their coursework, they must sign up for an independent reading course with that instructor who will guide a final paper. Final approval of this paper or project should be sent in writing by this instructor at least one quarter before the student plans to graduate.

Summary of Requirements

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**Honors**

Students with an overall GPA of 3.2 or higher and an in-major GPA of 3.5 or higher will be eligible for honors. For the awarding of honors, the BA thesis must also be judged "high pass" by the faculty reader.

**Advising**
Students should select their courses for the Global Studies major in close consultation with the program administrator. The Global Studies program publishes a list of courses approved for the major each quarter, both online and outside the Global Studies program office, Gates-Blake 119.

Students should meet with the program administrator early in their final year to be sure they have fulfilled all requirements.

**Grading**

Students who are majoring in Global Studies must receive quality grades in all courses meeting the requirements of the degree program (i.e., they cannot use Pass/Fail or audited courses for major requirements).