

Global Studies (GBLS)

The objective of the Global Studies program is the development of international and intercultural awareness of global issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Major requirements for the B.A. degree in Global Studies

Required semester hours

36 sh

Co-requirement:

Foreign Language Minor

Foreign Study Abroad Experience in which the foreign language is used.

Required core courses

12 sh, three courses from the following: BSE 2211, BTS 2700, COMM 2350, CTS 3000, HIST 2260, POGO 2200, 2250, 2300, SOC 1910, WGS 2010

Additional required courses

24 sh

Area Studies (20 sh) Five courses from two area studies, one of which must be related to the foreign language studied. At least one must be non-European. A concentration in a geographical region not listed must be approved by a Global Studies Advisor: Africana Studies, French Studies, Korean Studies, Latin American Studies, Middle Eastern Studies and Scandinavian Studies.

Capstone Course (4sh): One capstone course from the following list: BSE 3230, COMM 3910, ENG 3920, POGO 3210, SOC 3310, SOC 3410, SOC 3800, WGS 3100. This course must be chosen from one of the core course disciplines the student studied. Any appropriate 3910 Topics course in the disciplines mentioned could also serve as a capstone course, with the approval of advisors.

Senior Assessment (0sh)

Students will complete a Global Studies journal in which the following entries will be mandatory. The journal must be handed in before graduation.

- Weekly (2-3) entries regarding a service learning, volunteer, or internship experience that requires hands-on exposure in a cross-cultural context. (Could be a part of their foreign study program). Students will seek approval and guidance of the GLBS advisor for such experience. Center directors will also be useful resources.
- Two entries of a minimum of 250 words of analytical response to at least two presentations on topics of Global and International themes every semester.
- A final response to a series of reflective questions
 1. What is your next step in the development or use of this major?
 2. What were your goals upon initiating this program? -what goals have you realized, and what experiences significant?
 3. Which goals have not been reached, and why not?
 4. What, if any, has been the impact of this major on your personal, intellectual or spiritual development?
 5. Would you recommend this program to another student? Why or why not?

Notes and Restrictions

No more than 12 hours in one discipline and no more than 8 hours can double count. At least 4 courses must be at the 3000 level.

All majors must complete the co-requisite of a minor in a foreign language and must participate in a foreign study experience in which that language is used (a minimum of four weeks).

A final paper is required as part of the capstone course in which an issue is analyzed in the context of the two cultural regions studied. It is to be approximately 25 pages in length, read by the subcommittee of advisors, and presented at a forum attend by other Global Studies majors. Students must identify themselves to the professor and secure their approval.

1000 Pre-Study Abroad Seminar (0 sh)

The course will help prepare students for the experience of living in another culture. Intended for students who have been accepted to study abroad in an upcoming semester, this pre-departure course is designed to make the study abroad experience more successful and meaningful by introducing participants to a variety of themes and issues related to culture- What is culture? How do my home and host cultures differ? What are my cultural values and how do they impact culture shock? On what are intra- and intercultural communication based? How can intercultural learning take place? The course also includes basic orientation and health and safety information for particular study abroad sites and programs.

2130 Between Worlds: Language, Culture and Globalization (4 sh)

In our increasingly global world, many students plan to live and work with people who are from other parts of the world. This course will teach global studies majors and foreign language majors essential concepts in becoming border people, being able to understand and identify with people who live between worlds in the process of globalization. Tutoring recent immigrants to Chicago is an integral part of the course.

3910 Topics in Global Studies (2-4 sh)

An intensive examination of a selected theme.

4901 Senior Assessment (0 sh)

A non credit course in which all Global Studies majors must register in order to complete their final requirements to graduate Capstone thesis, journal and written exit questionnaire. Course is taken on a Pass/Fail basis.

4910 Independent Study in Global Studies (1-4 sh)

A course of independent research that can be applied to the regional study or the capstone requirement with the consent of the Global Studies Advisor.

4970 Internship in Global Studies (2-4 sh)

Students work on a local project that clearly reflects a global/international dimension.