

# Department of Economics and Global Studies

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Economics and Global Studies seeks to educate students about economic, social, and cultural relationships in an increasingly interdependent world. The department provides students with opportunities to acquire disciplinary knowledge in the areas of economics and geography, while encouraging the pursuit of a multi-disciplinary education. Our programs emphasize the development of critical intelligence and an appreciation for diverse, evidence-based perspectives in order to prepare students for a lifetime of engaged citizenship.

Through exposure to the theoretical and empirical methods of economics and geography, students develop a greater understanding of the complex world in which they live, and are able to critically evaluate options available for improving that world. Upon graduation, our students are prepared for careers in a wide array of fields in the private sector (such as banking and other financial services, business administration, marketing, sales, journalism, consulting, or entrepreneurship) or the public sector (government or non-profit analyst/researcher, etc.). In addition, our graduates are prepared to succeed in graduate school in a variety of disciplines, including economics, geography, foreign affairs, law, political science, finance, and business.

## LEARNING GOALS

The Department of Economics and Global Studies has identified the following specific learning goals for our students:

- 1) To develop an understanding of the basic principles, concepts, and theories of the disciplines that we teach.
- 2) To develop an ability to retrieve economic and geographic information.
- 3) To develop an ability to use economic and geographic data using appropriate disciplinary methodology.
- 4) To develop an ability to apply economic and geographic knowledge to critically analyze problems and their potential solutions.
- 5) To develop effective written and oral communication skills.

## MAJOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES (11 OR 12)

A major in Global Studies provides students with an opportunity to explore the problems facing our increasingly interconnected world, with a particular emphasis on regions outside Europe and the United States. Through a carefully selected set of courses from across the curriculum students are not only given the tools necessary to understand contemporary global issues, but are also empowered to respond effectively. In addition to required coursework, students are expected to complete a semester abroad where they benefit from immersion in a different place and culture. Students majoring in Global Studies may pursue careers in international business, media, education, law, government, or the non-profit sector.

There are five components to the major in Global Studies: 1. the Global Studies Core, 2. Global Studies Depth, 3. Global Studies electives, 4. Study Abroad, Internship, or Senior Project, and finally, 5. a required minor.

### Global Studies Core (6 courses)

GLS 100	Introduction to Global Studies
GEO 100	Human and Physical Geography
ANT 131	Cultural Anthropology
ECO 110	Principles of Microeconomics
ECO 252	Economic Development
POL 207	Peace and War

### Global Studies Depth (2 courses)

One of the following:

- GEO 108 World Population Issues
- GEO 222 Regional Geography of South America

GEO 224 Regional Geography of Asia  
GEO 232 Regional Geography of Africa

One of the following:

HIS 242 Russia since 1917  
HIS 251 Latin America since 1821  
HIS 282 Japan since 1868  
HIS 283 Modern China: War and Revolution  
HIS 291 Islamic Middle East II (Since 1800)  
HIS 389 Special Topics (with chair approval)

### **Global Studies Electives (3 courses)**

Any 3 of the following:

GEO 106, 108, 134, 251  
HIS 242, 251, 282, 283, 291  
POL 332, 345, 371, 376, 377  
ECO 264, 353, 354  
LAS 200  
SPA 125, 126, 310, 311, 312, 313, 386  
FRE 310  
PCS 265  
THE 383  
WMS 385  
ENG 379  
ART 232

### **Study Abroad, Internship, or Senior Research Project**

All Global Studies majors are expected to spend a semester in a college-approved study abroad program. Courses completed in such programs are likely to count as Global Studies electives subject to the approval of the department chair. As an alternative to study abroad, students may choose to spend a semester in Washington D.C. through *The Washington Center for Internships and Seminars (TWC)*, provided the internship placement is international in scope, subject to approval of the department chair. Students who for financial or other reasons are unable to complete a semester abroad or Washington Internship will be expected to complete an independent research project which incorporates a multi-disciplinary approach to analyze a specific global issue. This project can be completed as an independent study, subject to the approval of the department chair.

### **Required Minor**

All Global Studies students are required to complete a minor. The minor should be chosen in -consultation with the student's advisor. The department encourages students to consider minors offered by the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Alternatively, minors in Latin American Studies, Geography, Economics, Business, History, and Political Science are good complements to a Global Studies major. Other minors may be acceptable as long as they are approved by the department chair.

## **RECOMMENDED FOUR-YEAR PLAN FOR THE GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR**

The following plan is recommended for Global Studies Majors. The major is flexible to accommodate study abroad and students can successfully complete the major with the latest starting point being spring of sophomore year. While not a complete necessity, students should try to complete the first and sophomore year courses by the end of sophomore year.

### **First Year**

GLS100 Introduction to Global Studies GEO100 Human and Physical Geography
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### **Sophomore Year**

ANT131 Cultural Anthropology ECO110 Principles of Microeconomics One Global Studies Depth or Elective Course
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### Junior Year

ECO252 Economic Development(if available) POL207 Peace and War Study Abroad/D.C. Internship or plan for Independent Study
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### Senior Year

ECO252 Economic Development (If not taken junior year) Remaining Depth and Elective Courses (some may have been taken studying abroad or in D.C.)
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### DOUBLE COUNTS IN THE CORE FOR GLOBAL STUDIES MAJORS

<b>Second scientific or quantitative course</b> ECO110
<b>Person and Society</b> GEO100
<b>Global Awareness</b> ECO252

### ADVISING TIPS FOR THE MAJOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES

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- Students should be thinking ahead and planning early for the study abroad/internship/project requirement for the major. Please consult with Prof. Hickey in the Center for Global Studies for advice.
- Study abroad coursework may count as Global Studies depth or elective courses with prior approval from the department chair.

## Course Descriptions

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### GLOBAL STUDIES (GLS)

#### GLS 100 INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES

The course introduces students to several of today's most pressing global issues and demonstrates how they are interconnected. It explores, subject to various perspectives, the issues of ethnic violence, world water concerns, climate change, the spread of tropical diseases, development basics, and current international status of HIV/AIDS. Attention is devoted to the debate over globalization and the development of international institutions. Available to freshmen/sophomores or by permission. Counts in the core as an additional scientific and quantitative reasoning course or as a social science. Also double counts as a global awareness course in the core. (Fall)

Kantarelis, Hickey/*Three credits*