Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, Interdisciplinary and Area Studies Major

Global Studies is the interdisciplinary study of the interconnections among cultural, political, economic, and ecological dimensions of social life in an age.

The curriculum provides rigorous theoretical and methodological training in social science appropriate to the changing global workforce of the 21st century.

Interdisciplinary and Area Studies teaches students to make connections between subject areas, combining the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies’ strengths in anthropology, geography, and sociology, with the complementary expertise of the Green School’s seven other departments. The IAS major offers you the opportunity to focus on a critical theme of social science inquiry and to study the theme within the context of a specific world region. The analytical themes include 1) Culture, societies, and identities; 2) Social movements, security and conflict; 3) Global health and environment; and 4) Global markets, resources and development. The area studies concentrations are Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Middle East and Central Asia, or Europe and Eurasia. The IAS major will prepare you to pursue careers in diverse areas including the environmental field, civil service, business, law, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Requirements

Lower Division Preparation

Students admitted to the university are directly admitted to their chosen major. Students are expected to make adequate progress based on critical indicators such as GPA in specific courses or credits earned. In cases where students are not making adequate progress, a change of major may be required. Advisors will redirect students to more appropriate majors when critical indicators are not actualized.

Minimum of 48 upper division credits (3000- or 4000-level) required

Major in Interdisciplinary and Area Studies

Major Requirements: 33 hours
3 hours Introduction to Major
6 hours Core Courses
3 hours  Theory  
6 hours  Methods  
6 hours  Upper Division Thematic Electives  
9 hours  Upper Division Area Studies Electives  

Course Requirements  
Intro to Major (3 credit hours)  
IDS 3315  Gaining Global Perspectives – GL (3)  

Core Courses (6 credit hours)  
(Two of the following)  
ANT 3212  World Ethnographies – GL (3)  
GEO 3001  Geography of Global Change – GL (3)  
SYP 3456  Societies in the World – GL (3)  

Theory* (3 credit hours)  
(One of the following)  
ANT 3034  Anthropological Theories (3)  
GEO 3421  Cultural Geography (3)  
GEO 3471  Political Geography (3)  
GEO 3502  Economic Geography – GL (3)  
SYA 4010  Sociological Theories (3)  
*Or any -other GSS-adviser-approved theory course offered by the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies or in another department.  

Methods Requirements* (6 credit hours)  
SYA 3300  Research Methods (3)  
Plus one of the following:  
ANT 3497  Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods (3)  
SYA 3400  Introduction to Quantitative Social Research (3)  
GIS 3048  Applications of Geographic Information Systems (3)  
*Or any other adviser-approved research methods course in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies or in another department.  

Upper Division Thematic Electives (6 credit hours)  
(two courses within one of the following themes)  

Culture, Societies, Identities*  
AMH 4573  African American History from Late 19th Century to the Present – GL (3)  
AMH 4588  Introduction to Latina/o History (3)  
AMH 4671  Race, Gender, Science in the Atlantic World – GL (3)  
ANT 3241  Myth, Ritual, and Mysticism – GL (3)  
ANT 4473  Culture and Globalization – GL (3)  
ANT 4476  Indigenous Peoples Today in Global Perspective – GL (3)  
EUH 4617  Race and Migration in Modern Europe (3)  
EUH 4675  History of Islam and Muslims in Europe (3)  
GEO 4414  Geography and Gender (3)  
HIS 4264  Global Imperial-Indigenous Encounters 1500- Present – GL (3)  
LAH 4737  Music, Modernity and Identity in Latin America – GL (3)
REL 3308  Studies in World Religions – GL (3)
REL 3367  Islamic Faith and Society – GL (3)

Social Movements, Security and Conflict*
AMH 3310  Social Movements in Modern United States History – GL (3)
CJE 4174  Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – GL (3)
EUH 3576  The Russian Revolution and the Soviet Union (3)
EUH 4033  Nazism and the Holocaust (3)
GEO 3602  Urban Geography (3)
GEO 4477  Critical Geo Politics (3)
HIS 3308  War and Society – GL (3)
HIS 4264  Global Imperial Indigenous Encounters 1500 to the Present – GL (3)
ISS 3130  Fundamentals of National Security (3)
ISS 4930  Topics in Globalization: Global Cyber Threats & Policy Implications (3)
LBS 3001  Labor and Globalization – GL (3)
LBS 3468  Introduction to Mediation – GL (3)
LBS 3480  Introduction to Conflict Resolution – GL (3)
LBS 4154  Workers and Diversity – GL (3)
LBS 4610  Cross Cultural Dimensions of Latin American Labor Relations – GL (3)
LAH 3718  History of US- Latin American Relations (3)
LAH 4750  Law and Society in Latin America (3)
LAH 4483  Cuba Since 1959 (3)
PAD 3800  Managing Global Cities (3)
PAD 3802  Introduction to Urban and Regional Studies – GL (3)
PHM 4362  Global Justice – GL (3)
SYP 3300  Social Movements (3)
WOH 3244  World War II: A Global History – GL (3)

Global Health and Environment*
ANT 3403  Cultural Ecology (3)
ANT 3462  Medical Anthropology (3)
ANT 4480  Anthropological Approaches to Global Health (3)
AMH 3314  Public Health and Medicine in United States History– GL (3)
EVR 4595  South Florida Environmental Conflicts (3)
IDS 3214  Our Coastal Environment from the Bay of the World (3)
GEO 4373  Geography of the Global Conservation System (3)
GEO 4391  Marine Geography (3)
GEO 4476  Political Ecology (3)
GEO 4607  Urban Environmental Geography (3)
HIS 4492  A History of United States Policy (3)
LAH 4722  Health, Medicine, and Disease in Latin American Social History – GL (3)
SYD 4604  Cities and Sustainability: Latin America, Africa, and Asia in a
Globalizing World (3)
SYO 3400  Medical Sociology (3)
SYO 3401  Sociology of Health Behavior (3)
SYO 4410  Sociology of Mental Illness (3)
SYO 4420  Comparative Sociology of Health Care Systems (3)
SYP 3750  Sociology of Life Course (3)
SYP 4013  The Body in Society (3)
SYP 4562  Domestic Violence (3)
WOH 4206  Global History of Domestic Violence – GL (3)

Global Markets, Resources and Development*
ECO 4713  International Macroeconomics – GL (3)
ECS 3021  Women, Culture, and Economic (3)
IDS 3163  Global Supply Chains & Logistics – GL (3)
SYP 4441  Sociology of World Development (3)
WOH 4223  History of the Global Economy (3)
*Or any other GSS-adviser-approved thematic course offered by the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies or in another department.

Upper Division Area Studies Electives (9 hours)
(Three courses substantially grounded in a world area, exemplifying the transnational issues explored in the chosen theme)
The world areas are:
Africa
Asia
Latin America and the Caribbean
Middle East and Central Asia
Europe and Eurasia