



Global Studies

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The Global Studies major promotes the teaching and learning of issues of global importance. To achieve informed and coherent perspectives on international affairs, the program builds its strengths on advanced language competency, overseas cultural immersion, and expertise in a geographic or functional area.

Drawing faculty from 25 academic disciplines, this versatile and flexible program has consistently been one of the most popular majors.

An understanding of the global system in which people live is the primary objective of the major. It aims to educate students about cultures, nations, and societies, and enable them to deal with the economic, political, cultural, and security issues confronting the world today.

Concentrations

Within the Global Studies major, students concentrate in one of four subject areas:

- Cultures and Communication
- Development and Change
- International Economic Policy
- Politics and Governance

Each concentration is supervised by specialized faculty advisors. With permission from the coordinator and guidance from a faculty advisor, students may create an individual course of study.

Some students combine a major in Global Studies with a second major in modern languages and literatures, political science, anthropology, economics, history, sociology, the natural sciences, or other multidisciplinary programs. Students have also combined this major with degrees in business or leadership studies.

Research Projects

Global Studies majors have won University prizes for research projects on such topics as representations of human trafficking in film; Mapuche feminism among indigenous

women in Chile; Irish republicanism and the appropriation of Palestinian nationalism; interstate terrorism in Peru; immigration, integration, and the rise of right-wing populist parties in Denmark and Finland; responses of faith-based organizations to refugee food shortages in Kenya and Uganda; local message and global media within al-Shabab in Somalia; mapping as a form of power in New Spain; Muslims in China; and the role of local beliefs in Middle Eastern and African post-conflict psychological interventions.

Language Requirement

Global Studies majors must achieve proficiency in more than one language, typically through completion of at least two units of 300- or 400-level world language and literature courses. Instruction is available at Richmond in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, and Swahili. Students whose pre-collegiate education was in a language other than English may fulfill this requirement with two 300- or 400-level literature courses taught in any language they read fluently.

Experience Abroad

An "experience abroad" of at least one semester in duration is an essential feature of the Global Studies major. The University of Richmond offers an array of seventy-five programs worldwide. Students must consult with faculty advisors for their concentration when choosing among these options. Students whose secondary education was outside the US may be exempt from this requirement, but many choose to expand their horizons further.

Internships

With faculty mentorship, students may earn credit for internationally oriented internships. GS majors have interned in Washington, Bangkok, London, Capetown, and elsewhere.

After Graduation

Global Studies majors enter careers that value the ability to work across cultural boundaries, multilingualism, and experience with living, studying, and working abroad.

The Global Studies major also builds a foundation for graduate study in law, business, history, political science, international relations, public relations, foreign languages and literatures, anthropology, public administration, public health, intercultural communication, peace studies, and interdisciplinary programs.

Global Studies alumni have won Fulbright awards to Germany, Morocco, Switzerland, Singapore, the Czech Republic, Tajikistan, and elsewhere.

Graduate School Acceptances

- American University
- Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy
- The George Washington University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Johns Hopkins University
- London School of Economics
- New York University
- Tufts University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of Connecticut
- University of Denver
- University of Kentucky
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Virginia
- Yale University

Recent Graduate Employment

- Americorps
- Bonner Foundation
- Child Fund International
- CNN-Washington Bureau
- Fulbright Program
- International Justice Mission
- Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme

- Peace Corps
- Teach for America
- U.S. Agency for International Development
- U.S. Department of State
- Sister Cities International
- Tavaana E-Learning Institute for Iranian Civil Society
- Vanguard
- World Health Organization
- World Wildlife Fund
- Southern Pulse/Networked Intelligence
- Civica Global Admissions Consulting
- Action contre la Faim, France
- ChoiceCenter Leadership University
- Rare Environmental Conservation
- International Monetary Fund
- USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture
- Central Intelligence Agency
- International Organization for Migration
- Childfund International
- Heifer International
- Centers for Disease Control, Hanoi
- Council on Foreign Relations

Faculty Areas of Specialty

- Borders, Boundaries, & Borderlands
- Comparative History
- Democracy and Authoritarianism
- Development Policy
- Environmental Change and Climate Justice
- Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
- Gender and Sexuality
- Global Cooperation
- Global Movements, Activism, and Revolutions
- Indigenous Movements
- International Economic Policy
- International Organizations
- International Security
- International Trade
- Literature, Art, and Ideology
- Migration and Diasporas
- Political and Social Change
- Rightwing Extremism
- Sustainability
- Regional Expertise (Africa, Amazonia, Asia, Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East & North Africa)



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