

Global Studies Major—FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

This major combines the current undergraduate programs in Development Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, Asian Studies, Middle Eastern Studies and Latin American Studies. As such, it is an exciting evolution of these programs. By creating this major, we expanded the offerings available to undergraduates interested, whether personally or professionally, in “the Global.”

What are the Global Studies Tracks?

Global Development, Global Peace and Conflict, Global Societies and Cultures.

Is there a language requirement?

You will have to complete, or otherwise demonstrate competence equivalent to, four semesters of college level language training. The language must align with your declared Global Studies regional specialization.

What geographic areas can I study within Global Studies?

Each student will select one of the three tracks/concentrations listed above. They will also select one of five regional specializations. These are Asia, Africa, Europe and Russia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East.

What are the lower division requirements for the new major?

- *STAT 2, 20, 21, W21 or STAT C8 (Foundations of Data Science)*
- *GLOBAL 45/IAS 45 (World History)*
- *ECON 1 or 2*
- *GLOBAL 10A*
- *Global Studies 10B (a new course, which will focus on a humanistic approach to Global Studies)*
- *The equivalent of four semesters of language*

What are the upper division requirements for Global Studies?

- *Global Studies 102 (Critical Thinking)*
- *Global Studies 100S, P or D (Upper Division Core class, appropriate to the track/concentration you choose to follow)*
- *Two core discipline courses (e.g. ECON 100A/B, chosen from a list of disciplinary courses for each track)*
- *Global Studies 110 (Upper Division Course, focused on the area that you choose to study.)*
- *Three Area Studies Electives, which can be chosen from a list of courses that has been prepared for each concentration/track.*

Can I still petition to have courses not on the lists count towards the major?

Yes, of course! But there is no guarantee that your petition will be accepted, so we encourage you to make requests early enough so that you can find a course substitution if your petition is denied.

Who do I talk to with questions?

See one of the Global Studies advisors and, if they can't help you, they will direct you to the appropriate person to answer questions.