

GLOBAL STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Global Studies

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department website: <https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/>

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General education: Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

Minimum required major and supporting course work: Normally equates to 51-52 hours and includes a semester-long full time study abroad program and a minimum of 12 hours of 300- and 400-level courses.

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations Requirements		
GLBL 100	Intro to Global Studies	3
	Global Studies. Four courses must be selected from the approved course list; they must include no more than one course from four of the following six departments: Anthropology, Economics, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology.	12
	Global Studies Seminars. Students study current events and contemporary global issues. Select three courses from GLBL 296 or one GLBL 298 course and one GLBL 296 course.	3-4
Language and Culture Requirements		
	Language. Select courses from the approved course list in a language other than your primary language(s). These various courses represent the 5th and 6th level of study.	6
	Area Studies. 200- to 400-level courses which complement the language requirement must include work in at least two disciplinary departments. Area Studies and Language must be geographically related and correspond to language and study abroad location.	9
	One Semester (Fall or Spring) Study Abroad. Students study a variety of subjects in an approved study abroad program that furthers their language and cultural knowledge or their cultural knowledge and thematic area knowledge. Students must be enrolled full-time to receive credit toward this requirement.	
Thematic Area Requirements		
	Students choose an approved thematic area and, in consultation with a Global Studies advisor, construct an appropriate customized curriculum of a minimum of 18 hours. Students cannot include more than 3 hours of 100-level work and must complete 9 hours of 300- and 400-level coursework. Courses must be taken from more than one department. Approved thematic areas are:	18
	A. Cultures in Contact	
	B. Wealth and Poverty in a Globalized World	
	C. Human Rights	
	D. Governance, Conflict and Resolution	
	E. Knowledge, Communication and Information Systems	
	F. Environment, Sustainability, and Social Responsibility	
	G. Global Health	

Optional Senior Capstone. Students do an individual research project (GLBL 200, 494 and GLBL 495) based on their Thematic Area.

Total Hours 51-52

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