

GLOBAL STUDIES, BALAS

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

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the Global Studies academic advisor before the end of the fourth semester (60 hours) and prior to the required study abroad. Please see your advisor.

Departmental distinction: The department may award distinction, high distinction, or highest distinction to any Global Studies major whose overall and major grade point averages are 3.25 or higher, who successfully completes 3 hours of GLBL 494 or other approved research methods course and who completes a distinction research project. See the departmental academic advisor for details.

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: 51-55 hours and includes a semester-long full-time study abroad program and at least 12 hours of 300- or 400-level courses.

Minimum hours required for graduation: Minimum hours for graduation is 120, to include a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework at the 300- and 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Additional hours needed to reach the 40 hour minimum are chosen in consultation with advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
Orientation and Professional Development		
LAS 101	Design Your First Year Experience	1
OR		
LAS 100 & LAS 101	Success in LAS for International Students and Design Your First Year Experience	3
OR		
LAS 102	Transfer Advantage	1
Total Hours		1 or 3

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Major Requirements and Electives		
Interdisciplinary Foundations Requirements		
GLBL 100	Intro to Global Studies	3
Global Studies Seminars. Select three sections from GLBL 296 OR one GLBL 298 section and one GLBL 296 section		3-7
Social Science Core Courses (select one course from four disciplines)		12
Anthropology: ANTH 230, ANTH 268, ANTH 270		
Economics: ECON 202, ECON 420, ECON 450		
Geography: GGIS 204, GGIS 210, GGIS 221		
Global Studies: GLBL 200		
History: HIST 258, HIST 259, HIST 274		
Linguistics: LING 222		
Political Science: PS 241, PS 280/PS 281, PS 282		
Sociology: SOC 226, SOC 270, SOC 350, SOC 364		
Language, Culture Studies and Study Abroad Requirements		
Advanced Language Coursework (select two). Select courses in a language other than your primary language(s).		6
Arabic: ARAB 405, ARAB 406		
Chinese: CHIN 305, CHIN 306		
French: FR 205, FR 207, FR 211, FR 212, FR 313, FR 314, FR 413		
German: GER 211, GER 212, GER 320		
Hebrew: HEBR 405, HEBR 406		
Hindi: HNDI 405, HNDI 406		
Italian: ITAL 200, ITAL 210, ITAL 220, ITAL 310, ITAL 380		
Japanese: JAPN 305, JAPN 306		
Korean: KOR 305, KOR 306		
Persian: PERS 453, PERS 454		
Portuguese: PORT 402, PORT 403		
Quechua: LAST 445		
Russian: RUSS 301, RUSS 302		
Spanish: SPAN 200, SPAN 204, SPAN 208, SPAN 228		
Swahili: SWAH 405, SWAH 406		
Turkish: TURK 405, TURK 406		
Wolof: WLOF 405, WLOF 406		
Regional 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 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 a minimum of 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, GLBL 494, LAS 494, and, optionally, GLBL 495) based on their Thematic Area.

Minimum Major Hours	51-55
Total Hours	120

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- a. Study abroad and advanced language acquisition will foster cultural and linguistic immersion, community engagement, intercultural competency and creative inquiry.
- b. Experiential learning can take place in local, national and global settings.
- c. All of these are crucial in developing a critical and reflective orientation toward such social and cultural differences as race, indigeneity, gender, class, sexuality, language, and disability.
- 5. Effective Leadership and Community Engagement are important skills our students acquire through developing their ability to make deliberate and independent choices about their intellectual and professional trajectories and through combining coursework and experiential learning with the pursuit of leadership opportunities (such as the Global Studies Leaders), fieldwork, RSO engagement, volunteer opportunities, and internships with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

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program website: <https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/>
program faculty: Global Studies Faculty (<https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/directory/faculty-and-staff/>)
advising: Global Studies advising (<https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/academics/advising/>)
overview of college admissions & requirements: Liberal Arts & Sciences (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)
college website: <https://las.illinois.edu/>

Student Learning Outcomes: LAS Global Studies strongly supports the campus-wide Student Learning Outcomes as recognized by the Office of the Provost Committee on Student Learning Outcomes. Global Studies majors will be able to:

1. Global Consciousness is not only our most important learning outcome, it is one that we extend beyond its definition in the 2017 SLOs.
 - a. Our majors will discover how complex, interdependent global systems—natural, environmental, social, cultural, economic, and political—affect and are affected by the local identities and ethical choices of individuals and institutions
 - b. Beyond that however, they will have developed new skills in how to research these interconnections
 - c. Required advanced language acquisition and study abroad are indispensable in developing global consciousness.
2. Creative Inquiry and Discovery is a learning outcome we continue to give an increasing emphasis.
 - a. Our majors will apply knowledge to promote inquiry, discover solutions, and generate new ideas and creative works and beyond that an increasing number will also conduct their own research.
3. Intellectual Reasoning and Knowledge is produced not only through courses but also through study abroad programs.
4. Gain Social Awareness and Cultural Understanding as a learning outcome is secured through intensive experiential, cross-cultural learning through coursework, advanced language study and study abroad.