Washington University in St. Louis

Concentration in Development

The Major in Global Studies — Concentration in Development

All societies change over time, sometimes for better and sometimes for worse. In this concentration, students explore different conceptions of development and consider why some societies develop while others languish. What accounts for disparities in longevity, wealth, and access to food and health care? How can we explain differences in extreme poverty, malnutrition, and treatable disease? Students consider how societies move from being heavily rural to having higher levels of urbanization. What explains differences in political, civil, and economic liberties? What accounts for differences in gender rights and opportunities? What are the implications of climate change and environmental distress?

Concentration objectives: The Global Studies concentration in development offers an interdisciplinary approach to examine why some societies develop politically, socially, and economically while others languish. Students can explore disparities in wealth, political freedoms, gender rights, urbanization, access to basic resources like food and health care, environmental conditions, and social justice.

General Requirements

One semester of language must be completed before declaring the major.

- Students must complete a minimum of 36 units in Global Studies, including at least three courses focused on a world area.
- Students must complete at least 24 units at the 300 level or above, including courses across a minimum of three academic disciplines.
- Students must complete at least 6 units at the 400 level, no more than 3 of which may be directed research or independent study.
- In addition to the 36 units, students must complete a four-semester sequence of courses in one modern language appropriate to their concentration.

These requirements may be fulfilled only with college-level course work undertaken during a student's undergraduate enrollment. Courses must be taken for a grade, and a student must receive a grade of C+ or higher in all courses.

This concentration requires 36 units of course work:

- 3 units of core course work: GS 3020 Global Futures
- 3 units of Research Methods course work (any level)
- 6 units of introductory course work (100-200 level) from two different academic disciplines
- 9 units of advanced course work from the Core Courses list (300-400 level)
- 12 units of advanced course work (300-400 level)
- 3 units of additional course work (any level)

Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, South Asia and North America are considered world areas for the development concentration. A student must complete two courses in one of these world areas and one course in another world area.

Note: A single course may satisfy more than one of the distribution requirements (i.e., disciplinary or world area). Some of these requirements may be completed while abroad (https://ias.wustl.edu/study-abroad/).

Introductory courses (choose two from this list, for a total of 6 units):

Code	Title	Units
AFAS 178	First-Year Seminar: Imagining and Creating Africa: Youth, Culture, and Change	3
AFAS 255	Introduction to Africana Studies	3
Anthro 132	First-Year Seminar: Past Tense, Future Imperfect: The Rise and Fall of Societies & Global Civilization	3
Anthro 160B	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3
BEYOND 160	Gender, Youth, and Global Health	3
Biol 2950	Introduction to Environmental Biology	3
Chinese 227C	Chinese Civilization	3
Chinese 270	Sophomore Seminar: U.S.-China Relations: Perceptions and Realities	3
Econ 1011	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
Econ 1021	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
EEPS 111	Introduction To Global Climate Change In the 21st Century	3
EEPS 201	Earth and the Environment	4
EEPS 202	Introduction to Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Science	3
EEPS 219	Energy and the Environment	3
EnSt 110	Environmental Issues	3
EnSt 290	Sophomore Seminar in Sustainability and the Environment	3
FYP 116	Ampersand: Geographies of Globalization and Development	3
FYP 117	Amp:Global Population on the Move: Language + Resettlement w/Legal, Healthcare + Educational Systems	3
FYP 2242	Ampersand: Migration Policies and Colonialism: Refugee Resettlement and Integration	3
FYP 2243	Ampersand: Mediterranean Migration: Dynamics and Consequences on the EU and MENA	3
GIS 200	Introduction to GIS (U90)	3
GS 111	First-Year Seminar: The Vietnam Wars	3
GS 127	Migration in the Global World: Stories	3
GS 135	First-Year Seminar: Chinatown: Migration, Identity, and Space	3

GS 140	East Asia in the World	3
GS 160	World Politics and the Global Economy	3
GS 207	Crossing Borders: An Introduction to Institutions and Concepts in Global Studies	3
GS 229	Modern European History: Migrations, Nation States, Identities	3
GS 244	Introduction to European Studies	3
GS 280	Sophomore Seminar: The Public Servant and Other Heroes: A History of Japan through Film	3
History 102D	Introduction to Modern European History	3
History 1500	Silver, Slaves and the State: Globalization in the 18th Century	3
History 164	Introduction to World History: The Second World War in World History	3
History 1640	Health and Disease in World History	3
History 2119	First-Year Seminar: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America: Myths, Realities and Identities	3
History 2157	First-Year Seminar: The Meaning of Pakistan: History, Culture, Art	3
IPH 207C	Modern Political Thought: Text and Traditions	3
Japan 226C	Japanese Civilization	3
JIMES 210C	Introduction to Islamic Civilization	3
Korean 223C	Korean Civilization	3
LatAm 165D	Latin America: Nation, Ethnicity and Social Conflict	3
Math 1011	Introduction to Statistics	3
Math 2200	Elementary Probability and Statistics	3
MEC 290	Microeconomics	3
MEC 292	Global Economy	3
Phil 100G	Logic and Critical Analysis	3
Phil 131F	Present Moral Problems	3
Phil 233F	Biomedical Ethics	3
Phil 235F	Introduction to Environmental Ethics	3
Pol Sci 102B	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Pol Sci 103B	International Politics	3
Pol Sci 106	Introduction to Political Theory	3
Pol Sci 2010	Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
RelPol 290	Islamophobia & U.S. Politics	3
SOC 106	Social Problems and Social Issues	3
SOC 2010	The Roots of Ferguson: Understanding Racial Inequality in the Contemporary U.S.	3
SOC 2030	Social Movements	3
SOC 2110	Social Inequality in America	3
URST 101	First-Year Seminar: Introduction to Urban Studies	3
WGSS 100B	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
WGSS 206	Sexuality and the State: Introduction to Sexuality Studies	3
WGSS 270A	Sophomore Seminar: Globalization and its Discontents	3

Core courses (choose three from this list, for a total of 9 units):

Code	Title	Units
Anthro 3206	Global Gender Issues	3
Anthro 3283	Introduction to Global Health	3
Anthro 3391	Economies as Cultural Systems	3
Anthro 3612	Population and Society	3
Anthro 3874	International Public Health	3
Anthro 4022	Transnational Reproductive Health Issues: Meanings, Technologies, Practices	3
Econ 451	Environmental Policy	3
GS 3020	Global Futures	3
GS 314B	International Politics	3
GS 328B	Gateway to Development	3
GS 376	International Economics	3
GS 402	The Meaning of National Security in the 21st Century	3
GS 4141	International Relations	3
GS 4246	State Failure, State Success and Development	3
GS 4622	Labor and Labor Movements in Global History	3
GS 4761	Politics of Global Finance	3
History 3593	The Wheels of Commerce: From the Industrial Revolution to Global Capitalism	3
History 3743	History of U.S. Foreign Relations Since 1920	3
IA 511	International Law and Human Rights (U85)	3
IA 519	International Growth and Development, Inequality, and Transitional Justice (U85)	3
IA 535	American Foreign Policy	3
IA 5571	Politics of Global Finance (U85)	3
IA 574	International Relations	3
IA 5772	State Failure, State Success and Development (U85)	3
Pol Sci 3171	Topics in Politics	3
Pol Sci 332B	Environmental and Energy Issues	3
Pol Sci 339	Topics in Politics	3
Pol Sci 373	International Political Economy	3

Pol Sci 4070	Global Justice	3
Pol Sci 4731	Global Political Economy	3
SOC 3001	Social Theory	3
SOC 4810	Global Structures and Problems	3

Research methods courses (choose one from this list, for a total of 3 units):

Code	Title	Units
Anthro 3284	Public Health Research and Practice	3
Anthro 4123	Argumentation Through Ethnography	3
Anthro 4253	Researching Fertility, Mortality and Migration	3
Anthro 4455	Ethnographic Fieldwork: The Politics of Schooling	3
Anthro 4481	Writing Culture	3
Anthro 4803	Advanced GIS Modeling and Landscape Analysis	3
APL 4111	Linguistics and Language Learning	3
ARCH 307X	Community Building	3
CFH 400W	Merle Kling Undergraduate Honors Fellowship Seminar	3
Comp Lit 394	Worldwide Translation: Language, Culture, Technology	3
DAT 120	Managerial Statistics I	3
DAT 121	Managerial Statistics II	3
Econ 413	Introduction to Econometrics	3
Econ 414	Econometric Techniques (U07)	3
EnSt 380	Applications in GIS	3
GIS 200	Introduction to GIS (U90)	3
GIS 300	Advanced GIS (U90)	3
GIS 303	Digital Cartography (U90)	3
GIS 421	Spatial Data Modeling and Design (U90)	3
GS 318	Learning to Use GIS in Development, Area Studies and International Affairs	3
GS 3248	Intercultural Communication	3
GS 4005	Directed Research in Global Studies	3
GS 4414	Gender Analysis for International Affairs	3
History 301T	Historical Methods — Transregional History	3
IA 524	Process and Design of Research (U85)	3
IA 5410	Alternative Analytic Techniques for International Affairs (U85)	3
Math 1011	Introduction to Statistics	3
Math 2200	Elementary Probability and Statistics	3
Math 3200	Elementary to Intermediate Statistics and Data Analysis	3
Math 475	Statistical Computation	3
NPM 450	Social Entrepreneurship	3
Phil 321G	Philosophy of Science	3
Pol Sci 3011	Computational Modeling in the Social Sciences	3
Pol Sci 362	Politics and the Theory of Games	3
Pol Sci 363	Quantitative Political Methodology	3
Pol Sci 4043	Public Policy Analysis, Assessment and Practical Wisdom	3
Pol Sci 495	Research Design and Methods	3
Psych 300	Introduction to Psychological Statistics	3
SOC 3050	Statistics for Sociology	3

Advanced courses: Choose five courses from current, relevant, internationally focused course offerings in the following departments.* All courses must be approved by the student's Global Studies advisor in order to count for the major. Visit the concentration webpage (http://ias.wustl.edu/development/) and concentration course list for the full list of options.

- African and African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics
- Arabic
- Architecture
- Art History
- Biology and Biomedical Sciences
- Chinese
- Classics
- Comparative Literature
- Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Sciences
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- Education
- Environmental Studies
- Film and Media Studies
- Finance (Business School)
- German
- Global Studies
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Italian
- Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies
- Korean
- Latin American Studies
- Management (Business School)
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychological and Brain Sciences
- Religion and Politics
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Social Administration (Social Work)

- Sociology
- Spanish
- School of Continuing & Professional Studies — International Affairs; International Studies; Nonprofit Management; Sustainability
- Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

* Students may submit a request to add a course by following the instructions for the Petition Process (https://ias.wustl.edu/ias-course-petition/).

Additional Requirements and Information

Study Abroad

- We strongly encourage students to study abroad. For those who do not study abroad and receive credit toward the Global Studies General Requirements, an additional 3-unit course at the 300 or 400 level is required.
- We strongly prefer students to select a study abroad location and regional specialization consistent with their chosen language of study (e.g., if a student wishes to study in Latin America, they must satisfy their language requirement with either Portuguese or Spanish).
- Students may receive a maximum of 6 credits from a single semester, 12 credits from a year, or 3 credits from a summer term of study abroad.
- Students may apply no more than 12 total credits to the Global Studies major from study abroad, the School of Continuing & Professional Studies, summer school at other U.S. universities, or any combination thereof.
- To receive credit for a summer course completed at another institution, a student should fill out the Approval for Non-WashU Course Credit (https://artsci.wustl.edu/resources/policies-procedures/#anchor-group-2886) form with Arts & Sciences to take the course for "general credit" and then petition (https://ias.wustl.edu/ias-course-petition/) to have the course count as an elective toward their Global Studies major.

Latin Honors

- Students must confidently expect to graduate with an overall grade-point average of 3.65 or higher to qualify for Latin Honors.
- Students should enroll in GS 485 Preparation for Global Studies Honors Thesis during the fall of senior year and in GS 486 Global Studies Senior Honors Thesis during the spring of senior year (under the corresponding section number of the faculty member overseeing the student's thesis).

Language Requirement

All Global Studies majors must satisfy a language requirement that entails both the successful completion of four semesters of a modern language for a letter grade and placement into the third year of that language.

Available modern languages include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Swahili.

Students should consult the course listings (https://acadinfo.wustl.edu/Courselistings/Courses.aspx?Mode=ILE) for details about the language sequences. (On the "A&S IQ" tab, click on "Courses," and then toggle "Area Requirement" to "LS Language & Cultural Diversity-Language." Click "Search" to see a list of available language courses.)

Please see the FAQs (https://globalstudies.wustl.edu/faq/) on the Global Studies website for more information.