Concentration in Eurasian Studies

The Major in Global Studies — Concentration in Eurasian Studies: New Silk Roads

This concentration focuses on the social, cultural, and economic interconnections among the peoples of Eurasia. We define Eurasia as the vast landmass stretching east to west from China to Europe and north to south from Siberia into the Caucasus, the Crimean Peninsula, Central Asia, and the Himalayas. Ancient trade routes that crisscrossed the interior spaces of Europe and Asia, known collectively as the Silk Road, served as a globalizing thoroughfare for the movement of peoples, cultural practices, religious values, and commodities. Recent infrastructural improvements in these areas — as well as international economic, environmental, and political concerns — have once again opened up transnational economic networks and cross-cultural exchange along these “new silk roads.”

For this concentration, students draw from a variety of disciplines to study not only specific geographical regions but also vital intersections and interrelationships among regions and peoples.

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 to 6 units of introductory course work (100-200 level)
- 30 to 33 units of advanced Eurasian studies course work (300-400 level) dealing with three different regions (e.g., Eastern, Western, and Central Eurasia) or with a transregional focus
- Students must fulfill the standard Global Studies language requirement (https://ias.wustl.edu/ias-major-requirements/#secondary) with Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Hindi, Persian, Russian or another Eurasian language as determined in consultation with their Global Studies adviser.

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

Advanced courses: Choose 10 or 11 courses from current, relevant, internationally focused course offerings in the following areas of study.* All courses must be approved by the student's Global Studies adviser in order to count for the major.

- Students may submit a request to add a course by following the instructions for the Petition Process (https://ias.wustl.edu/ias-course-petition/).
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- History 335C: Becoming “Modern”: Emancipation, Antisemitism and Nationalism in Modern Jewish History (3 units)
- History 3350: Out of the Shtetl: Jewish Life in Central and Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th Centuries (3 units)
- History 3354: Vienna, Prague, Budapest: Politics, Culture and Identity in Central Europe (3 units)
- History 3416: War, Genocide and Gender in Modern Europe (3 units)
- History 3455: Cultural Encounters: China and Eurasia Since the Middle Ages (3 units)
- History 3548: Gender, Sexuality and Communism in 20th-Century Europe (3 units)
- History 3559: Socialist and Secular? A Social History of the Soviet Union (3 units)
- History 357: All Measures Short of War (3 units)
- History 3598: The First World War and the Making of Modern Europe (3 units)
- History 3680: The Cold War, 1945-1991 (3 units)
- History 3810: Between Sand and Sea: History, Environment, and Politics in the Arabian Peninsula (3 units)
- History 39SC: Imperialism and Sexuality: India, South Asia and the World: Writing-Intensive Seminar (3 units)
- History 4154: Decolonization to Globalization: How to End an Empire (3 units)
- History 4274: Palestine, Israel and the Arab-Israeli Conflict (3 units)

- Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies

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JIMES 354 | Anthropological and Sociological Study of Muslim Societies | 3
JIMES 3622 | Topics in Islam | 3
JIMES 373 | Topics in Near Eastern Cultures | 3
JIMES 442 | Empire and Memory: Approaches to Islamic Historiography (ca. 800-1250) | 3
JIMES 445 | Topics in Islam | 3
JIMES 446 | History of Political Thought in the Middle East | 3
JIMES 4970 | Empire and Messianism in the Middle East | 3

- Political Science

- Psychological and Brain Sciences

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Psych 413 | Contemporary Topics in Social Psychology | 3

- Religious Studies

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Re St 311 | Buddhist Traditions | 3
Re St 3392 | Topics in South Asian Religions | 3

- Russian Language and Literature

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Russ 332 | Russian Theater, Drama and Performance: From Swan Lake to Punk Prayer | 3
Russ 350C | The 19th-Century Russian Novel (Writing Intensive) | 3
Russ 372 | Dostoevsky's Novels | 3

- Sociology

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SOC 3710 | Sociology of Immigration | 3

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, University College, 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 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 (IAS) 485 Preparation for Global Studies Honors Thesis during the fall of senior year and in GS (IAS) 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 the successful completion of four semesters of one modern language appropriate to their concentration. For some students, this may mean the first four semesters of a language; for others who place into advanced language classes — and with approval from Global Studies language faculty — this may include literature, culture, oral communication, and linguistic courses in the target language, once such students complete the basic language sequence.
- Students are encouraged to study more than one language at Washington University, but they must satisfy their Global Studies language requirement by demonstrating competence in at least one language through the fourth semester. 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" and click "Search" to see a list of available language courses.)

With the permission of the major adviser, advanced literature and culture courses taught in the native language may be used to satisfy the Global Studies language requirement and may count as advanced elective credit as long as these courses are cross-listed with or approved for study abroad credit for the student's Global Studies concentration and provided the courses are not being counted toward any other degree.

Special note for Spanish learners: The following Spanish courses are not part of the regular sequence that are permitted to count toward the four semesters of language: Span 223 Intermediate Spanish Conversation and Culture, Span 351 Business Spanish, Span 353 Medical Spanish, and Span 355 Spanish for the Social Sciences. Some students might find these courses valuable for other reasons. For questions about this, students should consult with their major adviser.

Students With Prior Language Experience

Native speakers of a modern language: Students must satisfy the four-semester Global Studies language requirement in another language appropriate to their concentration.

Heritage speakers who do not have a native level of fluency: Students must seek appropriate placement by the coordinator of the language program and complete the four-semester Global Studies language requirement.

Transfer students who have taken language courses: A transfer student may receive credit for the courses as part of the four-semester Global Studies language requirement only if (1) the credit is transferred back as Washington University credit; and (2) the student takes a placement exam upon their return to Washington University in the given language and the department/program determines that the student may progress to the next highest level of language instruction.

Students who take a language course at another institution (whether in the United States or abroad): A student may receive credit for the course as part of the four-semester Global Studies language requirement only if (1) the credit is transferred back as Washington University credit; and (2) the student takes a placement exam upon their return to Washington University in the given language and the department/program determines that the student may progress to the next highest level of language instruction.