

Global Studies

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Majors

The Major in Global Studies

There are six concentrations available to Global Studies majors. Please visit the following pages for more information about their requirements:

- Concentration in development (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/globalstudies/development/>)
- Concentration in Eurasian studies (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/globalstudies/eurasianstudies/>)
- Concentration in European studies (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/globalstudies/europeanstudies/>)
- Concentration in global Asias (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/globalstudies/globalasias/>)
- Concentration in global cultural studies (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/globalstudies/globalculturalstudies/>)
- Concentration in international affairs (<http://bulletin.wustl.edu/undergrad/artsci/globalstudies/internationalaffairs/>)

Total units required: 36 graded credits plus four semesters of any modern language

Required courses:

- These depend on the concentration.

Elective courses:

- Depending on the concentration, two to four introductory courses (3 credits each, at the 100 or 200 level) are required.
- Depending on the concentration, eight to ten upper-level courses (3 credits each, at the 300 or 400 level) are required.

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.

For more detailed information about the general requirements, please see the Global Studies FAQs page (<https://ias.wustl.edu/faq/>) on the department website.

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 a placement exam is taken upon arrival at 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.