

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 courses depend on the concentration.

Elective courses:

- By concentration, a specific number of introductory courses (3 credits each, at the 100 or 200 level) are required.
- By concentration, a specific number of 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, 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.)

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