

Concentration in International Affairs

The Major in Global Studies — Concentration in International Affairs

Why do states, nations, and societies cooperate, compromise, and fight? Living and working in our rapidly changing global arena presents great opportunities to advance the human condition, improve political and civil liberties, recast bargains between governments and their societies, transform social welfare, and advance the boundaries of knowledge and scientific exploration. Yet, this same context presents great risks as people fear loss of identity, worry about economic subordination and loss to those beyond their borders, encounter the export of environmental degradation, and confront potential decline in personal and social autonomy. Students can explore the heightened economic, political, social, cultural, and environmental interdependence that generates prospects for cooperation; at the same time, this interdependence involves serious challenges, which create the possibility for conflict but also for compromise.

Concentration objectives: The concentration in International Affairs offers an interdisciplinary approach to understanding relations between societies. It provides opportunities to examine complex global issues and processes from multiple perspectives and to help understand the fundamental processes of cooperation, compromise, and conflict in the global arena. The program provides students with knowledge and skills for understanding and working with difficult international and cross-cultural problems that states, societies, and communities face.

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 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)
- 15 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 International Affairs 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
AMCS 250	Topics in Asian American Studies: Intro to Asian American & Pacific Islander 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
EPSc 111	Introduction to Global Climate Change in the 21st Century	3
EPSc 116A	Resources of the Earth	3
EPSc 201	Earth and the Environment	4
EPSc 219	Energy and the Environment	3
EPSc 221A	Human Use of the Earth	3
Econ 1011	Introduction to Microeconomics	3
Econ 1021	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3

Econ 208	First-Year Seminar: Economics and Society	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	Ampersand: Global Population on the Move: Refugees, Resettlement, Education, and Advocacy	3
GIS 200	Introduction to GIS (U90)	3
GS (IAS) 103B	First-Year Seminar: International Public Affairs	3
GS (IAS) 111	First-Year Seminar: The Vietnam Wars	3
GS (IAS) 127	Migration in the Global World: Stories	3
GS (IAS) 135	First-Year Seminar: Chinatown: Migration, Identity, and Space	3
GS (IAS) 140	East Asia in the World	3
GS (IAS) 155	First-Year Seminar: Mapping the World: Introduction to Human Geography	3
GS (IAS) 160	World Politics and the Global Economy	3
GS (IAS) 207	Crossing Borders: An Introduction to Institutions and Concepts in Global Studies	3
GS (IAS) 229	Modern European History: Migrations, Nation States, Identities	3
GS (IAS) 244	Introduction to European Studies	3
History 102D	Introduction to Modern European History	3
History 102C	Western Civilization II	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 2093	Mobilizing Shame: Violence, the Media and Int'l Intervention	3
History 2157	First-Year Seminar: The Meaning of Pakistan: History, Culture, Art	3
History 2356	From St. Louis to Shanghai: Cities and Citizens in Global Urban History	3
History 2171	Who Died and Made Them Kings? People, Politics and Power in the Atlantic World	3

History 270	Globalization and its Discontents	3
IPH 207C	Ampersand: Modern Political Thought: Text and Traditions	3
IS 210	Bugs, Drugs and Global Society: Topics in Global Health (U43)	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
Physics 171A	Physics and Society	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 2010	The Roots of Ferguson: Understanding Racial Inequality in the Contemporary U.S.	3
Soc 106	Social Problems and Social Issues	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

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 (IAS) 3040	International Law and Politics	3
GS (IAS) 314B	International Politics	3
GS (IAS) 3248	Intercultural Communication	3
GS (IAS) 3575	U.S. Foreign Policy: Theory and Practice	3
GS (IAS) 376	International Economics	3
GS (IAS) 402	The Meaning of National Security in the 21st Century	3
GS (IAS) 4246	State Failure, State Success and Development	3
GS (IAS) 4622	Labor and Labor Movements in Global History	3
GS (IAS) 4761	Politics of Global Finance	3
History 3593	The Wheels of Commerce: From the Industrial Revolution to Global Capitalism	3
History 3741	History of United States: Foreign Relations: 1920-1989	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 (U85)	3
IA 535	American Foreign Policy (U85)	3
IA 5571	Politics of Global Finance (U85)	3
IA 574	International Relations (U85)	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
Pol Sci 4791	Political Economy of Development	3
Pol Sci 4792	Globalization and National Politics	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 (IAS) 318	Learning to Use GIS in Development, Area Studies and International Affairs	3
GS (IAS) 3248	Intercultural Communication	3
GS (IAS) 4005	Directed Research in Global Studies	3
GS (IAS) 4414	Gender Analysis for International Affairs	3
History 301T	Historical Methods — Transregional History	3
IA 524	Methods and Research Design in International Studies (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 adviser in order to count for the major. Visit the concentration webpage (<http://ias.wustl.edu/international-affairs/>) and master course list for the full list of options.

- African and African-American Studies
- Anthropology
- Applied Linguistics
- Chinese
- Comparative Literature
- East Asian Languages and Cultures
- Economics
- Environmental Studies
- Film and Media Studies
- Finance (Business School)
- German
- Global Studies
- History
- Italian
- Jewish, Islamic and Middle Eastern Cultures
- Korean
- Latin American Studies
- Political Science
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- University College — Geographic Information Systems; International Affairs; International Studies; 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, 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://arts.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/Courselistsings/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.