

Global Studies

The MA degree in Global Studies (GS) is a one-year Masters program. It is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide the fundamentals of contemporary international issues as well as detailed knowledge on particular world regions or countries. The MA degree in Global Studies provides wide flexibility in crafting an individual interdisciplinary program. Students tailor the content of their programs within a defined framework to suit their interests. Specific course work is chosen in consultation with a faculty adviser.

1. Students must COMPLETE a minimum of 24 units, at least twelve of which must be graduate-level course work (courses numbered 200-299). Two-thirds of *all* course work must be letter-graded. Thus no more than a third of all units may be taken on an S/U or P/NP grading basis.
2. Students are required to complete two Global Studies proseminars, one in the fall, the other in the spring. They must also enroll in at least two social science and two area studies courses (in the same area).
3. Capstone – All students must undergo a comprehensive examination, with both written and oral components. A committee consisting of three faculty members will direct the examination for all of the students in any given cohort, which will require synthesis of material from student coursework.

Global Studies Courses

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GLOBAL 210 MA Seminar for Global Studies 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

This reading seminar, required of all MA students in Global Studies, will approach a particular topic in global studies each year. Covering a variety of themes, students will engage with the literature of the field, and begin to study the ways in which particular problems have been approached from a variety of disciplinary perspectives in the social sciences.

MA Seminar for Global Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

MA Seminar for Global Studies: Read Less [-]

GLOBAL 250Q Special Topics In Asia 4 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

Advanced multidisciplinary research in current issues and topics related to Asia. This Global Studies course will focus on specific issues related to Asia with appropriate comparative material included. Topics will change depending on the instructor teaching.

Special Topics In Asia: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Topics In Asia: Read Less [-]

GLOBAL 254M Special Topics: Global Middle East 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

This course explores special topics, based on current research and interests and is focused on at least one global region. Using a social science perspective, students will engage in critical thinking about the way in which a particular region, or subset of a region, interacts with other states and societies.

Special Topics: Global Middle East: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Students may enroll in multiple sections of this course within the same semester.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Special Topics: Global Middle East: Read Less [-]

GLOBAL 273 International Human Rights 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

This course will explore the philosophical evolution of human rights principles in the realm of political theory and the influence of such principles as they have transformed into a coherent body of law. We will focus specifically on issues in international human rights law; the approach will be both thematic and comparative. Topics will include but are not limited to: human rights diplomacy; the influence of human rights in international legal practice; cultural and minority rights; genocide and the world community; cultural relativism and national sovereignty; international law and international relations; individual and collective rights; migration, labor, and globalization; and national, international, and nongovernmental organizations.

International Human Rights: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

International Human Rights: Read Less [-]

GLOBAL 298 Directed Group Studies for Graduate Students 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

Group studies of selected topics which vary from year to year.

Directed Group Studies for Graduate Students: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of seminar per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Directed Group Studies for Graduate Students: Read Less [-]

GLOBAL 375 Professional Training: Teaching in Global Studies 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

This course is intended to prepare Global Studies MA students to be instructors in interdisciplinary/multi-departmental courses. It will serve as a forum to discuss problems and create innovative solutions to these problems. Focusing on course construction and operation, specialists from various disciplines will discuss strategies for moving outside of their areas of specialization and into broader areas of Global Studies. Graduate students will be provided training in building their own interdisciplinary courses from the ground up. Organizing syllabi, preparing lectures, devising written assignments, leading discussion sections, constructing evaluative mechanisms and grading them, will all be covered over the course of the semester.

Professional Training: Teaching in Global Studies: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Appointment as a graduate student instructor for one of the Global Studies or Political Economy undergraduate courses

Credit Restrictions: Required for graduate student instructors teaching in the Global Studies or Political Economy programs for the first time.

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit up to a total of 8 units.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Professional Training: Teaching in Global Studies: Read Less [-]