Bachelor of Arts

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Global Studies major allows students to explore interactions between states, societies, and cultures and their outcomes. Students pursuing an undergraduate degree in global studies will engage in thinking critically about how global change has (and can) come about during the course of their lifetimes. Students focus on issues relevant to them in a way that provides intellectual flexibility.

A major and minor in Global Studies is offered by the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Program, which also offers a major and minor in Political Economy as well as the Human Rights Interdisciplinary minor.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with a student organization such as The Global Citizen or the United Nations Association at Berkeley.
- Engage with global issues firsthand through study abroad.
- Attend local events on global issues hosted by World Affairs.
- Complete a major paper or capstone project as part an optional Senior Thesis.

THE GLOBAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

Students pursuing the Global Studies major select one of three concentrations: (1) Global Development, (2) Global Peace and Conflict, or (3) Global Societies and Cultures. Students also choose one of five regions (Asia, Africa, Europe/Russia, The Americas or the Middle East) in which to specialize, both in terms of content and language. Students work with Global Studies faculty and advisors to devise a program that best captures their interests and allows them to reach their intellectual and professional potential.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

ADVISING

Students can schedule appointments with a Global Studies advisor through CalCentral.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit globalstudies.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

“ My courses had incredibly engaging material related to us by eloquent lecturers. ”

– Graduating Student, Class of 2019

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.
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FIRST YEAR

- Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plan.
- Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements, and consult the Global Studies Handbook.
- Get started on the foreign language requirement for the major.

SECOND YEAR

- Take a methodology class such as GLOBAL 102: Critical Thinking in Global Studies. See Appendix C of the Global Studies Handbook for a complete methodology course list.
- Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major.
- Review major guidelines for study abroad and look into programs in Global and International Studies.

THIRD YEAR

- Focus on core courses, geographic focus courses, and remaining upper division electives.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask the major advisor about the Global Studies Honors Program or an optional Senior Thesis.

FOURTH YEAR

- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

Explore your major

Connect and build community

Discover your passions

Engage locally and globally

Reflect and plan your future

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

The Global Studies major offers solid training in acquiring knowledge to become agents of positive change on global issues. Graduates develop an interdisciplinary understanding of contemporary and global issues regarding history, geography, and large-scale events, and go on to careers in a wide variety of fields.

Jobs and Employers

- Business Development Associate, Sift
- Consultant, SGR Consulting
- Content Manager, U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce
- Corps Member, Americorps
- Field Director, CA Democratic Party
- HR Specialist, SK Innovation
- Investment Management Analyst, Mercer
- Medical Interpreter, Alta Bates Hospital
- Product Specialist, Everlaw
- Project Manager, Imagine Creative
- Reporter, The NY Times
- Research Analyst, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- Senior Consultant, PwC
- Social Worker, Fremont Public School
- Student Senator, UC Berkeley
- Volunteer, Peace Corps
- Web Developer, MuleSoft

Graduate Programs

- Education, Masters
- International Relations and Affairs, PhD
- Law, JD, PhD
- Sociology, Masters

Examples gathered from the Career Center: First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates and LinkedIn.

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