Global Studies (GBST)

Courses

GBST 2096. Introduction to Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
The 21st century is an age of globalization. Individuals no longer live their lives exclusively within local and national communities, but are touched by, and interact with, states, groups, firms and individuals across the world. In the area of international security, states have always fought, and prepared to fight, wars with other states, but in the 21st century these interstate wars have been joined by both increasingly destructive civil wars within countries, and by international and global terrorism perpetrated by non-state actors. In the economic realm, recent decades have witnessed a dramatic opening of almost all the world’s economies to flows of international trade, finance, and people, such that all of us are now touched, in one way or another, by developments in the global economy. In the realm of culture, centuries-old national cultures, languages and traditions that have shaped people’s world views are increasingly coming into contact – via increased travel, mass communications, and the internet – with cultural impacts from other countries.
Course Attributes: WI
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GBST 4096. Capstone Seminar in Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.
This capstone research seminar is designed for seniors in Global Studies, with the specific aim of helping students carry out and complete an independent research project in their areas of concentration. Over the course of this semester, you will select a research topic, formulate a research question, engage with the scholarly literature on this question, generate hypotheses for empirical testing (if appropriate), and set out a research design and methodology that will allow you to test and present compelling findings about your chosen research question. Whether you are coming to the seminar with well established ideas about the possible topic of your research paper, or are starting from scratch, the course will give you the skills you need to select a research question and move, step by step, to a completed work of original global studies scholarship.
Course Attributes: WI
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits
Pre-requisites:
GBST 2096|Minimum Grade of C-|May not be taken concurrently.