

Global Studies (GBST)

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GBST 0866. Identity and Global Justice. 3 Credit Hours.

The world today is more prosperous and more unequal than it has ever been. From how much people earn or save, or how long they live, or how much energy they consume or waste they produce, the gaps between nations have reached unprecedented levels. Within nations too there are very large (and often growing) gaps between individuals and social groups (defined by race, ethnicity, religion, language, caste, etc.). Every inequality is also inevitably a political and ethical issue, giving rise to dynamics of domination and resistance on the one hand to discourse and action on justice on the other. It may be fair to suggest that almost every major story that engages our attention - from billionaire wealth to the plight of refugees - is a matter of inequality and justice. Note: This course fulfills the GenEd Race and Diversity (GD) requirement.

Course Attributes: GD, SF

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GBST 1000. Special Topics in Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 1010. Special Topics in Global Security. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 1020. Special Topics in Global Economy. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 1030. Special Topics in Global Cultures. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 2000. Special Topics in Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 2001. 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.

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GBST 2010. Special Topics in Global Security. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the security track of the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 2020. Special Topics in Global Economy. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the economy track of the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 2030. Special Topics in Global Cultures. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the cultural track of the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 2082. Independent Study. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Arranged each semester; please consult with the instructor.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 2096. Introduction to Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

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Course Attributes: WI

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GBST 2197. Research Skills for Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

This is an introductory course on research skills. It is designed to provide an overview of the research process and a broad introduction to a range of research methods used in the liberal arts. The goal is to acquaint students with the key aspects of research design: thinking and learning about a problem, defining a specific answerable question, situating the question in theory and existing research, identifying relevant data sources (primary and secondary), and devising a method to find an answer to that problem. Given the interdisciplinary foundations of Global Studies, this course is decidedly interdisciplinary, drawing on methods from several disciplines in the liberal arts, including Anthropology, Economics, English, Geography, History, Political Science, and Sociology.

Course Attributes: WI

Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

GBST 2900. Honors Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester, please consult with the instructor for more information.

Course Attributes: HO

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3000. Special Topics in Global Studies. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3010. Special Topics in Global Security. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the security track of the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3020. Special Topics in Global Economy. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the economy track of the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3030. Special Topics in Global Cultures. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester; please consult with the instructor for more information. Note: This course will count towards an elective for students declared in the cultural track of the Global Studies major.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3082. Independent Study. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Arranged each semester; please consult with the instructor.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3083. Directed Readings. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Arranged each semester; please consult with the instructor.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3085. Internship. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Arranged each semester; please consult with the instructor.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3089. Fieldwork. 1 to 6 Credit Hour.

Arranged each semester; please consult with the instructor.

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

GBST 3900. Honors Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.

Topics vary each semester, please consult with the instructor for more information.

Course Attributes: HO

Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

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: Minimum grade of C- in (GBST 2096 or GBST 2001)