

# Global Studies BA

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## Overview

Now more than ever, global knowledge, language abilities and international experience are crucial for students preparing to enter a global workforce. The **Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies**, which is administered by the Global Studies Program, prepares students for just that by combining bedrock instruction in multiple disciplines with foreign language instruction, regional enrichment and specialization in one of three thematic areas: global security, global economy, or global cultures. The Global Studies major goes beyond work done in other majors by exposing students to interdisciplinary perspectives on the world. Students gain advanced knowledge about international cultures and perspectives as well as essential skills like critical thinking and effective communication that are prized by every professional industry.

A BA in Global Studies prepares students to

- **Understand complex global problems** using tools from multiple disciplines, including economic analysis, social science and historical methods;
- **Communicate ideas about global issues effectively** through written work, oral expression and digital communication tools;
- **Look beyond local and national boundaries** to see themselves as part of a global network, the sustainability of which requires ethical and moral forthrightness;
- **Experience other cultures** by studying a world language and participating in a regional enrichment experience such as study abroad; and
- **Thrive professionally** in a variety of careers in an increasingly global marketplace.

## Curriculum

The Global Studies curriculum offers a foundation through a set of four introductory courses, as well as specialization in one of three concentrations. Students **must select one of the following concentrations**:

- Global Security
- Global Economy
- Global Cultures

The introductory courses prepare students for the concentrations by studying alternative disciplinary and problem-based approaches to global studies. Within this general framework, the three concentrations allow students to identify a specialized program of study drawing from a structured set of concentration-specific requirements and electives, culminating in a research-based and writing-intensive capstone seminar. Each concentration offers many elective options and new courses are added each semester. Students are encouraged to work with their advisor to select the best options for their intended career path.

To develop a world perspective, students in Global Studies take two full years (through 4th semester) of a foreign language and either participate in an approved study abroad program or take additional area studies courses. Students work with their advisor and the Education Abroad office to identify the best fit with their language skills, disciplinary interests, career plans and financial capabilities.

**Campus Location:** Main

**Program Code:** LA-GBST-BA

## Distinction in Major

Global Studies majors will receive Distinction in the Major if they have earned an overall GPA of 3.5 or higher and a GPA of at least 3.5 in the courses required for the major (excluding the language requirement).

## Career Potential

Global Studies is not a major with a limiting, predefined career destination. Today, a large and growing number of careers can and do feature international or global components. Students with a degree in Global Studies thrive in a variety of industries, including local and national government, advocacy, policy development, the business sector and diplomacy. Foreign language proficiency and study abroad experience also make Global Studies graduates attractive job candidates in a variety of industries, including business, civil service, government, education, law, trade and policy.

This major is an obvious choice for students aiming specifically for an international career in government, business, or the non-profit sector, and its interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary nature provides an appropriate foundation for work or graduate study in any field affected by global change.

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Learn more about the Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies.

*These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.*

## Summary of Degree Requirements

### University Requirements

- MATH 0701 (4 s.h.) and/or ENG 0701 (4 s.h.), if required by placement testing.
- All Temple students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The specific courses required for this major are GBST 2197 and GBST 4096.
- Students must complete requirements of the General Education (GenEd) Program. See the General Education section of the *Undergraduate Bulletin* for more details.

### College of Liberal Arts Requirements

- Completion of a minimum of 123 credits, including:
  - 90 credits in CLA/CST courses;
  - 45 credits of which must be at the upper level (numbered 2000-4999).
    - For **Social Science majors**, 6 upper level credits (numbered 2000-4999) must be taken in Humanities Subject Areas: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Greek (Ancient), Greek and Roman Classics, Hebrew, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Latin, Philosophy, Religion, Russian, and Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts, Art History in the Tyler School of Art and Architecture, or any department in the College of Science and Technology.
- A minimum GPA of 2.0, cumulatively, in CLA/CST coursework, and in the major.
- Only courses in which a student receives a grade of at least C- can satisfy GenEd, major, minor, or CLA Foreign Language and Global Studies requirements.
- **Professional Development Requirement**
  - All students in the College of Liberal Arts are required to take a 1 credit seminar in professional development. CLA 1002 Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors is the appropriate course option for this major. Other courses that fulfill this requirement are listed on the CLA College Requirements page. Only one course in this category may count towards graduation.
- **Foreign Language/Global Studies Requirements**
  - Global Studies majors are required to complete the fourth level of a foreign language, which exceeds the CLA minimum requirement. No additional coursework is required. The fourth level of language is numbered 2001 in French, Spanish, and Portuguese and in all other foreign language subjects, it is numbered 2002.
- **Notes on Foreign Language Study**
  - The third level of a foreign language as it is the minimum required for election to the prestigious honor society *Phi Beta Kappa*. (Taking the course does not guarantee admission but not taking it guarantees exclusion.)
  - See the College of Liberal Arts Policies section of this *Bulletin* for more information on the Foreign Language Placement, Regression in Coursework, and guidelines for students' other experiences with language.

**General Electives** are typically one-third of a student's program of study and can be focused on a second major, a minor, or towards some other personal enrichment or professional goals. See an academic advisor for assistance in developing an academic plan for these courses.

### Major Requirements (36-58 credits - varies according to foreign language placement and regional enrichment options)

| Code                      | Title                                 | Credit Hours |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Foundation courses</b> |                                       |              |
| ANTH 2305                 | Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3            |
| ECON 1103                 | Global Economics                      | 3            |

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| GBST 2001 | Introduction to Global Studies     | 3 |
| GBST 2197 | Research Skills for Global Studies | 3 |
| POLS 1301 | International Politics             | 3 |

#### Concentration Requirements

Select a concentration and choose 6 courses from its list (below): 18

Global Security Concentration

Global Economy Concentration

Global Cultures Concentration

#### Senior Capstone Seminar

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| GBST 4096 | Capstone Seminar in Global Studies | 3 |
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#### Regional Enrichment

Select one of the following: 0-6

Study abroad at a TU-approved program

Two area studies courses from one region as outlined below:

##### Africa and the Middle East

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| AAAS 2201 | African Civilization                               |
| ARBC 2012 | Modern Arabic Literature in Translation            |
| ARBC 2021 | Contemporary Arab Society in Film (in Translation) |
| GUS 2073  | African Development                                |
| HIST 2511 | Introduction to African History                    |
| HIST 2513 | Cold War Africa                                    |
| HIST 2516 | Modern Islamic History                             |
| HIST 2702 | Imperialism, Race, and Empire                      |
| HIST 2703 | African Diaspora                                   |
| HIST 3511 | Southern Africa: A History                         |
| HIST 3531 | Modern India                                       |
| HIST 3571 | Israel: History, Politics and Society              |
| HIST 3572 | Modern Middle East                                 |
| HIST 3751 | Colonialism and Decolonization                     |
| POLS 3241 | Mideast Politics                                   |

##### Asia

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| ANTH 2367 | Peoples of South Asia                                      |
| ASST 2001 | Practical Asian Society and Culture                        |
| ASST 2367 | South Asia: Peoples, Culture, Experiences                  |
| CHI 2013  | Modern and Contemporary Chinese Literature in Translation  |
| CHI 2022  | Contemporary Chinese Urban Film and Fiction in Translation |
| GUS 2074  | East and South Asia  |
| GUS 3052  | Environmental Problems in Asia                             |
| HIST 2217 | Vietnam War  |
| HIST 2501 | Introduction to East Asia: China                           |
| HIST 2502 | Introduction to East Asia: Japan                           |
| HIST 2503 | Introduction to Southeast Asia: Insular                    |
| HIST 2504 | Introduction to Southeast Asia: Mainland                   |
| HIST 2516 | Modern Islamic History                                     |
| HIST 2702 | Imperialism, Race, and Empire                              |
| HIST 3521 | The Chinese Revolution                                     |
| HIST 3522 | Contemporary China   |
| HIST 3531 | Modern India   |
| HIST 3551 | History of Vietnam   |
| JPNS 2012 | Modern and Contemporary Japanese Literature in Translation |
| JPNS 2021 | Japanese Literature in Film                                |
| POLS 2351 | Japan and the Changing World Order                         |

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| HIST 2217 | Vietnam War  |
| HIST 2304 | 20th Century Europe: A Continent in Crisis                 |
| HIST 2317 | Central Europe Through Wars and Revolution, 1848-1989      |
| HIST 2513 | Cold War Africa  |
| HIST 2702 | Imperialism, Race, and Empire                              |
| HIST 2804 | Peace, Conflict, and Social Change                         |
| HIST 2811 | World War I  |
| HIST 2812 | World War II   |
| HIST 2817 | Gender, War, and Society                                   |
| HIST 3228 | America's Rise to Globalism                                |
| HIST 3229 | Superpower America   |
| HIST 3433 | Blood and Iron: 19th Century European Diplomacy            |
| HIST 3572 | Modern Middle East   |
| POLS 2301 | Theories of War and Peace                                  |
| POLS 2311 | Post-Cold War Security                                     |
| POLS 2321 | Politics of the Global Economy                             |
| POLS 2331 | International Organization                                 |
| POLS 2341 | U.S. Foreign Policy  |
| POLS 3332 | Globalization: Politics and Political Economy <sup>1</sup> |

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These courses require prerequisites beyond those covered in the Global Studies Foundation courses; students wishing to take these courses should plan accordingly.

## Global Economy Concentration (6 courses)

Economic globalization is one of the defining features of the contemporary world. This concentration introduces students to fundamental features of the global economy from multiple disciplinary perspectives, including in the areas of trade, finance, and development. It studies the origins and consequences of globalization for development and growth, income and poverty, literacy and health, as well as political, demographic, environmental, and cultural changes. Students examine the evolution of cooperation among states in managing the global economy, and the role of history, politics, and technology in shaping international, national, and local relations.

| Code   | Title                                    | Credit Hours |
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| <b>Global Economy Concentration Requirements</b> |  |              |
| Select three of the following:                   |  | 9            |
| ECON 2061  | Foundations of Macroeconomic Development |              |
| ECON 3062  | Economics of Global Poverty              |              |
| GUS 2031   | Geography of the Global Economy          |              |
| SOC 3221   | Global Development                       |              |

Note: Courses taken for this requirement may not count as Global Economy electives below.

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| <b>Global Economy Electives</b> |  |   |
| Select three of the following:  |  | 9 |
| ANTH 3327                       | Globalization and Localization           |   |
| ECON 3547                       | Economics of Development and Growth      |   |
| ECON 3563                       | International Trade                      |   |
| ECON 3564                       | International Monetary Economics         |   |
| GUS 2032                        | Urban Systems in a Global Economy        |   |
| GUS 2073                        | African Development                      |   |
| GUS 3021                        | International Urbanization               |   |
| GUS 3073                        | Geography of Travel and Tourism          |   |
| HIST 3811                       | World Economy Since 1945                 |   |
| POLS 2201                       | Comparative Politics: Developing Nations |   |
| POLS 2321                       | Politics of the Global Economy           |   |

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| POLS 3332 | Globalization: Politics and Political Economy |
| SOC 3219  | Understanding Globalization                   |

## Global Cultures Concentration (6 courses)

The Global Cultures concentration studies cultural formation, cultural change, and cultural interaction among peoples across the world. "Culture" is defined as learned systems of values, beliefs, and practices that bind a group of people together and give common meaning to their lived experiences. These groups can be local, regional, national or international; they are shaped by various structures of power and are continuously migrating. Students in the Global Cultures concentration will examine the interaction of global and local cultures and study aspects of cultural circulation, transaction, and mobility through courses in Literature, Film, Religion, History, Anthropology, and Sociology.

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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### Global Cultures Concentration Requirements

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| Select three of the following: |                               | 9 |
| ANTH 3325                      | Political Anthropology        |   |
| HIST 2702                      | Imperialism, Race, and Empire |   |
| HIST 2819                      | Global Connections            |   |
| REL 1001                       | Religion and Society          |   |

Note: Courses taken for this requirement may not count as Global Cultures electives below.

### Global Cultures Electives

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| Select three of the following: |   | 9 |
| AAAS 2201                      | African Civilization  |   |
| AAAS 3215                      | Languages and Cultures of West Africa <sup>1</sup>              |   |
| ANTH 3325                      | Political Anthropology  |   |
| ANTH 3327                      | Globalization and Localization                                  |   |
| ANTH 3331                      | Anthropology and Culture Change                                 |   |
| ANTH 3333                      | The Anthropology of Tourism                                     |   |
| ARBC 2012                      | Modern Arabic Literature in Translation                         |   |
| ARBC 2021                      | Contemporary Arab Society in Film (in Translation)              |   |
| ASST 2001                      | Practical Asian Society and Culture                             |   |
| ASST 2107                      | Asian American Experiences                                      |   |
| ASST 2367                      | South Asia: Peoples, Culture, Experiences                       |   |
| ENG 2512                       | The Modern Novel  |   |
| ENG 2601                       | Introduction to Postcolonial Literatures                        |   |
| ENG 2712                       | International Film  |   |
| ENG 3513                       | Modern World Fiction <sup>1</sup>                               |   |
| ENG 3522                       | Contemporary World Fiction in English <sup>1</sup>              |   |
| ENG 3610                       | Topics in Postcolonial Literature <sup>1</sup>                  |   |
| ENG 3611                       | Postcolonial Theory   |   |
| GUS 3001                       | Images of the City in Popular Culture                           |   |
| GUS 3307                       | Transportation & Culture  |   |
| HIST 2513                      | Cold War Africa   |   |
| HIST 2515                      | Civilization and Modernity in the Caribbean                     |   |
| HIST 2516                      | Modern Islamic History  |   |
| HIST 2611                      | Third World Issues through Film                                 |   |
| HIST 2702                      | Imperialism, Race, and Empire                                   |   |
| HIST 2703                      | African Diaspora  |   |
| HIST 2705                      | Anti-Semitism/Holocaust/Racism                                  |   |
| HIST 2816                      | Gender, Class, Nation   |   |
| HIST 2817                      | Gender, War, and Society  |   |
| HIST 2818                      | American Icons  |   |
| HIST 3431                      | Women's Lives in Modern Europe                                  |   |
| HIST 3564                      | Caliban's World: Cultural Politics in the 20th Century Americas |   |

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| HIST 3572 | Modern Middle East  |
| HIST 3711 | The City in History   |
| LAS 1001  | Perspectives on Latin America   |
| LAS 2101  | Latin America through Film and Fiction                                  |
| LAS 3602  | Caribbean Literature and Culture  |
| REL 1001  | Religion and Society  |
| REL 2001  | Women in Religion and Society   |
| REL 2101  | Indian Philosophies and Religions                                       |
| REL 2102  | Introduction to Buddhism  |
| REL 2596  | What Is Christianity?   |
| REL 2606  | Introduction to Islam   |
| REL 2702  | Religion in Contemporary Africa   |
| REL 3011  | Monks, Masters, and Magicians: Religion in Premodern Chinese Literature |
| REL 3101  | Yoga & Tantric Mysticism  |
| PHIL 4278 | Philosophy of Culture   |
| SOC 3209  | Immigrant America: Belonging and Integration                            |
| SOC 3221  | Global Development  |

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## Suggested Academic Plan

### Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies

#### Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

| Year 1                              |   | Credit Hours |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| <b>Fall</b>                         |   |              |
| ENG 0802                            | Analytical Reading and Writing                      | 4            |
| or ENG 0812                         | or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL              |              |
| or ENG 0902                         | or Honors Writing About Literature                  |              |
| GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course  | <sup>GQ</sup>                                       | 4            |
| Foreign Language 1001 - first level |   | 4            |
| GenEd Breadth Course                |   | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                 |   | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>                       |   |              |
| IH 0851                             | Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life              | 3            |
| or IH 0951                          | or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life    |              |
| GenEd Breadth Course                |   | 3            |
| Foreign Language - second level     |   | 4            |
| ECON 1103                           | Global Economics                                    | 3            |
| POLS 1301                           | International Politics                              | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                 |   | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>Year 2</b>                       |   |              |
| <b>Fall</b>                         |   |              |
| IH 0852                             | Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good           | 3            |
| or IH 0952                          | or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good |              |
| GenEd Breadth Course                |   | 3            |
| Foreign Language - third level      |   | 3            |
| GBST 2001                           | Introduction to Global Studies                      | 3            |
| CLA 2000+ Elective                  |   | 3            |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>                 |   | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>Spring</b>                       |   |              |
| CLA 1002                            | Professional Development for Liberal Arts Majors    | 1            |

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| GenEd Breadth Course   | 3          |
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| Foreign Language - fourth level                                      | 3          |
| GBST 2197                      Research Skills for Global Studies    | 3          |
| CLA/CST 0800-4999 Elective   | 2          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Year 3</b>  |            |
| <b>Fall</b>  |            |
| GenEd Breadth Course   | 3          |
| Global Studies Concentration 2000+ Course                            | 3          |
| Global Studies Concentration 2000+ Course                            | 3          |
| ANTH 2305                      Introduction to Cultural Anthropology | 3          |
| One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College                      | 2          |
| Global Studies Concentration Course                                  | 3          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>  | <b>17</b>  |
| <b>Spring</b>  |            |
| GenEd Breadth Course   | 3          |
| Global Studies Area Requirement <sup>1</sup>                         | 3          |
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| CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course                                  | 3          |
| CLA/CST 2000+ Humanities/CST Course                                  | 3          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Year 4</b>  |            |
| <b>Fall</b>  |            |
| Global Studies Concentration 2000+ Course                            | 3          |
| Global Studies Concentration 2000+ Course                            | 3          |
| CLA 2000+ Elective   | 3          |
| CLA 2000+ Elective   | 3          |
| One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College                      | 3          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Spring</b>  |            |
| GBST 4096                      Capstone Seminar in Global Studies    | 3          |
| Global Studies Concentration Course                                  | 3          |
| CLA 2000+ Elective   | 3          |
| One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College                      | 3          |
| One 0800-4999 Elective in Any School or College                      | 3          |
| <b>Credit Hours</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>  | <b>123</b> |

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Students are encouraged to study abroad, but if not possible, can replace with the area studies requirements as noted in this grid.