The program offers students the opportunity to study the interrelated processes shaping today’s increasingly interdependent world. Students examine political, economic, cultural, and social processes of local communities, nation states, transnational businesses, and social movements across the globe. The program requires students to integrate theoretical knowledge about broad global processes with regionally focused detailed knowledge of social and cultural systems and language. Students complete a common set of core courses providing a broad overview of issues and approaches to global studies. Each student then chooses a thematic and regional concentration. Coursework is completed by selecting from relevant courses offered by a broad range of departments.

Preparatory Coursework

As preparation for the major, students are encouraged to take at least two of the following courses: Geog 1301, Hist 1012/1018, GloS 1015/1016; Pol 1025; CSCL 1001, CSCL 1301; and one year of foreign language study at the college level. Students must formally enroll in the major at the advising office, 232 Social Sciences Building. Students must meet with an adviser to develop a program that meets major guidelines.

Degree Requirements

Students must complete at least 120 credits to graduate, including at least 35 credits in the major. All courses for the major must be taken A-F and completed with a grade of C- or better. Students must declare a thematic and regional concentration. A minimum of 12 credits is required for each concentration. At least two of the courses taken within the thematic or regional concentrations must have the global studies (GloS) designator. Detailed information on courses fulfilling the requirements for specific concentrations is available in the Global Studies Handbook. Because the global studies major offers students an unusual level of flexibility, putting together a course of study that meets these requirements can be complex. Students must work closely with a global studies adviser in room 232 Social Sciences Building.

Required Courses

- GloS 3101—Theoretical Approaches to Global Studies (4 cr)
- GloS 3144—Knowledge, Power, and the Politics of Representation in Global Studies (4 cr)

Ways of Knowing requirement—3-4 credits

Students complete a course of at least three credits appropriate to their thematic concentration in consultation with a global studies adviser.

Thematic Concentrations—12-13 credits

Students choose a thematic concentration from the options below. Within each thematic concentration students choose appropriate courses in consultation with a global studies adviser.

- Culture, Power, Place: Coursework integrates humanities and social science perspectives on such phenomena as globalization, transnationalism, modernity, colonialism, nations and nationalism, ethnicity, and diasporic identities, by focusing on the ways that these produce and are produced by cultural forms. Students consider the political nature of cultural processes and the interrelated constitution of culture, power, and place.
- Environment and Sustainable Development: Coursework examines how the global dynamics of capitalism determine forms of raw material extraction and natural resource use, and shape
trajectories of environmental change; how development and macroeconomic programs affect people, societies and ecosystems across the world; and how grassroots and transnational social movements may articulate new visions of sustainable development, nature, and justice.

- **Governance, Peace and Justice in a Global Context:** Coursework addresses interstate relations as well as the ways in which such relations have been altered by the increasing role of nongovernmental organizations, supranational organizations, and institutions of global governance. Students examine mechanisms promoting conflict resolution and cooperation in a global context.

- **International Political Economy:** Coursework focuses on the study of economic relationships among governments, enterprises, societal groups, and communities from different countries. Students explore economic processes, the institutions that shape them, and local reaction to them.

- **Population, Migration, and Identity:** Coursework provides students with a better understanding of human population development, transnational migration, and the politics of identity in an increasingly interdependent world. Students investigate population growth, fertility, mortality and transnational labor and refugee migration in different parts of the world.

### Regional Concentrations—12-13 credits
Students choose a regional concentration from: Africa, East Asia, Europe, Latin America, Russia, or South Asia. Within each regional concentration students choose appropriate courses in consultation with a global studies adviser.

### Language Requirements
Students complete at least two years of coursework in a language related to their regional concentration.

### Additional Requirement
Students participate in a relevant experiential learning opportunity through study abroad, the Foreign Language Immersion Program, an internship, or a service learning experience. Work completed in meeting these requirements will be counted toward the thematic or regional concentrations where appropriate.

### Final Project
Students complete a senior project integrating their thematic and regional concentrations.

### Minor Requirements
Students complete 17 credits for the global studies minor. All courses must be taken A-F and completed with a grade of C- or better. All students complete GloS 3101 and GloS 3144 to fulfill the core requirements. Students then declare a thematic and regional concentration and complete an additional nine credits, including two breadth requirements, one course in a thematic breadth, and one course in a regional breadth plus one elective.

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### What can I do with a major in global studies?

#### Skills
Global studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

- An understanding of the processes shaping today’s world
- Critical thinking skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups
- Independent, self-motivated work ethic
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills

#### Employment
Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- **Government**—federal, state, and local positions with an international component
- **Business**—governmental relations, positions with multinational businesses and banks, marketing, sales, consulting
- **Communication**—writing, editing, public relations
- **Education**—teaching, research, administration
- **Nonprofit**—management, programming

### How do I declare a global studies major?
You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits. **Remember,** you have not declared a major until you complete steps 1-3 below.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a global studies major, meet with Misha Pettus in 232 Social Sciences (624-9353), to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major’s declaration process.
For more information

About the global studies major:
Undergraduate Advising
214 Social Sciences
(612) 624-9007
http://igs.cla.umn.edu/

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Social Sciences Student Community
575 Heller Hall
(612) 626-7714
http://socialsci.cla.umn.edu
socsci@class.cla.umn.edu

or
CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:
Students interested in graduating with honors should contact:
CLA Honors Division
115 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

Remember!
You have not declared a major until you have:

• completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
• filed a copy with the major department
• filed a copy with your CLA student community
• be sure to keep a copy for yourself