

GLOBAL STUDIES

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The Global Studies Program is open to students from all majors. In Global Studies courses students focus on a theme of global importance, spend a semester exploring the topic through course work, then apply and expand their knowledge with travel to a city, country or region. Financial Aid may be available to help cover trip costs, which are assessed as a course fee.

Program Options:

Global Studies Clusters

- Usually consist of:
1. Two or three Faculty participants; up to 25 students
 2. Two or three 100-200 level LAC courses
 3. A semester-long team-taught, 3 credit interdisciplinary Global Studies Seminar
 4. A one-credit Voyage lasting 2-3 weeks at the end of the semester

Global Studies Seminar Only

- Usually consists of:
1. Two or three Faculty participants; up to 25 students
 2. A semester-long team-taught 3 credit interdisciplinary Global Studies Seminar
 3. A one-credit Voyage lasting 2-3 weeks at the end of the semester

Global Studies Experience

- Usually consists of:
1. Two-three Faculty participants; up to 25 students
 2. A 1-2 credit Global Issues and Events course during a semester, interim or summer session
 3. A 3-5 day trip to the city or region being studied during the semester (fall or spring break), between semesters or in the summer

The Global Studies Office can also assist you with information and planning of longer Travel Abroad options, such as semester or summer long opportunities, through cooperation with programs on other campuses.

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GLOBAL STUDIES COURSES (GLBL)

GLBL 100 (G) Global Studies Issues and Events

GLBL 199 (G) Global Studies Seminar and Lab (4 credits)

In the seminar, students and faculty will discuss, analyze, and research the cluster theme. Students will learn basic research skills in preparation for an oral group presentation. The seminar is team-taught by the three faculty teaching the other cluster courses. The seminar lab includes a voyage of 10-20 days to a site where students can study the cluster theme first-hand.

Prerequisite: concurrent enrollment in the designated Global Studies Cluster courses, or consent of the program.