Global Studies Program (AA degree)

What is Global Studies? What is meant by Global Studies?

Mission College
The Global Studies Program will provide the student with a knowledge of critical issues which affect their lives and community, as well as the affairs of other cultures and countries. An understanding of the world's social and natural systems, coupled with an appreciation of the diversity of human culture, will supply the student with a strong background for working in a global economy, for living in a multicultural society and for making intelligent decisions as a global citizen. Note: Most of the courses in the program also satisfy General Education requirements.

SJSU
The Global Studies BA program resulted from a long-term desire on the part of university leaders to provide education in the field of international affairs.

The new interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies offers an exciting opportunity for SJSU students to develop in-depth understanding of international flows of information, businesses, technologies, ideologies, people, values, and materials, and how these flows affect cultures, economies, politics, and environments for individuals, communities, nations and the world. Students who major in this field will acquire:

- Understanding of things that are universal
- Appreciation of the distinction between the local, regional, national, and global
- Knowledge of how different professions operate on a world scale
- Intermediate ability in a second language, other than English
- Capacity to work abroad for an extended time and
- Intercultural communication.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies strives to equip its graduates with global competencies that will prepare them for work in, for example, national diplomatic service, international organizations, economic development, management of non-governmental organizations, business and commerce, environmental preservation, cultural pursuits, and the performing arts.

UCLA
The Global Studies major provides students with a rigorous study of the fundamental dynamics of globalization. Through an interdisciplinary curriculum, students can explore, in depth, the complex and multifaceted interconnections that characterize the contemporary world.

The Global Studies curriculum focuses on three thematic pillars of globalization: Culture & Society, Governance & Conflict, and Markets.

Culture & Society courses concentrate on the tensions between local ways of life with deep historical, linguistic, ethnic, and religious roots and today's pressures for transnational cultures and multiple identities, fueled by the communication of ideas and the movement of people all around the world.

Governance & Conflict courses focus on challenges to the nation-state from forms of governance above (regional and global governance) and below (autonomy and secessionist movements) and from security threats beyond interstate warfare (ethnic conflict, terrorism, civil wars).

Markets courses address the interactions among global, regional, national, and subnational economic processes and market dynamics, their effects on different societies with respect to economic growth, poverty, inequality, and the interactions among market forces, political institutions, and public policy.

These three pillars of globalization capture the principal dimensions of the multifaceted interconnections increasingly defining the world we live in—among nation-states, international institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and ethnic, cultural, and religious groups. Global Studies examines the ways in which people across the globe are affected every day by an unprecedented array of linkages that defy geographic and political boundaries. Global Studies draws on insights from disciplines across the humanities and social sciences to give students the theoretical and methodological skills and the knowledge base necessary to understand this complex and rapidly changing world and to contribute to building a better future for us all.
UCR
The UCR Global Studies major is a broad, multidisciplinary study of events, processes, and problems that transcend national boundaries.

Students majoring in global studies explore transnational issues of global governance and security, global history, migrations, and economic systems, global social movements, global health and environmental sustainability, the global consequences of new technologies, and global literature, popular culture and media.

Global Studies is concerned with the study of globalization as we experience it today, but also provides students with a historical perspective of earlier socio-cultural, political, economic, ecological, demographic, and biomedical trends towards globalization.
With its focus on issues that involve the whole world, Global Studies prepares students for public service careers in governmental or non-governmental agencies (including immigration and environmental issues); media work in both commercial and educational venues, or careers in business, technology, and finance that require knowledge of global factors.

UCSB
Within five years, the numbers of global studies majors grew to over 700 per year—60% focusing on the socioeconomic and political aspects of globalization, and 40% emphasizing the cultural and ideological side. Most students choose Europe as their geographical area, and Spain is the most popular venue for studies abroad.

Global Studies was established as an interdisciplinary undergraduate major in the College of Letters and Science at UCSB in 1998. The major is one of the first in the nation to offer a program of international studies with contemporary globalizing trends as a central organizing theme, and is distinctive in its emphasis on the transnational processes and interactions that are bringing the world together across traditional national boundaries.

The goal of the Global Studies major is to prepare students for further graduate study in international studies and world affairs, and give them a solid Liberal Arts background for positions that involve decision-making in a changing world. It seeks to instill in the student a solid knowledge of particular cultures, while also providing training in the analysis of global trends --- a way of thinking that will be consistent with the world of the 21st century. Global Studies majors are encouraged to become "global thinkers:" they learn how to relate their knowledge of a particular part of the world to the larger trends and issues that affect all societies: the transnational interactions of peoples, cultures, economies, and politics; the globalizing processes of the communications media; technological and environmental changes; the search for world order, law and human rights; and the sometimes violent political, ethnic and religious responses to what is perceived as cultural and economic homogenization on a global scale.

The major allows the student to choose one of two emphases: Global Culture and Ideology, or Global Socio-economic and Political Processes. The first emphasis involves courses largely taught in departments in the Humanities, and the other emphasis courses largely taught in the Social Sciences.

Two lower division courses have been created as introductory, gateway courses; and eight other courses have been created as the core global studies courses for the two emphases. Students must also choose one area of the world for which they must take four courses -- cultural "areas" such as East Asian studies, South Asian studies, European studies, and the like. In addition to offering its own courses, the major utilizes courses offered in twenty-two other departments.
UCI
Global Cultures is a rapidly growing undergraduate major (and minor) with an exciting mission: to explore the problems and processes of globalization from a humanistic perspective. The major equips students with twenty-first century analytical skills and knowledge that are critical to understanding the complexities of the diverse world in which we live. The Global Cultures major prepares students particularly well for careers in all fields in which analysis, judgment, argument and a wide (global) rather than narrow perspective are important. The Global Cultures equips students with a knowledge that is critical to understanding the complexities of the diverse world in which we live.

Global Cultures is an innovative undergraduate major (and minor) in the School of Humanities with an exciting mission: to explore the problems and processes of globalization from a humanistic perspective. The major equips our students with twenty-first century analytical skills and knowledge that is critical to understanding the complexities of the diverse world in which we live. We are currently training (some) students for jobs that don’t exist … yet.

In the 1990s, globalization (or any variation of the word “global”) was an entirely fresh term and/or concept. It promised seemingly new possibilities: liberation from territorial borders and mental boundaries; transformation of the north south axis with trade (not aid); introduction of love and peace to lands riven by hatred and war; healing of the sick and curing disease. Yet, the contrast between the promise and the reality invites us inquire into the nature of globalization.

The faculty here at UCI have devised a powerful (one might even say "cool" or novel) way of thinking about globalization. Their approach crucially relies on three humanistic perspectives: (1) change across time and space (history), (2) the formation and contestation of identity (literature and language), and (3) theoretical and discursive practices that shape philosophical speculation and belief (philosophy). Today it seems self-apparent that we indeed are a part of a global economy and culture. Our economies are very much interdependent. Travel of all kinds connects people ranging from students and workers to tourists, families (small and large), and cultures (from Korea, Brazil, Nigeria, to Canada). Bollywood in India to Hollywood in the U.S. are apart of an entertainment industry that circulates stories in film and song (some good, but most are ok) that are consumed by a worldwide audience. The virus that causes AIDS (HIV) is a pandemic that exploits portals of inequality, such as poverty and bigotry, that affects people from countries in the developing to the developed world. All of these and other issues impact us directly and indirectly precisely because we are part of the world even as we are citizens of one or more countries.

CSUMB
The Global Studies major promotes a well-informed understanding and appreciation of the diversity of peoples, natural environments, cultures, economies, and political systems of the world. It directly contributes to your development as a cross-culturally competent citizen, and prepares you for an active and creative leadership role in an increasingly globalized society. Our program provides the knowledge and skills needed to perform effective roles in intercultural relations and to pursue a successful career in global affairs.

You will develop your knowledge of diverse worldviews, ideologies, principles, environmental sustainability, social change, economics, politics, culture, identity, ethnicity, race, class, gender, nationality, citizenship, peace ethics, and social justice. You will gain skills in the gathering and evaluation of global affairs information, the critical analysis of complex and controversial global issues, social research, oral and written communication, intercultural relations, foreign language, community service, and social action.

CSUMB includes a strong commitment to global education in its Vision Statement. The Department for Global Learning (DGL) in keeping with the mission of CSUMB promotes understanding and appreciation of the peoples, natural environment, cultures, economies, and diversity of the world. The BA degree in Global Studies contributes directly to the development of competent cross-cultural citizenship in a pluralistic and global society. The program meets the needs of the State of California by providing students an education that prepares them for professional roles the 21st Century. Through intensive, diverse studies the Department for Global Learning enables students to engage in the critical analysis of world affairs and gain knowledge and methods for implementing theory into practice.
What do Global Studies Programs look like?

UCLA GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR

The Global Studies major provides students with a rigorous study of the fundamental dynamics of globalization. Through an interdisciplinary curriculum, students can explore, in depth, the complex and multifaceted interconnections that characterize the contemporary world.

Preparation for the Major: 7 Lower Division Courses Plus Foreign Language

- Global Studies Introduction (1 Course)
  Global Studies 1: Introduction to Global Studies (5 units-Fall)
- Statistics (1 Course)
  Economics 41 • Political Science 6(R) • Statistics 10, 11, 12
- Preparation Courses-Thematic Pillars (5 Courses)
  Five courses, with no more than two from any category:
    - Culture & Society*
      Anthropology 9 • Comparative Literature 1C or 2CW, 1D or 2DW • Ethnomusicology 25 • Geography 3, 6 •
      History 2B • World Arts & Cultures 20
    - Governance & Conflict
      History 22 • Political Science 10, 20, 30, or 50(R) • Sociology 1
    - Markets
      Economics 1, 2 • Geography 4
  *If two courses are to come from the Culture & Society category, one can be from the following list: Asian 70C •
  French 14(W) • Italian 42A, 42B • Near Eastern Languages 50C • Russian 90B(W) • Spanish M42, M44
- Foreign Language (Up to 6 Courses)
  Completion of sixth quarter (Intermediate Level) of any modern foreign language*
  *The language requirement can also be fulfilled in part or in total via a language placement exam given through
  appropriate language departments. If you have tested completely out of the language requirement, please present a copy
  of the results to the Global Studies Academic Counselor. Note that completion of the third quarter (Elementary Level) is
  required before the major can be declared, but completion of the sixth quarter is required to complete the major.

UCR

The MAJOR in Global Studies is a broad-based study of processes and problems that transcend national boundaries, preparing students to become global thinkers and problem-solvers for the twenty-first century. The Global Studies major includes the study of global historical processes that have made the world more interconnected as well as contemporary issues of global politics, violence, and security issues, global migrations, travel and social movements, global literature, arts and media, the global economic system of trade and finance, and issues of global health and disease, environmental change, and sustainability.

Students will be grounded in two disciplines, as well as a geographic area of study and a foreign language.

Lower-Division Requirements (4 courses + language)
- GBST 001 - Global History, Culture and Ideas
- GBST 002 - Global Socioeconomic and Political Processes
- Introductory courses in two disciplines
- One additional course in World History
- Two years foreign language proficiency

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UCSB offers the Bachelor of Art (BA) degree in Global Studies, with a choice of two distinct emphases:

1) The Culture & Ideology emphasis focuses on the contemporary interactions of cultural traditions and ideologies around the world.
2) The Socioeconomics & Politics emphasis concentrates on the emergence of global socioeconomic systems and issues relating to world order.

The preparation for the Global Studies major is the same for both emphases, and includes four lower division courses plus language study. Global 1 (introduction to Global History, Culture & Ideology) and Global 2 (introduction to Global Socioeconomic and Political Processes) are required for all majors. Global Studies majors must also complete ONE course introducing them to methods and theories in the study of society and ONE course of introductory study to a particular geographic region.

Global Studies majors must complete the equivalent of two years college-level foreign language study before graduation. Native speakers of non-English languages may satisfy this requirement by taking an equivalency or placement exam.

UCI (Global Cultures)
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The Global Cultures major prepares students particularly well for careers in all fields in which analysis, judgment, argument, and wide (global) rather than narrow perspective are important. The Global Cultures major equips students with a knowledge that is critical to understanding the complexities of the diverse world in which we live.

EMPHASES
To major in Global Cultures, students typically choose one of the seven emphases below. They may also design their own emphasis in consultation with a program advisor and with the approval of the Global Cultures Committee.

**Atlantic Rim:** Explores the movement of people and cultures in relationship to the historical and contemporary experience of societies that are adjacent to the Atlantic Ocean, including, among others, west Africa, the Americas, the Caribbean, and western and northern Europe, as well as the British archipelago.

**Hispanic, U.S. Latino/Latina, and Luso-Brazilian Cultures:** Examines the historical, political, and cultural formations of regions where Spanish and Portuguese are spoken, including Spain, Portugal, Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries in the Western Hemisphere, and the Latino/Latina population in the United States.

**Locating Africas (Nation, Culture, and Diaspora):** Examines Africa as a diverse geographical and political expression, including its historical, political, and cultural formation locally, regionally, and globally.

**Locating Asias (Nation, Culture, and Diaspora):** Examines Asia as a diverse geographical and political expression, including its historical and cultural formation locally, regionally, and globally.

**Locating Europes and European Colonies:** Examines Europe as a diverse geographical and political expression, including its historical and cultural formation locally, regionally, and globally.

**Pacific Rim:** Explores the movement of people and cultures in relationship to the historical and contemporary experience of societies that are adjacent to the Pacific Ocean, including, among others, India, China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, the United States, Central and South America, and Malaysia.

**Inter-Area Studies:** Includes comparative studies of the geographical regions outlined in the above six emphases, for instance, the analysis of Africans in Asia, or the cultural, historical, and political connections between the Atlantic and the Pacific Rim.
MISSION COLLEGE (Lower Division Global Studies Courses)

001 • GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: University of California, California State University
This course introduces the student to the study of global systems and their interdependence. The class will discuss the origins and growth of cultural values and technological, political, economic, and environmental systems. The students will compare and contrast basic world views inherent in these systems as they impact them and others as global citizens. This course is also listed as Social Science 1 (SOC SC 1). This course may also be offered online. Credit/No Credit Option.

002 • GLOBAL ISSUES 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: University of California, California State University
This course presents an interdisciplinary approach to studying the origins, current dilemmas, and future trends of major issues confronting the global community, such as energy and resources depletion, food and population, war and terrorism, nuclear arms, human rights, economic interdependence and international inequality. This course is also listed as Social Science 2 (SOC SC 2). Credit/No Credit Option.

003 • INTRODUCTION TO PEACE STUDIES 3.0 units
Advisory: GLOBL 001 or GLOBL 002
Acceptable for credit: University of California, California State University
Peace Studies introduces the concept of peace to students as something other than the absence of war. Various factors associated with the presence or absence of peace are explored in an attempt to identify the meaning of peace and, ultimately, to determine whether it is possible to attain lasting peace. This course may also be offered online. Credit/No Credit Option.

004 • THE DEVELOPING WORLD 3.0 units
Advisory: GLOBL 001 or GLOBL 002
Acceptable for credit: University of California, California State University
This course presents an interdisciplinary approach to studying the various aspects of development among third world nations. It includes a historical analysis of the underdeveloped regions of the world, as well as a current analysis of issues such as the development of infrastructure; political stability and instability; the development, acquisition and use of new technologies; resolving ethnic conflicts; managing environmental problems; and establishing new roles in a global economy. This course may also be offered online. Credit/No Credit Option.

005 • GLOBAL FOCUS 3.0 units
Advisory: GLOBL 001 or GLOBL 002, and 1 yr. of study of foreign language of target country; eligibility for ENGL 108A and READ 053
Acceptable for credit: California State University
Students in this class will study, compare, and contrast the values, beliefs, behaviors, systems and cultures of the US with those of at least one other country. The in-country part of the course concentrates on discovering and defining what it means to be “American.” Students will then undergo intensive immersion in a foreign culture to learn about similarities and differences in perspectives, values, beliefs, systems, and behaviors. In so doing, students will develop a better understanding of who they are as well as of the interdependence and interrelatedness of the world’s many cultures. Credit/No Credit Option.

006 • THE GLOBAL ECONOMY 3.0 units
Acceptable for credit: University of California, California State University
This course examines the core concepts and prominent forces of international economics and the relationships of nations and their economic policies. Opinions and viewpoints from a range of individuals in the private and public sector from around the globe will be presented to expand insight into the increasing economic interdependence of nations. This course may also be offered by telecourse/online. Credit/No Credit Option.