

## Field Major - Global Studies

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In recent years the world has rapidly become more closely connected and interdependent in virtually every facet of life. As a result, traditional American and Western academic perspectives alone are no longer sufficient to make sense of complex global realities. Therefore, many scholars have found it necessary to construct and include a global perspective in their teaching, and many students have sought to gain this perspective in their learning.

The global studies field major is an interdisciplinary program which allows students to pursue their course of study in a broad, complex and interconnected way, and helps them discover the area of global studies which most interests them (e.g., literature, health, business, environment). This major provides direction for those interested in pursuing a further graduate course of study or for those who will search for employment. It will also prepare students to become well-informed global citizens.

Students choosing the global studies field major will select from an approved list of courses that have a global focus. These courses are offered on the basis of two criteria: either they address their subjects from a world or global perspective, or they address geographic areas of the world outside of the United States. The major consists of 36 credit hours, 18 of which must be selected from a set of core courses, and the other 18 from a set of elective courses. Each student will conclude the requirements of the major by completing a final project, such as an internship or research paper, which must be approved by their advisor. Students interested in pursuing this major should contact the global studies field major advisor in the department of anthropology.