

GLOBAL STUDIES, BACHELOR OF ARTS

College: College of Liberal Arts

Department: History, Philosophy, and Theology

Student Type: Traditional Undergraduate

Degree: Bachelor of Arts

Campus: Lisle Campus

The different disciplinary or methodological skills required for Global Studies are broken down into the following five **Foundational Concept Areas** (FCA's). Each FCA is followed by a list of characteristic concepts and topics. All 5 FCA's will be addressed in the Global Studies core courses, and students must take at least one elective related to each of the FCA's.

- **FCA 1 social structure & politics** (class, race, gender, power, organizational & political hierarchies, law, empire, state, bureaucracy, social capital)
- **FCA 2 meaning & culture** (semiotics and the study of traditions, objects, &c., as culture, e.g. in relation to racial, national, & gender identity, religion)
- **FCA 3 media** (images, writing, print, TV & film, social media, narrative)
- **FCA 4 trade & exchange** (economics, political economy, capital, labor, debt, surplus value, incentives, comparative advantage, supply & demand, prices, public goods, risk & expected value, utility & fixed vs marginal costs/returns, human capital)
- **FCA 5 theory & methodology** (the different methodological approaches used in the social sciences, e.g. qualitative vs quantitative, precision modeling vs thick-descriptive; political theory; theories of knowledge/epistemology)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses (12 credit hours)		
GBLS 1101	Introduction to Global Studies	3
GBLS 2202	World Systems and the Global Imaginary	3
GBLS 3302	Theories of Global Studies	3
GBLS 4399	Senior Thesis	3
Global History & Geography (9 credit hours) Choose three of the following:		
GBLS 2291	Special Topics in Global Studies	
HIST 1141	World History to 1600	
HIST 1142	World History Since:1600	
HIST 1180	Survey of East Asia: Ancient to 1600	
HIST 2213	Contemporary Latin America, 1898-2000 or HIST 3313Contemporary Latin America, 1898-2000	
HIST 2214	The African Diaspora in Latin America, 1492-1899 or HIST 3314The African Diaspora in Latin America, 1492-1899	
HIST 2215	The African Diaspora in Latin America, 1899-2000 or HIST 3315The African Diaspora in Latin America, 1899-2000	
HIST 2251	The French Revolution in the Wider World or HIST 3351Modern Russia	
HIST 2255	Modern Russia or HIST 3355Modern Russia	
HIST 2257	20th-Century Social and Political Movements in a Global Context	

	or HIST 335720th-Century Social and Political Movements in a Global Context	
HIST 2260	Women in American Society or HIST 3360Women in American Society	
HIST 2271	Modern Middle East or HIST 3371Modern Middle East	
HIST 2273	Classical Islamic Civilization, 1000-1700 or HIST 3373Empires and Cultures of Islamic World	
HIST 2281	Survey of East Asia 1600-Present	
HIST 1191	Topics or HIST 2291Topics or HIST 3391Topics	

Code	Title	Hours
Foundational Concept Area Electives (15 credits)		
FCA 1 social structure & politics: Choose one of the following:		3
PLSC 2105	Law and Politics	
PLSC 2210	Introduction to International Relations	
PLSC 2213	American Foreign Policy or PLSC 3313American Foreign Policy	
PLSC 2216	Genocide: The Politics of Hate, Fear, Terror and Power or PLSC 3317Genocide: The Politics of Hate, Fear, Terror and Power	
PLSC 2217	Revolutions and Political Violence or PLSC 3317Revolutions and Political Violence	
PLSC 2224	Democracy & Democratization or PLSC 3322Democracy & Democratization	
PLSC 2236	The Law: Sex and Gender Discrimination	
PLSC 2261	Belonging, Inclusion and Exclusion: Political Identities and the Politicization of Identity	
SOCL 2205	Racial and Ethnic Groups	
SOCL 2290	Social and Cultural Change	
SOCL 3320	Gender, Crime & Justice	
PBHL 5505	Health Systems, Law and Policy. ²	
FCA 2 meaning & culture: Choose one of the following:		3
COMM 2256	International Film	
LITR 2259	World Literatures	
LITR 2279	U. S. Multiethnic Literature	
LITR 2280	African-American Literature	
LITR 2281	Gender and Literature	
THEO 2120	Religions of Asia	
THEO 2130	Abrahamic Traditions	
SOCL 2000	Cultural Anthropology	
ARBC 2250	Themes in Arabic Literature ¹	
ARBC 3212	Survey of Arabic Literature ¹	
ARBC 3391	Advanced Topics in Arabic Culture ¹	
SPAN 3231	Latin American Civilization and Culture ¹	
LITR 4364	Global/Postcolonial Literature and Theory ¹	
RELS 4100	Religion and Culture	
ARBC 4301	Female Figures in the Qur'an ¹	
ARBC 4302	Culture and Tradition in the Arab Countries ¹	
ARBC 4303	Arab Political Life Through Literature and Film ¹	
CHIN 4301	Studies in Chinese Culture ¹	

CHIN 4302	Directed Studies in Chinese ¹	
PBHL 6009	Social Determinants of Health ²	
FCA 3 media: Choose one of the following:		3
COMM 2201	Advertising Persuasion and Consumer Society	
SOCL 2235	Sociology of Popular Culture	
COMM 3303	Media and Society	
COMM 3309	Global Journalism	
COMM 3390	Images of Men and Women in Advertising	
HLED 3357	Health Communications ¹	
PLSC 3357	Mass Media and Democracy ¹	
FCA 4 trade & exchange: Choose one of the following:		3
ECON 1100	Introduction to Economics	
ECON 2001	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECON 2002	Principles of Macroeconomics	
INTB 1101	The Global Economy	
ECON 3305	Comparative Economic Systems	
ECON 3360	International Trade and Finance ¹	
FCA 5 theory & methodology: Choose one of the following:		3
MATH 1150	Introduction to Statistics ¹	
SOCL 2250	Basic and Applied Statistics ¹	
PHIL 2207	Feminist Philosophy	
	or PHIL 3307Feminist Philosophy	
PHIL 2215	Theory of Knowledge	
	or PHIL 3315Theory of Knowledge	
PHIL 2285	Philosophy of Religion	
	or PHIL 3385Philosophy of Religion	
PHIL 2260	Social & Political Philosophy	
	or PHIL 3360Social and Political Philosophy	
PHIL 2290	History and Philosophy of Science	
	or PHIL 3390History and Philosophy of Science	
PLSC 3354	Seminar on International Theories ¹	
MATH 3371	Probability and Statistics I ¹	
PLSC 3318	History of Political Thought: 17th Century to the Present ¹	
BALT 3370	Introduction to GIS for Business Analysis	
SOCL 4350	Social Theory ¹	
SOCL 4351	Research Methods in the Social Sciences ³	
PBHL 5502	Introduction to Biostatistics ²	
Total Hours		39

¹ Check course prerequisites.

² Limited to 9 credits at graduate level for undergraduate degree unless admitted to 4 + 1 Masters in Public Health program.

³ While SOCL 4351 satisfies the FCA 5 requirement, it may only be taken by students simultaneously completing a BA in Sociology

This list is not exhaustive, and students are encouraged to consider requesting permission from their academic advisor to have other relevant courses, especially "Topics" courses on global or transnational themes, counted as FCA electives.

At least 9 credit hours of the Foundational Concept Area courses and 3 credit hours of the Global History and Geography courses must be at

the 3000 level or above. Of these courses, at least 3 credit hours in either category must be at the 4000 level or above.

Language requirement (0-16 hours):

Students must either complete ARBC 2202 Intermediate Arabic II, CHIN 2202 Intermediate Mandarin II, or SPAN 2202 Intermediate Spanish II, or an approved (more advanced) alternative; OR demonstrate oral and written proficiency in a language other than English at the intermediate-mid level for languages defined as Category I by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (including but not limited to Spanish) or intermediate-low level for a non-Category I language (including but not limited to Chinese and Arabic) according to the 2012 ACTFL proficiency guidelines. Students should arrange to take the relevant proficiency exam(s) during the semester PRIOR to the semester in which they plan to graduate. This ACTFL oral proficiency exam is administered online for a modest fee. After taking the test, students receive a nationally-recognized certificate of their oral Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, or other language proficiency from ACTFL. For information on the ACTFL online test should contact Dr. Rafael Iglesias for Spanish, Dr. Steven Day for Chinese, or Dr. Latifa Bounou for Arabic. Students who wish to study a language other than Arabic, Chinese, or Spanish may take coursework in other languages at North Central College or Aurora University, which have a consortium agreement with Benedictine.

Study Abroad, or alternative engaged learning experience approved by the program director:

The Study Abroad experience will typically be linked to one of the global history and geography or language courses. Benedictine has offered study abroad trips every year to locations including Spain, Vietnam, and Morocco. Alternatives to Study Abroad may include Study Away (service-related trips to another region of the US), or internships at Chicago-based organizations such as the Chicago Council on Global Affairs (<https://www.thechicagocouncil.org/about-us/career-opportunities/internship-program>). Site approval by program director would be required, however the internship may be one managed by another program, and does not need to count for credit as a Global Studies course.

Combined Bachelors and Masters Program in Global Health

With its rigorous training in writing, critical thinking, research, and multiple social-scientific methodologies, Global Studies offers excellent preparation for graduate study in fields such as public health. Students of Global Studies may be eligible for early admission and accelerated completion of the Masters in Public Health, and obtain both a BA in Global Studies and a Masters in Public Health in 5 years. There is no requirement that students take courses in Health Sciences or other health-related academic programs, however students may certainly find it beneficial to do so.

Students who wish to pursue a Masters in Public Health (<http://catalog.ben.edu/lisle-graduate/academic-programs/mp/h/>) would complete courses in Global Studies, including core courses and electives, complete an application during junior year, then complete the Graduate Public Health core courses during their senior year. These courses may be counted towards the 120 credits required for a Bachelors Degree and towards the Global Studies major as well as towards the Masters in Public Health. PBHL 5505 Health Systems, Law and Policy. may be counted towards the FCA 1 elective requirement. Students must complete at minimum 30 additional graduate Public Health credits not

applied towards the Bachelors Degree minimum requirements, to earn an M.P.H. degree.

To be eligible for early admission, students must:

- Declare a major in Global Studies and make satisfactory progress in the program
- Submit an application during junior year
- Have a GPA of 3.0, which must be maintained for entry into the MPH program.
- Complete 3 Graduate Public Health core courses (9 credit hours) during undergraduate study including: PBHL 5501 Introduction to Public Health, PBHL 5505 Health Systems, Law and Policy.

Objectives

Students who earn a Global Studies major will achieve the following student learning outcomes (SLO), as evidenced by the relevant Performance Indicators (PI):

Student Learning Outcome 1: Demonstrate the ability to define Global Studies including the methodologies of the field.

Student Learning Outcome 2: Be able to identify key aspects of transnational flows.

Student Learning Outcome 3: Communicate effectively orally, in writing, and via a variety of media; tailor message to a variety of audiences.

Student Learning Outcome 4: Information Literacy