

OFFER INFORMED SOLUTIONS TO CONTEMPORARY PROBLEMS

The School of Global Studies (SGS) is home to interdisciplinary programs that critically examine global and regional networks, cultural dynamics, and social change. Our students develop the analytical, linguistic, and practical skills needed to navigate an interconnected world and pursue meaningful careers across sectors.

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

The Global Studies major prepares students to think critically about global issues from a variety of disciplinary perspectives while building practical skills in communication, analysis, leadership, and collaboration. Students combine interdisciplinary coursework with language study and experiential learning to understand how global forces affect societies, institutions, and everyday life.

CORE COURSES

- **GLS 250 – Dimensions of Globalization: States, Societies, and Institutions**
- **GLS 251 – Dimensions of Globalization: Language, Literature, and Culture**



CAREER PATHWAYS

A degree connected to Global Studies prepares students for careers that require global awareness, critical thinking, and cross-cultural communication:

- International and non-profit organizations
- Government, diplomacy, and public service
- Human rights, advocacy, and migration-focused work
- International business
- Education, research, journalism, and media
- Graduate and professional programs (law, public policy, public health)

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COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
School of Global Studies

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SKILLS YOU WILL DEVELOP

SGS students build the following skills valued by employers and graduate programs:

- Cross-cultural communication and multilingual competency
- Critical analysis of global systems, institutions, and power
- Research, writing, and data-informed argumentation
- Ethical reasoning and responsible decision-making in global contexts
- Applied use of digital tools and emerging technologies, with a focus on critical perspectives on AI and ethics
- Cultivation of an entrepreneurial, future-oriented mindset

STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad programs allow students to earn UA credit, use financial aid and scholarships, and fulfill Global Studies degree requirements with advisor approval. Examples of opportunities include:

- Faculty-led programs in **Kyrgyzstan, Israel, Turkey, Mexico, Colombia** and **Guatemala**
- UA Global Tracks and exchange programs in **South Korea, France, Spain, Costa Rica**, and others
- Fieldwork and applied learning connected to regional and thematic coursework



LANGUAGES

The School of Global Studies promotes language learning as a foundation for global understanding. Students may study:

- **Arabic**
- **Hebrew**
- **Persian**
- **Turkish**
- **Spanish-language immersion**
- **Maya K'iche'**
- **Maya Kaqchikel**
- **Portuguese**

SGS is also home to the Arabic Flagship Program, one of only three in the nation.

EMPHASIS AREAS

Students in Global Studies may pursue coursework and concentrations in the following emphasis areas:

GLOBAL CULTURES: In the new global society, future leaders require the highest level of intercultural and multilingual competence. Develop the skills to understand and help shape the emerging global world and its cultural production.

GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY AND INSTITUTIONS: Acquire the historical, political, and economic knowledge to analyze regional and international affairs. With particular focus on institutions, explore global mechanisms of order/disorder and cooperation and conflict within human communities and among state and non-state organizations.

JEWISH AND ISRAEL STUDIES: Explore Jewish history, culture, religion, and society across regions and historical periods, with a strong focus on Hebrew language study, interdisciplinary research, and global engagement.



GLOBAL LATIN AMERICA: Study the histories, cultures, politics, and societies of Latin America with a focus on community engagement, international relations, borderlands perspectives, and Indigenous and Afro-Latin American rights.

MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES: Examine the Middle East and North Africa through interdisciplinary study of history, politics, culture, religion, and society, with required language proficiency in Arabic, Persian, or Turkish.

GENDER, DIFFERENCE AND POWER: Analyze gender, race, sexuality, class, and power in global and transnational contexts. Students engage feminist theories, social movements, and community-based learning.

GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS: Prepare for real-world human rights work through applied, interdisciplinary coursework focused on advocacy, community engagement, project-based learning, and practitioner collaboration.

GENERAL: Design an individualized pathway across multiple regions, themes, and disciplines. Students tailor their coursework to specific interests while developing broad analytical, linguistic, and experiential competencies for understanding complex global challenges.