Global Studies Courses

Courses

GLBL 101. Introduction to International Issues. 4 Credits.
Survey of major political, economic, and cultural themes in international studies through in-class debates on key contemporary issues.

GLBL 102. Foundations for Intercultural Competence. 4 Credits.
This course teaches practical skills and analytic frameworks that support safe, respectful, enlightening experiences of intercultural engagement.

GLBL 196. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-2 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 198. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 199. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 230. Global Wellbeing. 4 Credits.
Interdisciplinary introduction to human wellbeing, focusing on health, education, and the environment and the ways they impact wellbeing. Topics will be framed by the larger issue of whether or not something called "wellbeing" is a human universal, as well as how wellbeing can be improved.

GLBL 240. Perspectives on International Development. 4 Credits.
Introduction to major ideologies, theories, historical processes, and contemporary challenges in international development. Galvan.

GLBL 250. Value Systems in Cross-Cultural Perspective. 4 Credits.
Introduction to value systems of various cultures, focusing on how values relate to religion, forms of social organization, group affiliation, and patterns of conflict resolution.

GLBL 260. Culture, Capitalism, and Globalization. 4 Credits.
Cultural and historical perspectives on the development of capitalism as a way of life and its relationship to contemporary global issues and imbalances.

GLBL 270. Globalization and the Global Economy. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the study of globalization and the global economy, analyzing ways the global economy is structured and maintained through various political interventions and regimes. This course aims to provide tools for understanding and explaining these structures and their impacts.

GLBL 280. Global Environmental Issues and Alternatives. 4 Credits.
Examines root causes of "environmental problems" at local, regional, national, and global scales. Critically compares approaches to addressing international environmental challenges.

GLBL 299. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 323. Islam and Global Forces. 4 Credits.
Addresses interactions between global forces and processes in historical and modern Muslim societies and the salience of Islam in contemporary global arenas. Sequence with GLBL 423. Offered alternate years.

GLBL 340. Global Health and Development. 4 Credits.
Introduction to major issues in global health, their causes and possible solutions, with a focus on the poor in developing countries.

GLBL 345. Africa Today: Issues and Concerns. 4 Credits.
Introduces students to current challenges facing African peoples today. Extends survey of Africa courses, and prepares students for more advanced study regarding the African continent.

GLBL 350. Education and Development. 4 Credits.
This course will introduce students to the foundational ideas in the field of international and comparative education, and help build a theoretical toolkit of the major approaches scholars utilize when analyzing education from a global perspective.

GLBL 360. International Cooperation and Conflict. 4 Credits.
Utilizes case studies and selected themes to examine the root causes, stakeholder perspectives, and attempts to resolve international conflicts.

GLBL 370. International Human Rights. 4 Credits.
Survey of human rights, examining diverse perspectives on the concept, practice, and implementation of human rights and human rights regimes.

GLBL 399. Special Studies: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 401. Research: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 403. Thesis. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 405. Reading and Conference: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 406. Field Studies: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 407. Seminar: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable. Special topics in international studies.

GLBL 408. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 409. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 410. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable. Recent topics include Africa: Development and Social Change. Repeatable when topic changes.

GLBL 415. The Global Story of Race. 4 Credits.
Working from a historical and cultural perspective, this course uses global case studies to explore how race came to be a key principle of social organization around the world through colonialism and extractive capitalism, and how it manifests today.

GLBL 420. Global Community Development. 4 Credits.
Introduction to communitarian theory and local-level grass-roots development practices. Comparison across North-South divide of efforts to alleviate poverty, promote sustainability, and ensure mobilization and cohesion.
Prereq: GLBL 240.

GLBL 421. Gender and International Development. 4 Credits.
Analysis of the changing roles, opportunities, and expectations of Third World women as their societies undergo social upheavals associated with the problematic effects of development.
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GLBL 422. Aid to Developing Countries. 4 Credits.
Examines the history and current dynamics of international bilateral and multilateral development assistance, the possibilities and constraints of aid, and other related issues.
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GLBL 423. Development and the Muslim World. 4 Credits.
Introduction to discourse on current development in various Muslim societies. Focuses on North Africa, the Middle East, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

GLBL 424. United Nations Intervention in Global Crises. 4 Credits.
Explores the theory and practice of humanitarian aid, peace-building, and development during or after violent conflict. Focuses on work of international organizations in conflict areas or on issues of conflict.

GLBL 425. Global Food Security. 4 Credits.
Explores explanations for, and solutions to, persistent inequities in food access. Considers the political, agricultural, economic and humanitarian aspects of the global food system.

GLBL 431. Cross-Cultural Communication. 4 Credits.
Focuses on skills and insights needed by professionals working in cross-cultural settings. Considers values, development, education, politics, and environment as central to cross-cultural understanding.

GLBL 432. Indigenous Cultural Survival. 4 Credits.
Explores case studies of global indigenous peoples who are facing cultural survival issues and developing strategies and institutions to deal with this complex process.

GLBL 433. Childhood in Cross-Cultural Perspective. 4 Credits.
Explores the experience of childhood around the world and examines how this experience is shaped by beliefs about who and what children are and by local conditions and contingencies.

GLBL 434. Language Issues for International Studies. 4 Credits.
Explores the influence of language on policy issues in societies around the world relative to nationalism, identity, multilingualism, education, human rights globalization, and language spread and loss.

GLBL 435. Global Perspectives on Disability. 2 Credits.
This class uses a human rights paradigm to examine issues facing people with disabilities throughout the world. Readings and discussions will emphasize cross-disability and cross-cultural approaches to gender and disability, international development and disability, inclusive educational models, and cross-cultural aspects of disability.

GLBL 442. South Asia: Development and Social Change. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the vast social changes and development issues confronting the South Asian subcontinent.

GLBL 444. Development and Social Change in Southeast Asia. 4 Credits.
Introduction to the region and to the complex social issues facing the peoples of Southeast Asia.

GLBL 445. Development and Social Change in Sub-Saharan Africa. 4 Credits.
Introduces theoretical and practical aspects of development and social change in sub-Saharan Africa, with focus on key issues in African development during the post-colonial era.

GLBL 446. Development and Social Change in Latin America. 4 Credits.
Explores development challenges, debt cycles, urban growth, neoliberalism, populism, socialism, gender, the environment, U.S.–Latin American relations, ecotourism, and drug geographies in the region.

GLBL 448. Bollywood's Lens on Indian Society. 4 Credits.
Explores Indian society through film, focusing on critical social issues; depicted vs. the historical reality; and ongoing transformations of social orientations and values.

GLBL 463. Population Displacement and Global Health. 4 Credits.
Explores health and mental health problems affecting displaced (migrant and refugee) communities and considers underdevelopment as a fundamental cause of displacement and health problems. Offered once per academic year.

GLBL 465. Global Reproductive Health. 4 Credits.
Overview of issues in global reproductive health, including politics, economics, historical and cultural factors. Implications for international health and development programs reviewed. Offered alternate years.

GLBL 467. Global Mental Health. 4 Credits.
Overview of global mental health from a critical, anthropological, and historical perspective, with attention to cross-cultural differences in illness experience and treatment options.

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Repeatable.

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Repeatable.

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Repeatable.

GLBL 608. Workshop: [Topic]. 1-16 Credits.
Repeatable

GLBL 609. Terminal Project. 1-12 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 610. Experimental Course: [Topic]. 1-5 Credits.
Repeatable.

GLBL 655. International Studies Graduate Core Seminar. 4 Credits.
Graduate introduction to the field of International Studies, including exploration of development, culture, communication, and research methods, design, and ethics.

GLBL 656. Research and Writing in International Studies. 1 Credit.
Focus on conceptualizing research topics; accessing bibliographic databases; writing grant applications, reports, and theses.

GLBL 657. Proseminar: Proposal Writing. 2 Credits.
An introduction to thesis proposal writing for first-year graduate students in international studies.