

# GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM

## Appalachian State University

Why choose a major like Global Studies?

*I love to travel and I want to study abroad; this major is a perfect combination for me!"*



### Area/Regional Focus

- Africa

Students will be able to gain an in-depth history of the African continent and an understanding of its cultures and its politics as well as its complex colonial and post-colonial relationships with other regions of the world. Courses in this focus area also offer insights into African thought and environmental history prior to and after 1850. Students can explore the rich diversity of cultures on the African continent; internships and study abroad opportunities are available through partner institutions in South Africa and at other locations.

- Asia

This area is appropriate for students who are interested in East Asia, South Asia or South-east Asia. Interested students can explore cultures, religion, politics, geography, history and many other aspects of East Asia or selected countries in the region. Through a multi- and interdisciplinary offering of courses, students have the opportunity to study some of the oldest civilizations in the world as well as languages from the region. Appalachian has partner institutions in China, Japan, Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Students interested in peoples and region of the South Asian sub-continent (comprising India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and surrounding areas), may also may take a variety of disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses that include content on the region. Relevant languages available for study through ASU/UNC currently include Hindi and Urdu.

- Europe

Students can explore the many aspects of history, culture, art, politics, literature that intersect through the countries and cultures of Europe. Courses cover topics such as: European history from the Middle Ages to the Present, Europe and the Russian Realm, European governments, the European Union, as well as International Politics. Recent focus has shifted, with contemporary events in Europe, to a transnational focus on immigration and migration issues as they affect the region. Students interested in Europe generally choose French, German, Russian or Spanish as their language of study.

- The Americas

From the Mexican Revolution to land access in Guatemala or Indigenous resistance movements in Chile, the Latin American studies focus area provides ample possibilities. Students can explore the geography of Latin America, the cultures and civilizations of Latin America, US & Latin American relations, comparative labor history and the many sub-regions in Latin America. Students can also pursue a minor or major in Spanish or courses in Portuguese.

- The Middle East

The focus area in Middle Eastern Studies will enable students to pursue language skills in Arabic while also enriching their knowledge of cultural and religious studies. Through studying the culture and history of Islamic traditions as well as Islamic literature, students will gain a deeper awareness of Middle Eastern countries and peoples. Further, students will be able to study and understand Islamic political structure, women and gender issues, and resistance movements.

## Transnational Focus

- **Development and Globalization:**

In this focus area, students have the opportunity to take courses that explore development and globalization issues in a global context. This focus can include courses in Sustainable Development, Anthropology and Geography in addition to courses in Political Science and History to explore the ways in which the world economy and international relations impact the lives and cultures of various populations that make up our global communities.

- **Peace, Conflict, and Human Rights (PCHR):**

There are efforts worldwide to attain greater peace, human equality, and struggles to sustain culture and livelihood. Through the Peace, Conflict, & Human Rights focus area students will explore topics such as Religion and Violence, International Security, Ethnic Conflict, Resistance Movements, and Financing Wars. Courses will also cover specific subjects such as 9/11, The UN, and International Terrorism. In an age of digital media, globalization, and high-speed travel, PCHR students combine activism with knowledge of contemporary global issues and opportunities for international experience. PCHR students have gone across the world to study and work (Peru, Morocco, South Africa, India, Germany, France)

- **Global Health (under discussion)**

Students can explore areas related to issues and topics related to the social, cultural, historical, economic, and environmental, natural resource factors that impact the health of populations across the globe. This is a focus for students interested in public health, public policy, international humanitarian organizations, and a variety of other possible career paths. Students take courses like medical anthropology, the anthropology of global health, global women's issues, global infrastructures.

### **Other Areas: Don't see what you are looking for yet but you know Global Studies is what you want?**

These are also areas that Global Studies students have created themselves to meet their academic and career interests: Cultures and Sustainability, East and West, Intercultural Communication

### **And then what in the world? Here's what GLS students have done after graduation**

- Internships at Disney (FL) and Facebook (CA)
- Program Associate, International Visitor Leadership Program (US Dept of State)
- Account Manager XPO Logistics (Charlotte NC)
- Farm Apprentice and Market Manager at Edible Earth Farm LLC (Tionesta PA)
- Master's in Global Security (George Mason University)
- Master's in Conflict Analysis and Resolution (George Mason Univ)
- Master's in Public Health (University of South Carolina)
- Master's in Global Ethics (London)
- Master's in Public Policy (Central European Univ. Budapest)
- Master's in Romance Languages or Political Science (Appalachian State University)
- Master's in Natural Resources at NC State University
- Master's in Public Health /Emergency Management and Humanitarian Relief
- Master's in Human Decision Science (Maastricht/Netherlands)
- Master's in Political Science (Freie Univ Berlin): <http://www.nprberlin.de/post/npr-specials-berlin-journal-spring-2016>
- PhD program in East Asian Studies at Florida International University
- Peace Corps (Ukraine, Ecuador, Liberia)
- AmeriCorps (FEMA, Teaching English)
- JET program teaching English in Japan



"I think the number one reason I love the opportunity of study abroad is because I have been able to learn from professors who are not teaching material from a book, but teaching stories of their lives. When professors talk about life under socialism, it is by personal example." (Eastern European Area Studies major studying at Corvinus University in Hungary)