

GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Appalachian State University



STUDY THE WORLD

FIND YOUR FOCUS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Global Studies Program Mission:

Global Learning in Action!

Global Studies at Appalachian State University is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary academic program devoted to understanding historical, social, political, geographic, cultural, and artistic dimensions of international, transnational, and global processes. The educational objectives of the program are to prepare students to think and act with global awareness and cross-cultural understanding as a necessary part of a high-quality undergraduate education in a globalizing world.

Global Studies Program Vision:

Global Learning for Life!

Global Studies will embed international education firmly in an inter- and multidisciplinary curriculum to enable students to develop a practice of life-long learning in a global community. The program seeks to develop in our students the necessary ability to communicate effectively in and among a variety of disciplines, including the sciences, the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, applied through experiential learning, through community service, and through study abroad. These disciplines are integrated through living-learning communities, through peer and faculty mentoring, through undergraduate research, and through creative international experiences. As our students work to navigate and integrate various disciplines, they will seek to create the kind of meaning out of their experiences that will enable them to participate knowledgeably in, and contribute to, the communities around them.

Requirements for a Major (BA) in Global Studies:

A. Core Requirements: 5 courses

1. GLS 3000 Critical Perspectives on Global Studies
2. GLS 4550 Senior Capstone
3. GLS Required Electives: Choose 3!
 - GLS 2000 Contemporary Global Issues
 - GLS 2350 Introduction to Peace Studies
 - GLS 3020 Cuba Libre: Perspectives on Cuban Revolution
 - GLS 3100 Globalization and Development
 - GLS 3200 Alternative Globalizations
 - GLS 3475 Cooperative Economics
 - GLS 3580 Animal Planet
 - GLS 3590 Global Travels, Global Encounters
 - GLS 3750 Global Networks
 - GLS 4000 Seminar in Global Studies
 - GLS 4100 Borders and Walls
 - GLS 4200 Development and Difference

B. Focus Area: 8 courses

The focus area is made up of **8 courses (24 semester hours)** drawn from one or more disciplines, departments or programs, with a single coherent emphasis. See pages 2 and 3 for descriptions of available focus areas. Students may create their own focus area if the university offers courses sufficient to support it. **At least 15 s.h. of this requirement must be at the 3000 level or above.** Credit hours from study abroad or international internship may be used in the student's focus area, as appropriate. Courses counted towards the Global Studies core requirements may not be counted in the focus area.

C. Foreign Language:

Global Studies students are required to have a **foreign language minor** (ARB, CHN, FRE, GER, JPN, RSN, SNH) or **the equivalent** (if no minor is available in the language of their choice, such as Portuguese). The language minor consists of at least 15 credit hours at the 2000-level or above; specific courses vary by language. The FL minor also serves to fulfill the minor requirement for the BA degree!

D. Study Abroad:

Global Studies majors are strongly encouraged to study abroad for one year, but are required to complete a **minimum of twelve consecutive weeks** in a study abroad program or international internship relevant to their program of study and approved prior to departure by the Global Studies advisor and director. Students for whom study abroad would pose a significant financial or personal hardship are urged to consult the Global Studies director for possible alternatives.

