

Global Studies Minor Program

The Global Studies Minor Program (GST) provides UWS students an institutional structure to gain knowledge, experience and skills for global citizenship through various courses from multiple disciplines. The core courses provide conceptual foundations to think globally. The elective courses enable students to explore their own interests in various pedagogical paths, including study abroad, language acquisition, area study, and issue-specific study. Students are encouraged to consider multiple perspectives and ideas and to advance their critical thinking skills by taking courses from multiple disciplines.

MISSION

The Global Studies Minor Program at UWS offers a "window on the world" and strengthen the global awareness.

PROGRAM GOALS

This minor program fosters interdisciplinary and experiential learning of global issues and perspectives, and encourages students to become global citizens. It also enables students to globalize their educational portfolio and improve their future opportunities, whether in terms of employment or postgraduate studies.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Global Studies Minor program aims to help students:

- Become able to demonstrate: 1) basic knowledge of global geography and history; 2) basic knowledge of the global political/economic/social structures and institutional processes that link the local to the global; 3) basic methodological knowledge that fosters appreciation of other cultures (INFORMATION)
- Develop knowledge and skills for democratic communication across cultures (COMMUNICATION)
- Become actively involved in global issues and cultivate the sense of global citizenship (INVOLVEMENT)

CURRICULUM

24 credits in total are required for this minor. At least 9 credits must be from the upper division courses (300 or above).

Notes: Courses that meet other major or minor requirements cannot meet the requirements for the global studies minor.

Core courses (9 credits)

Choose one course for each of the following categories. These courses must be from three different disciplines.

Introduction to the Global Society (Choose One)

POLS 175 Introduction to World Politics
GEOG 100 World Regional Geography

Contemporary Global Issues (Choose One)

POLS 263 Contemporary Issues in World Politics
SOC 201 Social Problems in Global Perspectives

Comparative studies of culture and society (Choose One)

ANTH 101 Human Experiences
ENGL 241 World Literature I
ENGL 242 World Literature II
GEOG 102 Cultural Geography
MUSI 161 Music and World Culture

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Elective (15 credits) Choose courses (15 credits) from at least three different disciplines. 9 credits must be earned in upper division courses (300 or above).

Note 1. These elective courses meet one of the following criteria:

1. At least half of the course materials approach a subject comparatively across different regions in the world or deal with global or international phenomena that have local implications.
2. The course focuses on the development of skills and abilities needed for meaningful cross-cultural and transnational interactions, active involvement with global issues and cultivation of global citizenship.

Note 2. Up to 6 credits of college or university level language coursework that are not applied to other major/minor requirements may be counted toward GST minor.

Note 3. Study abroad courses may be counted toward GST minor as long as those courses meet one of the criteria for elective courses and with an approval by the GST advisory committee.

ANTH 320	Environmental Anthropology (3)
ANTH 368	Cultures of Mesoamerica (3)
ART 224	Visual Arts in Non-Western Societies (3)
BUS 363	Business Ethics (3)
BUS 430	International Business (3)
CHEM 100/101	Our Chemical Environment (2 or 3)
CSCI 380	Enterprise and E-Business Systems (3)
ECON 430	International Economics (3)
ECON 432	International Monetary Relations (3)
ECON 435	Economic Development (3)
ECON 438	Comparative Economic Systems (3)
GEOG 302	Economic Geography (3)
GEOG 402	Urban Planning and Transportation Systems(3)
HIST 111	World History since 1500 (3)
HIST 225	Latin American History Since Independence (3)
HIST 281	The Muslim World (3)
HIST 301	War and Peace in Bosnia (3)
HIST 315	The Wars of Yugoslavia (3)
HIST 415	The History of Nationalism in Europe (3)
HIST 421	Slavery and Prejudice (3)
LSTU 363	Comparative Law (3)
PHIL 175	Philosophy of Religion (3)
POLS 101	Intro to Comparative Politics (3)
POLS 352	Intro to Peace Studies (3)
POLS 356	Reconciliation (3)
POLS 431	International Law (3)
POLS 476	Theories of World Politics (3)
PSYC 317	Interpersonal, Community and Global Violence (3)
PSYC 318	Peace Psychology (3)
PSYC 360	Cross Cultural Psychology (3)
SOCI 300	Chinese Societies (3)
SOCI 301	Study Abroad, China (3)
SOCI 460	Social Class (3)
SOCI 464	Social Change (3)
SOCI/WST 475	Gender and Globalization in Transnational Asia (3)
TRSP 430	International and Intermodal Transportation (3)