

Global Studies Minor Proposal (Drafted on March 27, 2009)

Introduction

The proposed 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 will provide conceptual foundations to think globally. The elective courses will allow students to explore their own interests in various pedagogical paths, including study abroad, language acquisition, area study, and issue-specific study. Because of the interdisciplinary nature of the program, students will be encouraged to consider multiple perspectives and ideas and to advance their critical thinking skills.

Background

In 2004 the Faculty Task Force on Public Liberal Arts Mission identified Global Awareness as one of the initiatives to promote the public liberal arts mission at UWS. The Global Awareness Implementation Group followed this direction and recommended in 2005 the creation of a global studies minor program at UWS. As the newly configured campus body granted the responsibility for fostering the implementation of the recommendations from the Global Awareness Implementation Group and the Global Awareness Action Group, the Global Awareness and Education Committee decided to move forward with this recommendation in Spring 2007. To carry out this recommendation, a subcommittee was created under the Global Awareness and Education Committee (GAEC) in Spring 2007. The subcommittee consisted of three faculty members (Haji Dokhanchi, Jerry Hembd, and Eri Fujieda), one academic staff member (Cherie Sawinski), and one student (Ben Okemwa). This subcommittee conducted preliminary research and found various models from other campuses and relevant courses currently offered at UWS. In Fall 2007 and Spring 2007 the subcommittee, consisting of six interested faculty members (including Diek Carlson, Haji Dokhanchi, Olawole Famule, Eri Fujieda, Jerry Hembd, and Heather Kahler), worked on the proposal draft. The subcommittee discussed the learning goals for the minor and the criteria to evaluate elective courses for the Global Studies minor, and drafted this proposal. The proposal was accepted by GAEC on May 2, 2008. It was then shared with all academic departments for their input during Fall 2008. Based upon the input received from interested academic departments, the Global Studies Minor subcommittee revised the proposal and submitted the final version to GAEC on January 30, 2009. The submitted proposal was approved unanimously. On February 20, 2009, primary instructors for the courses included in the minor program gathered, constituted the GST Advisory Committee, and unanimously approved the proposal. The GST Advisory Committee also unanimously decided that the minor program be housed in the Department of Social Inquiry and that Eri Fujieda serve as the GST Minor Program coordinator for the academic year of 2009-2010. The proposal is submitted to the Department of Social Inquiry on February 25.

Rationale

1. This minor program will foster multifaceted and interdisciplinary learning of global issues and perspectives and to create global citizens. At this time, our campus has no equivalent program.
2. This minor program will encourage students to study abroad and/or to engage in out-of-class learning opportunities for global understanding and awareness. This minor program enables students to turn their study abroad credits into an institutionally recognizable tangible result.
3. This minor program will enable students to globalize their educational portfolio and improve their future opportunities, whether in terms of employment or postgraduate studies.

Administrative Structure

Emulating Women's and Gender Studies, an interdisciplinary program currently offered at UW-Superior, the administration of the GST minor program will be conducted through the following organizational structure.

1. GST Advisory Committee

The GST Advisory Committee will be composed of the faculty and academic staff who actively participate in the GST minor program. This committee is responsible for determining the detailed protocol, nominating and electing the GST minor coordinator, deciding on curricular matters, conducting assessment, and handling the student appeal process.

2. GST Coordinator

The coordinator, elected by the GST Advisory Committee, is responsible for convening and chairing the GST Advisory Committee meetings, functioning as a liaison between the GST Advisory Committee and the home department, promoting the program, and acting as a general contact person.

3. Home Department

The department that houses the GST minor program is primarily responsible for approving GST minor curricular changes that require approval from the Academic Affairs Council.

Mission, Goals, and Learning Outcomes of the Global Studies Minor

1. MISSION

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

2. 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.

3. 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)

ECON 236 Economy and Society in Global Perspectives (under development)
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

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).

Elective courses must 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:

1. Any language course taken at the college level but not applied to other major/minor requirements may be counted toward GST minor.
2. 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.

** The following elective courses were determined in consideration of the input from academic departments on campus.*

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	Our Chemical Environment (2)
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)