Global Studies Program

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The objectives of this interdisciplinary major and minor are to prepare students to make effective decisions as global citizens; induce and nurture global and international perspectives in students as they pursue various academic majors and career goals; and increase academic opportunities for undergraduate students to study, learn, and explore cultural and physical environments other than their own.

Program Requirements

Global Studies courses are selected from over 100 courses in five colleges at MTSU. There are three concentrations within the Global Studies major—Globalization and Culture, Globalization and Commerce, and Globalization and Science—and a minor with different emphases. The student selecting Globalization and Culture will take courses largely from the liberal and fine arts and the humanities; those selecting Globalization and Commerce can choose courses from disciplines such as business, finance, and economics; those who choose Globalization and Science will typically take courses in basic and applied sciences or human/behavioral science. In all concentrations, the primary goal of the Global Studies major is to broaden the world perspective of students and prepare them for the global marketplace.

Required General Education Courses (41 hours)
Students select courses in Communication, History, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Mathematics, Natural Sciences, and Social/Behavioral Sciences as outlined on pages 64-67.

Required Courses (9 hours)
GS 2010 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Experiences (3 hours)
GS 3010 Field Experience and Study Abroad (1–12 hours, 3 hours required)
GS 4990 Senior Seminar (3 hours)

Concentration (24 hours)
With the advisement of the Global Studies advisor/director, students select concentrations that best reflect their academic, professional, and personal interests (Globalization and Culture, Globalization and Commerce, or Globalization and Science). Students select courses to total at least 24 hours of credit. No more than four (4) courses may be selected from a single discipline.

Electives (16–19 hours)
Electives will reflect the student’s academic and career interests and will be chosen with the advisement of the Global Studies advisor/director.

Foreign Language (12 hours)
Global Studies majors will successfully complete 12 hours of a foreign language that best suits their academic and career needs.
Minor (15-18 hours)
Global Studies majors will select minors that reflect their academic or professional goals and interests with the advisement of the Global Studies advisor/director.

Minor in Global Studies
A minor in Global Studies requires a minimum of eighteen credit hours depending on the academic emphasis chosen. Nine required hours include the three-hour introductory course GS 2010 (Introduction to Cross-Cultural Experiences) and the capstone course GS 4990 (Senior Seminar). Students will also be required to take a minimum of three hours of GS 3010 (Field Experience and Study Abroad), however up to 12 hours can be obtained. To complete the minor, a minimum of three courses will be selected from approved courses in the departments/programs listed with the advisement and approval of the program director. (See departments/programs below with courses meeting global, international, and cross-cultural focus of the minor). Students may select courses within the minor’s areas of emphasis: globalization and culture, globalization and commerce, or globalization and science.

Courses in Global Studies [GS]
See back of catalog for course descriptions.

Courses containing a global, international, and/or cross-cultural focus can be found within the departments/programs listed below. The student will select eight courses for the major or three courses for the minor from these with the approval of the Global Studies director.

College of Basic and Applied Sciences
Aerospace

Jennings A. Jones College of Business
Accounting
Business Communication and Entrepreneurship
Economics and Finance
Management and Marketing

College of Education and Behavioral Science
Criminal Justice Administration
Health and Human Performance
Human Sciences
Psychology

Liberal Arts
Art
English
Foreign Languages and Literatures
Geosciences
History
Music
Philosophy
Political Science
Social Work
Sociology and Anthropology
Speech and Theatre

College of Mass Communication
Electronic Media Communication
Journalism
Recording Industry

Agribusiness and Agriscience
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Mathematical Sciences
Physics and Astronomy