

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 200 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. 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 Experience (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]

- 2010 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Experiences.** Three credits. Required of all Global Studies minors. Establishes a broad-based foundation for understanding varying perspectives and values in a culture other than one's own. Differing global and international views on cultural and environmental issues past, present, and future. The student's cultural background will be used for comparative purposes.
- 3010 Field Experience and Study Abroad.** One to twelve credits. Three credit hours are required of all Global Studies minors. Prerequisite: GS 2010 or approval of program director. Credit given for study abroad and/or extended field experiences in another culture.
- 4990 Senior Seminar.** Three credits. Required of all Global Studies minors. Capstone course requiring a project reflecting integration and demonstration of knowledge and skills used by all successful global citizens. Project determined by the student with advisement of the program director and may be completed on campus, abroad, or in the field.

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

College of Basic and Applied Sciences

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

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