

What is Global Studies?

This program offers students the opportunity to study the interrelated processes shaping today's increasingly interdependent world. Students examine political, economic, cultural, and social processes of local communities, nation states, transnational businesses, and social movements across the globe. The program requires students to integrate theoretical knowledge about broad global processes with regionally focused detailed knowledge of social and cultural systems and language. Students complete a common set of core courses providing a broad overview of issues and approaches to global studies. Each student then chooses a thematic and regional concentration. Coursework is completed by selecting from relevant courses offered by a broad range of departments.

What are the major requirements?

Go to www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html and select "Undergraduate majors."

How do I declare a Global Studies major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser or a professor to learn more about the major and its requirements.
2. When you decide upon a Global Studies major, meet with the director of undergraduate studies to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your student community to learn more about your new major's declaration process.

What can I do with a major in Global Studies?

Skills

Global studies majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- An understanding of the processes shaping today's world
- Critical thinking skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups
- Independent, self-motivated work ethic
- Ability to formulate clear and persuasive messages
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Government—federal, state, and local positions with an international component
- Business and Economics—governmental relations, positions with multinational businesses and banks

For more information:

About the Global Studies major:

Undergraduate Advising
214 Social Sciences
(612) 624-9007
<http://igs.cla.umn.edu/>

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Social Sciences Student Community
575 Heller Hall
(612) 626-7714
<http://socsci.class.umn.edu>

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>
mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division
20 Nicholson
(612) 624-5522
www.cla.umn.edu/honors/
honors@class.cla.umn.edu

- Communication—writing, editing, public relations
- Education—teaching, research, administration
- Nonprofit—management, programming

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!