



# Global Studies

## at Benedictine University

### Why major in Global Studies at Benedictine University?

When you choose to major in Global Studies at Benedictine University, you will learn:

- The social, economic, historical, cultural and intellectual traditions that inform various regions of the globe.
- How to live, work and participate in the interrelated and interdependent worlds of the 21st century.
- How to apply disciplinary methodologies of analysis and research in global studies in their quantitative and qualitative dimensions.
- How to communicate within and across disciplines.
- How to confront moral and ethical issues facing the global community to develop a clear understanding of, and commitment to, personal values.
- How to think critically about the tension between globalizing forces and those that promote regional and cultural identity.

### How does the program work?

The interdisciplinary Global Studies major combines Benedictine University's unique cultural heritage sequence with classes from many disciplines to provide you with a broad liberal arts background that will prepare you to act as a responsible global citizen in the 21st century. The major allows you to choose one of four areas of concentration: Latin American, American, Middle East or Asian studies. Three lower-division courses introduce all Global Studies majors (regardless of the concentration selected) to the theoretical and research tools needed to pursue interdisciplinary global studies. This allows you to interact with those who choose a different area of concentration so that a comparative approach is encouraged as you begin your studies. You will then choose courses that will provide a thorough understanding of the societies of your chosen area of concentration. You are encouraged to then view your area of concentration from a global perspective so you can relate your knowledge to the larger trends and issues that affect the contemporary world. Trends and issues covered may include:

- The transnational interactions of peoples, cultures, economies and politics.
- The globalizing process of communication.
- Technological and environmental changes.
- The search for world order, law and human rights.
- The sometimes violent ethnic and religious response to what is perceived as cultural and economic homogenization on a global scale.

### Demonstrate your social conscience with a certificate in Environmental Studies.

Students with an interest in the environment can earn a certificate in Environmental Studies by choosing specific environmental-focused courses from the anthropology, biochemistry, biology, environmental science, geography, global studies, humanities, literature, management, natural science, philosophy, political science, religious studies, sociology and theology disciplines. Students will learn about the scientific, humanistic, educational and business aspects of sustainability.

# Recommended Program

## Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies\* Asian Studies Concentration

### FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Introduction to Global Studies	3
Math (skills)	3
Survey of East Asian History I	3
Elementary Mandarin I	3
	15

Research Writing	3
Survey of East Asian History II	3
Research Methods in Global Studies	3
Eastern Religious Traditions	3
Elementary Mandarin II	3
	15

### JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
Chinese Literature and Film	3
Philosophical (QPL) course	3
The Silk Road	3
	15

Human Dignity and the Common Good (IDS 301)	3
Life Scientific (QLS) course	3
Modern Chinese Literature in Translation	3
International Relations	3
300-level elective	3
	15

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### SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Basic Speech	3
Artistic and Creative (QCA) course	3
Social Scientific I: Individuals, Organizations and Societies (QIO)	3
Intermediate Mandarin I	3
	15

Literary and Rhetorical (QLR) course	3
Physical Scientific (QPS) course	3
The Global Economy	3
Catholic and Benedictine Intellectual Traditions (IDS 201)	3
Intermediate Mandarin II	3
	15

### SENIOR

Computational, Mathematical and Analytical (QCM) course	3
Electives**	9
Historical (QHT) course	3
	15

Senior Thesis	3
World Music	3
Electives**	9
	15

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# Recommended Program

## Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies\* Latin American Studies Concentration

### FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Introduction to Global Studies	3
Math (skills)	3
Colonial Latin America	3
Spanish	3
	15

Research Writing	3
Contemporary Latin America	3
Research Methods in Global Studies	3
Religions/Theological (QRT) course	3
Spanish	3
	15

### JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
African Diaspora in Latin America I 1492-1895	3
Philosophical (QPL) course	3
Computational, Mathematical and Analytical (QCM) course	3
	15

Catholic and Benedictine Intellectual Traditions (IDS 201)	3
Life Scientific (QLS) course	3
The African Diaspora in Latin America I 1895-Present	3
Introduction to International Relations	3
Global/Postcolonial Literature and Theory	3
	15

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### SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Basic Speech	3
Artistic and Creative (QCA) course	3
Social Scientific I: Individuals, Organizations and Societies (QIO)	3
Spanish	3
	15

Literary and Rhetorical (QLR) course	3
Physical Scientific (QPS) course	3
The Global Economy	3
Historical (QHT) course	3
Spanish	3
	15

### SENIOR

Human Dignity and the Common Good (IDS 301)	3
Electives**	6
The Anthropology of the Third World or Latin American Culture and Civilization	3
World Music	3
	15

Senior Thesis	3
Electives** (one 300-level required)	9
	12

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## Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies\* American Studies Concentration

### FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Introduction to Global Studies	3
Math (skills)	3
Historical (QHT) course	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Research Writing	3
American History Since 1865	3
Computational, Mathematical and Analytical (QCM) course	3
Religions/Theological (QRT) course	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

### JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
African American History	3
Contemporary Anglo-American Philosophy	3
Introduction to American Studies	3
	15

Catholic and Benedictine Intellectual Traditions (IDS 201)	3
Physical Scientific (QPS) course	3
Advanced U.S. Literary and Cultural Studies	3
International Relations	3
300-level elective	3
	15

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### SOPHOMORE

Research Methods of Global Studies	3
Basic Speech	3
Artistic and Creative (QCA) course	3
Social Scientific I: Individuals, Organizations and Societies (QIO)	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Literary and Rhetorical (QLR) course	3
Life Scientific (QLS) course	3
Themes of Global Studies	3
Philosophical (QPL) course	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

### SENIOR

The Global Economy	3
Electives**	9
History elective	3
	15
Senior Thesis	3
Human Dignity and the Common Good (IDS 301)	3
Electives**	9
	15

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# Recommended Program

## Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies\* Middle Eastern Studies Concentration

### FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Introduction to Global Studies	3
Historical (QHT) course	3
Arabic	3
Literary and Rhetorical (QLR) course	3
	15

Research Writing	3
Math (skills)	3
Research Methods in Global Studies	3
History of the Middle East 1250-1800	3
Arabic	3
	15

### JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
Social Scientific I: Individuals, Organizations and Societies (QIO) course	3
Philosophical (QPL) course	3
The Anthropology of the Third World	3
	15

Computational, Mathematical and Analytical (QCM) course	3
Life Scientific (QLS) course	3
Microeconomics or International Relations	3
Religions/Theological (QRT) course	3
300-level elective	3
	15

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### SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Basic Speech	3
Artistic and Creative (QCA) course	3
Modern Middle East	3
Arabic	3
	15

Global/Postcolonial Literature and Theory	3
Physical Scientific (QPS) course	
The Global Economy	3
Catholic and Benedictine Intellectual Traditions (IDS 201)	3
Arabic	3
	15

### SENIOR

Human Dignity and the Common Good (IDS 301)	3
Electives**	9
World Music	3
	15

Senior Thesis	3
Electives**	9
History or Religious Studies elective	3
	15

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