

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 Mediterranean studies. Two 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 concern for the environment 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 Mediterranean Studies Concentration

FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Introduction to Global Studies	3
Math (skills)	3
History of Alexander the Great	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Research Writing	3
History of Early Modern Europe	3
Research and Methods in Global Studies	3
Western Religious Traditions	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
The Roman World	3
Medieval Philosophy	3
International Relations or Microeconomics	3
	15

Baptism of Europe (HUMN 230)	3
Science core elective	3
History Modern Middle East	3
Anthropology of the Third World	3
300-level elective	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Speech Communication	3
World Music	3
Psychology/Sociology core elective	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Contemporary Global Literature (LITR 264)	3
Science core elective	3
The Global Economy	3
Mediterranean World (HUMN 220)	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

SENIOR

Converging Hemispheres (HUMN 240)	3
Electives*	9
Science core elective	3
	15

Senior Thesis	3
Contemporary World (HUMN 250)	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 American History	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Research Writing	3
Contemporary Latin American History	3
Research and Methods in Global Studies	3
World Religious Traditions	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
African Diaspora in Latin America I (1492-1895)	3
Philosophy core elective	3
Anthropology of the Third World or Latin American Culture and Environmental Geography	3
	15

Baptism of Europe (HUMN 230)	3
Science core elective	3
African Diaspora in Latin America I (1895-Present)	3
Introduction to International Relations	3
300-level elective	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Speech Communication	3
World Music	3
Psychology/Sociology core elective	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Contemporary Global Literature (LITR 264)	3
Science core elective	3
Global Economy	3
Mediterranean World (HUMN 220)	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

SENIOR

Converging Hemispheres (HUMN 240)	3
Electives*	9
Science core elective	3
	15
Senior Thesis	3
Contemporary World (HUMN 250)	3
Electives *	9
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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
American History (HIST 111)	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

Research Writing	3
American History (HIST 112)	3
Research and Methods in Global Studies	3
Religion in America	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

JUNIOR

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

Baptism of Europe (HUMN 230)	3
Science core elective	3
U.S. Literary and Cultural Studies	3
International Relations	3
300-level elective	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Speech Communication	3
World Music	3
Psychology/Sociology core elective	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

American Literature I	3
Science core elective	3
Global Economy (INTB 101)	3
Mediterranean World (HUMN 220)	3
Foreign Language	3
	15

SENIOR

Converging Hemispheres (HUMN 240)	3
Electives*	9
Science core elective	3
	15

Senior Thesis	3
Contemporary World (HUMN 250)	3
Electives*	9
	15

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Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies Middle Eastern Studies Concentration

FRESHMAN

Writing Colloquium	3
Introduction to Global Studies	3
History of Middle East (500-1258)	3
Foreign Language	3

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Research Writing	3
Math (skills)	3
Research and Methods in Global Studies	3
History of the Middle East (1250-1800)	3
Foreign Language	3

15

JUNIOR

Junior Seminar	3
Geography and Cartography	3
Psychology/Sociology core elective	3
Medieval Philosophy	3
Anthropology of the Third World	3

15

Baptism of Europe (HUMN 230)	3
Science core elective	3
Microeconomics or International Relations	3
Western Religious Traditions	3
300-level elective	3

15

SOPHOMORE

Theories of Global Studies	3
Speech Communication	3
World Music	3
Modern Middle East History	3
Foreign Language	3

15

Contemporary Global Lit (LITR 264)	3
Science core elective	3
Global Economy	3
Mediterranean World (HUMN 220)	3
Foreign Language	3

15

SENIOR

Converging Hemispheres (HUMN 240)	3
Electives*	9
Science core elective	3

15

Senior Thesis	3
Contemporary World (HUMN 250)	3
Electives*	6
History or Religious Studies elective	3

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