Global Studies Program

The Global Studies Program at Hofstra was accepted as a new program, offering both a major and minor, by the Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in October 2006. The first courses in the program are slated to be offered in Fall 2007

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Program Description

Global Studies is a rigorous interdisciplinary major that provides students with the theoretical and practical tools to critically analyze the ongoing processes of economic, political and cultural change that have collectively become known as “globalization.” Global Studies examines the multiple ways in which people across the globe are daily affected by a complex web of interactions that transcend geographic and political boundaries. The key tenet of Global Studies is that the multifaceted process of globalization cannot be captured by any single academic discipline. Global Studies is thus an interdisciplinary program that draws on theoretical and practical insights from disciplines and programs across the social sciences, humanities and international business, providing students the theoretical tools and knowledge to interpret our interconnected and rapidly changing world.

It is highly recommended that students majoring or minoring in global studies participate in Hofstra’s study abroad programs.

To assure that students receive training in a specific discipline, students are required to complete a minor (18 credits) in the discipline of their choice, in addition to their Global Studies courses, as a requirement of the major.

This interdisciplinary program offers both major and minor specialization’s.
Program Requirements

For a Major in Global Studies:

B.A. Specialization in Global Studies: a minimum of 33 semester hours in Global Studies, and a minor consisting of 18 credits in an academic discipline, distributed as follows:

1) The following required courses: GS 001 (BH)(IS) (Introduction to Global Studies), GS 104A-Z (BH)(IS) (Special Topics in Global Studies), and GS 180 (Senior Seminar in Global Studies and Research Methodology) and Geog 001 (World Regional Geography).

2) At least 9 sh (but no more than 12 sh), in addition to the required courses, from the electives in global economics, politics and culture. Any course not currently listed under global economics, politics and culture, but approved by the director of GS, may be counted toward these 9 sh.

3) At least 9 sh (but no more than 12 sh), from the regional area studies electives. At least 6 sh must come from the same regional area studies program. Any course not currently listed under the regional area studies electives, but approved by the director of GS and the applicable area studies director, may be counted toward these 9 sh.

4) A maximum of 12 sh of courses taken in any one academic discipline may be used toward the 33 sh needed for the major. Classes that have the GS designation or are required courses are excluded from this restriction.

5) Proficiency in a foreign language through level 4. This does not count toward the 33 credits needed for the major in GS.

6) At least 18 of the s.h. for the major must come from 100-level courses.

7) A final grade of C- or better is required in each course.

8) A Minor, consisting of 18 credits, taken in an academic discipline. Courses taken in the minor may not be applied toward the major.

Electives in Global Economics, Politics and Culture:

ANTH 112. Anthropology of the Global Economy
116. Religion in Cross-Cultural Perspective

ECO 007. Explorations of Current Economic Issues
137. Transnational Enterprise in World Economy
142. International Economics
143. Economic Development
145. Comparative Economic Systems

GEOG 001. World Regional Geography
060. Introduction to Geographic Information Systems
080. Transport Geography
106. Urbanization in the Developing World
135. Economic Geography
160. Intermediate Geographic Information Systems
193. Seminar: Economic Geography

GS 001. Introduction to Global Studies (IS)
104. Special Topics in Global Studies (IS)
180. Senior Seminar in Global Studies and Research Methodology
(Prerequisites, GS 001, GS 100 and 21 completed credits in courses recognized as part of the GS program or by permission of the director of GS)

151/152/153/154. Readings in Global Studies. (Prerequisites: at least 12. s.h. of completed credits in courses recognized as part of the GS program or by permission of the director of GS).
190. Internship in Global Studies (Prerequisites: at least 18 s.h. of completed credits in courses recognized as part of the GS program, with a global studies g.p.a. of 3.0. or above; or by permission of director of GS).

IB 150. Introduction to International Business
LABR 001. Introduction to Labor Studies
PSC 002. Comparative Politics
134. American Foreign Policy
135. International Politics
137. World Organization and International Law
152. Seminar: International Politics
154. Seminar: Comparative Politics
192. Field Study at the UN

RELI 012. Introduction to Western Religions
015. Introduction to Eastern Religious Traditions
050. Islam
(Above Religious Studies Courses are currently being added to the program)

SOC 032. Women and Development
117. Sociology of Terrorism
142. Global Cities: Politics and Social Change in Comparative perspective
149. Globalization and Developing Societies
150. Global Social Change and Evolution

WST 001. Introduction to Women’s Studies

Regional Area Studies Electives:
A minimum of 9 sh from courses listed in the Bulletin under any of the following regional area studies programs. At least 6 sh must come from the same program. Any course not listed, but approved by the director of GS and the appropriate regional area studies director may be counted toward these 9 sh.

Africana Studies
Asian Studies
European Studies (Minimum of 3 sh selected from the Pan-European courses listed in Bulletin are required as part of the 6 sh to be used toward the major in GS)

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Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Middle Eastern and Central Asian Studies

For a Minor in Global Studies:

A Minor in Global Studies consists of the successful completion of 18 semester hours including GS 001, GS 104 and Geog 001.
1) At least 3 sh must come from the Global Economics, Politics and Culture electives.
2) At least 6 sh from any of the regional area studies programs.
3) At least 9 sh must be from 100-level courses.
4) A grade of C- or better is required in each course.
5) At least 9 sh must be in residence.
6) Proficiency in a foreign language through level 4. This does not count toward the 18 credits needed for the minor in GS.