Global Studies Program

Program and Courses

Global Studies is a degree-granting program housed within the School of Politics and Global Studies, which is located on the sixth floor of Coor Hall. It offers a Bachelor of Arts and has a Master of Arts under development.

The field of global studies seeks to understand the economic, political, social, cultural, environmental, and technological changes that the world as a whole is currently undergoing. While these changes have been developing for centuries, they have recently increased their rate, extension, and penetration to a degree that merits formal, focused, and dedicated study. Several issues that once were, or at least considered to be, only local, national, or regional now reside at the global scale. Current specialties within the school include violence, conflict, and human rights; urban development and environment, and place and culture.

All Global Studies courses offer honors contracts, pending instructor approval.

Global Studies offers courses of a size that guarantees individualized attention by its instructors. As such, it does not offer seminars or break out sections that are dedicated to honors students although many of its upper division courses resemble the honors courses of larger programs in size and method of instruction.

All Global Studies faculty are open to working with honors students. It is important that you get to know your instructors, however, so that they will be familiar with you and your work as a student. Make a point to introduce yourself after class and visit them during their office hours to discuss your academic and career goals. This will make approaching them as potential advisors much easier. They are all dedicated to your success and you should do everything you can to take advantage of their expertise while in the program.

One of the strongest components of the Global Studies Program is its international internship. This is usually an activity that a student undertakes in their junior year and it is tailored to the specific intellectual and career interests of the student. The purpose of the internship is to give the student both formal and informal experience in an international setting. Global Studies has an internship coordinator who is dedicated to making sure that you find the right international program.

Graduates of the Global Studies Program have gone on to the finest graduate and professional schools (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of California, University of Washington, among others) in fields as diverse as international relations, urban planning, law, and public health. They have also entered professional careers ranging from investment banking to foreign aid and development in both the public and private sectors.
Any Barrett student who is considering a major in Global Studies should make an appointment as soon as possible with the Honors Faculty Advisor, Thomas J. Puleo. His email is tpuleo@asu.edu.

**Thesis and Creative Project**

To graduate in Global Studies, all honors students must complete an honors thesis or creative project that addresses a global theme. This is typically a paper but students are encouraged to pursue new methods of scholarly expression, such as documentary film, as long as it supports their future plans.

Students wanting to pursue graduate education should be sure to include a strong written component in their thesis or creative project design.

Students work closely with the Global Studies faculty honors associate to identify the faculty who can best support their path to completion. They also work with the program’s academic advisor to ensure that they meet all of the requirements of the major in a timely and efficient fashion. Two courses deserve special mention. Students typically take SGS 492 in the fall semester of their senior year and SGS 493 in the spring. The first provides a block of time to conduct research while the second is dedicated to writing and defending the thesis. Students should start thinking about possible thesis ideas as soon as possible and should meet with the faculty honors advisor in their sophomore year. SGS 492 is worth 3 credits and can be taken multiple times. SGS 493 is also worth 3 credits and is typically taken only once.

The honors thesis committee consists of an advisor and a second reader. A third reader may be added if the student so desires. The advisor must be ASU faculty. The second can be from another university or from a field outside of academia provided it is related to the student’s thesis topic. A third reader is optional.

Prior to enrolling in SGS 492 or 493, all students must complete a thesis/creative project information session. Students may complete this requirement by completing one of the following:

A. HON 498 “Thesis Prep Course,” a one-credit course offered on the downtown campus

B. One of the Thesis Workshop Sessions periodically offered by Barrett

C. The online workshop offered through Barrett via ASU Blackboard.

Global Studies: A Gateway to a Global Future.
Useful links

INFORMATION ON HONORS ENRICHMENT CONTRACT
http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/honors---courses---and---contracts/honors---enrichment---contracts/

INFORMATION ABOUT THESIS/CREATIVE PROJECT (INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THESIS PREP WORKSHOPS AND CLASSES)
http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/thesis---and---creative---project/

INFORMATION ABOUT BARRETT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/internships/