

Montana State University-Bozeman

# Global Studies Minor



## *...a borderless career requires a borderless education...*

### ***What is the Global Studies Minor?***

The Global Studies Minor is a multi-disciplinary minor designed to develop a broad base of international knowledge for students in any major at Montana State University. The minor provides a well-rounded and balanced introduction to international studies. It brings together international learning opportunities across the campus and around the world to provide the foundation for an international career.

### ***Who should consider the Global Studies Minor?***

Students in any major preparing for any profession can benefit from the Global Studies Minor if they are interested in an international career or want to understand their field in a global context. It is a good choice for students who want to stand out from others in their fields as being a global thinker and professional. The minor also provides a base for students to be informed citizens in today's world characterized by expanding global relationships.

### ***How will the Global Studies Minor benefit me?***

The Global Studies Minor provides a way for you to stand out from others in the field in which you want to build a career as someone with the interest, the knowledge, and the experience to function effectively in today's increasingly borderless careers. In addition, it provides guidance in developing a broad foundation of international knowledge upon which to build and develop global competence. Of course, fulfilling the Global Studies Minor is also just interesting and fascinating, providing you with a great window onto the rich diversity and complexity of the world's nations and cultures.

### ***What is required by the Global Studies Minor?***

The Global Studies Minor requires students to:

- develop a base of international knowledge by completing several courses with substantial, contemporary international content selected from a large list of elective options
- demonstrate proficiency in a modern foreign language by successfully completing at least the first semester of the second year of the language, and
- complete an education abroad experience.

### ***Why is foreign language study required for the Global Studies Minor?***

Proficiency in a foreign language(s) is important to success internationally and Montana State University strongly believes in the importance of learning foreign languages as a major component of international competence. While English is widely spoken around the world, it is a serious limitation to effective international communication to be a monolingual English speaker. In addition, gaining proficiency in at least one foreign language is highly beneficial in learning how other cultures think and what they believe.

### ***Why is an education abroad component required for the Global Studies Minor?***

No amount of course work on the MSU campus can substitute for direct experience living and studying in another country. Only through direct experience of another culture can students gain an appreciation of cultural differences, the challenges of intercultural communication, and even understand themselves as products of U.S. culture. In addition, education abroad experience is one of the things that employers focus on in trying to identify people who can work effectively for them in the global marketplace.

### ***How can the education abroad requirement be fulfilled?***

The education abroad component is very flexibly designed so that a wide array of programs abroad can be used to satisfy the requirement. The ideal way to fulfill the requirement is through a full year of study at one of MSU's international partner campuses around the world, through which most, if not all, of the Global Studies Minor can be completed. However, semester long programs also provide great learning opportunities and all MSU-sponsored semester programs satisfy the education abroad requirement. In addition, many shorter-term faculty-led study abroad experiences will satisfy the education abroad requirement, but these are approved on a case-by-case basis. In addition, international internships and research can also satisfy the requirement, but must also be approved on a case-by-case basis.

## Requirements for the Global Studies Minor

### **International Coursework**

All students must complete at least 14 semester hours of courses with substantial, contemporary international content.

- A list of MSU courses that satisfy the requirement is provided below.
- All students must complete the Global Studies Minor Capstone Seminar as part of this requirement. However, if the Seminar is not available, students may substitute Intercultural Studies Individual Problems (ICS 470), working individually with a member of the faculty on an appropriate global or international subject.
- Courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- No more than 5 hours of credit below the 200 level can apply to fulfilling this requirement.
- Courses completed while studying abroad may be used to satisfy this requirement provided that the course(s) has substantial contemporary (19<sup>th</sup>/ 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> century) international content and the course(s) were not used to satisfy the minor's education abroad or foreign language requirements (see below).
- Courses used to fulfill the foreign language proficiency requirement cannot be used to fulfill this requirement, except students who must take a first year course(s) to fulfill the foreign language proficiency requirement can apply one of these courses toward fulfilling the international coursework requirement.
- No more than 1 course (3 credit maximum) used to satisfy requirements for the major may be applied to fulfill the international course requirement.

### **Foreign Language Proficiency**

All students must complete a modern foreign language through the first semester of the second year or demonstrate equivalent proficiency.

- The requirement can be fulfilled by completing the first semester of the second year or higher of any university-level modern language course with a grade of C or higher.
- Students can fulfill the requirement by demonstrating to the MSU Modern Language Department that they have attained proficiency equivalent to the first semester of the second year of language study.
- Foreign students whose native language is not English are deemed to have fulfilled the foreign language proficiency requirement.
- Students needing to complete the first year prerequisites in a modern foreign language in order to complete the requirement may apply up to three credits from these courses to satisfy the international coursework requirement.
- Students who must take a first year language course(s) to fulfill this requirement can count one of these courses toward fulfilling the international coursework requirement.
- Otherwise students cannot apply credits that are used to fulfill the education abroad or international coursework requirement to fulfill this requirement.

### **Education Abroad**

All students must complete at least 6 credits in an approved education abroad program.

- Credits earned on any MSU-sponsored semester or academic year study abroad program will fulfill the requirement.
- Credit from MSU-sponsored, faculty-led study abroad programs that have been approved by the International Programs Committee to fulfill the requirement can also be used to fulfill the requirement.
- Credits from academically supervised internships or research conducted abroad can be applied to fulfill the requirement if approved by the MSU International Programs Committee.
- Credits used to fulfill the international coursework or the foreign language proficiency requirements cannot be used to fulfill this requirement.

### **Overall**

As required by Montana University System policy, at least nine credits used to fulfill the above requirements must be at the 300 level or above.



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## Global Studies Minor Elective Courses

Acct 524 Int'l Accounting\*  
 Agec 321 Econ. of Ag. Mktg  
 Anth 204IS Culture & Society  
 Anth 326 Language and Culture  
 Anth 336 Contemporary Pacific Society  
 Arch 414 Arch. Study Abroad  
 Arch 428 Foreign Study History  
 Art 203IA Renaissance through Modern Art History  
 Art 405 Arts of Africa\*  
 Art 407 Islamic Art & Arch.\*  
 Art 425 Field Study in Art\*\*  
 Econ 302 Interm. Macro. Theory  
 Econ 314 Int'l Economics  
 Econ 317 Economic Development  
 Edci 240 Intro. Multicultural Education  
 Engl 217 Survey of British Lit. II  
 Engl 236IH Intro to Language & Linguistics  
 Engl 371 Studies in British/American Lit: 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Engl 372 Contemporary British/American Lit.  
 Engl 440 World Literature  
 Ento 102CS Insects & Society  
 Geog 105D World Regional Geo.  
 Geog 201D Human Geography  
 Geog 332 Economic Geography  
 Hdpe 410 Int'l Perspectives in Health, Sport & Phys. Ed.  
 HHD 205D Dance as Cultural Expression  
 Hist 104D World History in 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Hist 107IH Western Civ.: 1600 to Present  
 Hist 109D Modern Asia  
 Hist 110D Latin American History  
 Hist 115D History of Japan  
 Hist 156IH America & the World after 1865  
 Hist 305 Modern Mexico\*  
 Hist 326 20<sup>th</sup> Century Europe\*  
 Hist 334 Modern Britain\*  
 Hist 335 History of Middle East in 20<sup>th</sup> Century\*  
 Hist 361 History of Modern France\*  
 Hist 362 Modern Germany\*  
 Hist 368 20<sup>th</sup> Century War: Vietnam Era\*  
 Hist 374 Modern China  
 Hist 375 Modern India, Pakistan & Bangladesh  
 Hist 409 Japanese Women's History\*  
 Hist 410 Lat. Am. Social History\*  
 Hist 413 Race in Latin America\*  
 Hist 425 Gender, Sexuality & Soc. Change in Latin Am. History\*  
 Hist 432 Modern Science\*  
 Hist 460 Euroean Intellectual History\*  
 Hist 465 Ecology & Nature in Japan  
 Hist 467 Gender in Asia  
 Hist 469 World Environ. History  
 ICS 404 Intercultural Experience  
 JS 340 Comparative Justice\*  
 Mgmt 245D Cultural Dimensions of Int'l Bus  
 Mgmt 464 Int'l Management  
 Mgmt 465 Int'l Practicum\*

Mktg 242D Intro. to Global Markets  
 Mktg 441 Int'l Marketing  
 MLF 220D French Lang. & Culture  
 MLF 301 Histoire Civilisation  
 MLF 302 La France Aujourd'Hui  
 MLF 351 Adv. Grammar & Comp.  
 MLF 352 Adv. Conversation & Phonetics  
 MLF 402 French Lit. II  
 MLF 450 French Lit. & Culture  
 MLG 220D German Lang. & Culture  
 MLG 303IH Modern German Culture & Society (in Eng.)  
 MLG 320 Contemporary German Lit.  
 MLG 350 Adv. Grammar Conv. Comp.  
 MLG 351 Adv. Grammar Conv. Comp. II  
 MLG 450 German Lit. & Culture\*\*  
 MLJ 220D Intermediate Japanese II  
 MLJ 321 Modern Japanese Lit. (in Eng.)  
 MLJ 350 Advanced Japanese I  
 MLJ 351 Advanced Japanese II  
 MLJ 361 Text & Cinema (in Eng.)  
 MLS 220D Spanish Lang. & Culture  
 MLS 301 Spanish Culture & Civ.  
 MLS 302 Lat. Am. Culture & Civ.  
 MLS 320 Survey Spanish Lit.  
 MLS 321Contemp. Lat. Am. Lit.  
 MLS 350 Intensive Grammar Review  
 MLS 351 Adv. Oral & Written Comp.  
 MLS 450 Modern Hispanic Lit.  
 MTA 218D International Film and Television  
 Mu Ed 519 World Music\*  
 Mus 311 Music History: Classical through 20<sup>th</sup> Century  
 Mus 312IA World Music  
 N 469 Cultural Applications in Nursing  
 NAS 325 Native Peoples of the Americas  
 Phil 105IH Problems of Good & Evil  
 Phil 220 Philosophies of Asia  
 Pols 241D Intro. to Int'l Relations  
 Pols 331 Comparative Democracy  
 Pols 340 Int'l Relations Theory  
 Pols 352 Comparative Public Policy  
 Pols 402 Int'l Law  
 Pols 403 Int'l Organizations  
 Pols 441 Int'l Human Rights  
 Pols 442 Politics of War & Peace  
 Psy 415 Psychology of Prejudice\*  
 Rels 110D Religion, Conflict & Politics\*  
 Rels 202D Asian Religions: Hinduism and Buddhism\*  
 Rels 203D Asian Religions: Taoism to Zen\*  
 Rels 321 Gender & Religion  
 Soc 308 Population Problems  
 Soc 325 Sociology of Race & Gender  
 Soc 365 Soc. of Globalization

\* On demand only

\*\* Depends on content

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*Whatever major you are pursuing at MSU, if you want to have a global career, the Global Studies Minor is a great beginning.*

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The Global Studies Minor is intended to provide you with the fundamental international and intercultural skills you need to succeed in today's "borderless careers." The minor enables you to learn how the interconnected global society of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century really works. It enables you to build the communication skills you need to work and communicate effectively with people from other cultures and languages. It enables you to gain valuable experience abroad to get a valuable head start on your international career.