

GLOBAL STUDIES, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The minor in Global Studies is intended to prepare students from all degree programs within the Berks College (with the exception of the major in Global Studies) to gain a global perspective, which would be useful in a variety of workplace and academic settings. HIST 320W, PLSC 14, and CAS 271 provide the necessary background to help students understand and appreciate broad issues of international concern. A combination of more specific option courses will deepen students' experience of the world and enhance analytical and interpersonal skills.

What is Global Studies?

If you are interesting in helping to make the world a better place, the minor in Global Studies may be the perfect fit for you. Global Studies is the study of globalization as it relates to the economy, market relations, the movement of people and resources, communications, politics, the effect of human activity on the environment, and cultural interconnectedness. Global Studies promotes intercultural understanding and sensitivity to diversity, critical components to navigating the twenty-first century global environment.

You Might Like This Program If...

- You enjoy working with individuals and groups from diverse populations and reaching common understanding.
- You are concerned with global issues such as the environment, human rights, immigration, diplomacy, and international business.
- You like to look at the big picture and to help others see issues from a broader perspective.
- You would like the flexibility of a broad, liberal arts minor that prepares you to enter a variety of fields.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GLOBAL STUDIES (<http://berks.psu.edu/ba-global-studies/>)

Entrance to Minor

All students taking this minor will be required to show a 12-credit-level proficiency in a foreign language.

Program Requirements

Requirement	Credits
Requirements for the Minor	18-30

Eighteen credits are required for the minor in Global Studies.

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A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10>). In addition, at least six credits of the minor must be unique from the prescribed courses required by a student's major(s).

Code	Title	Credits
Additional Courses		
<i>Additional Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
CAS 271N	Intercultural Communication	
HIST 320W	Contemporary World History and Issues	
PLSC 14	International Relations	
Select 12 credits (at least 6 at the 400 level) from the following:		12
ENGL 403	Literature and Culture	
FR 139	France and the French-speaking World	
GER 100	German Culture and Civilization	
HIST 120		
HIST 175	East Asia since 1800	
HIST 179	Latin-American History Since 1820	
HIST 181	Introduction to the Middle East	
HIST 192	Modern African History	
HIST 435	Topics in European History	
HIST 467	Latin America and the United States	
HIST 468	Mexico and the Caribbean Nations in the Twentieth Century	
HIST 488	American Diplomacy Since 1914	
PLSC 412	International Political Economy	
PLSC 413	The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union	
PLSC 424	Topics in Comparative Government and Institutions	
PLSC 454	Government and Politics of Africa	
PLSC 487	International Law and Organizations	
RUS 100	Russian Culture and Civilization	
SPAN 100	Intermediate Grammar and Composition	
SPAN 130	Iberian Civilization	
SPAN 131	Ibero-American Civilization	
SPAN 132	Afro-Hispanic Civilization	
SPAN 200	Intensive Grammar and Composition	
SPAN 220	Readings in Ibero-American Civilization	
SPAN 253W	Introduction to Hispanic Literature	
SPAN 300	Advanced Grammar and Composition Through Reading	
SPAN 420	Spanish for Business and International Trade	
SPAN 476	Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature	
UKR 100	Ukrainian Culture and Civilization	

Foreign Language Requirement

Demonstrate proficiency in a single foreign language by either examination or coursework equivalent to completion of 12 credits of coursework¹ 0-12

¹ See the Admission section of the General Information in this Bulletin for the Placement Policy for Penn State Foreign Language Courses (under Opportunities for Credit by Acquisition).

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of

both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Career Paths

A degree in Global Studies provides an excellent academic foundation for students to enter a wide variety of careers in which they will be interacting with diverse populations to find solutions to global issues. The degree helps students to understand, analyze, and interpret global issues from cultural, historical, literary, and political perspectives while gaining the skills necessary to explain how issues impact people at the local, national, and global levels.

Careers

Graduates will be prepared for a wide range of positions in the following fields: government agencies, nonprofit agencies dealing with human rights issues, environmental agencies, immigration law, international media, public and private schools, study abroad offices, international corporations, research institutes, police departments, foreign ministries, and the United Nations.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES WITH A MINOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES (<http://berks.psu.edu/ba-global-studies/>)

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