Global Studies

The MA degree in Global Studies (GS) is a one-year Masters program. It is an interdisciplinary program designed to provide the fundamentals of contemporary international issues as well as detailed knowledge on particular world regions or countries. The MA degree in Global Studies provides wide flexibility in crafting an individual interdisciplinary program. Students tailor the content of their programs within a defined framework to suit their interests. Specific course work is chosen in consultation with a faculty adviser.

1. Students must COMPLETE a minimum of 24 units, at least twelve of which must be graduate-level course work (courses numbered 200-299). Two-thirds of all course work must be letter-graded. Thus no more than a third of all units may be taken on an S/U or P/NP grading basis.

2. Students are required to complete two Global Studies proseminars, one in the fall, the other in the spring. They must also enroll in at least two social science and two area studies courses (in the same area).

3. Capstone – All students must undergo a comprehensive examination, with both written and oral components. A committee consisting of three faculty members will direct the examination for all of the students in any given cohort, which will require synthesis of material from student coursework.

Global Studies Courses

GLOBAL 210 MA Seminar for Global Studies 4 Units
Terms offered: Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019
This reading seminar, required of all MA students in Global Studies, will approach a particular topic in global studies each year. Covering a variety of themes, students will engage with the literature of the field, and begin to study the ways in which particular problems have been approached from a variety of disciplinary perspectives in the social sciences.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week
Summer: 6 weeks - 5 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Studies/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.