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BACHELOR OF ARTS IN GLOBAL STUDIES

Learn to Think Locally and Act Globally

The online Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies program is designed to develop skills and build experiences for a career or study in international relations, development, education, social science, immigration, law, or government. By applying the concept of thinking locally and acting globally, you'll build a framework to understand and negotiate global realities, whether economic, political, cultural, or ecological. You'll also expand cultural understanding and discover potential markets for your unique ideas and talents. The program explores the roles that ecology, gender, race, class, religion, and ethnicity play in cultural environments and apply that understanding to everyday interactions among diverse cultures. Coursework includes building a portfolio to integrate the skills you'll acquire and apply them to solve a real-world problem.

Program highlights:

- Entire program can be completed online
- Evaluate issues from the perspective of global environmental impact
- Study the history of global economic interactions over the centuries
- Choose a global problem such as poverty, hunger, the spread of disease, or environmental degradation and view it from various perspectives
- Evaluate written work on globalization for its truth and reliability
- Describe the relationship between economic and cultural change around the world

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MAJOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES

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Offered only online, the Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies degree program provides a flexible integration of skills and competencies that prepares students for a variety of careers as well as graduate studies in international relations, development, education, social science, immigration, law and government and non-governmental sectors. In short, the program provides students with the ability to think locally and act globally.

The global environment in which economics, culture, and technology converge is diverse, changing, complex and interdependent. By combining course work from multiple disciplines, this program provides a framework to understand and effectively negotiate global realities, whether they are economic, political, cultural, or ecological. The program encourages students to apply cultural understanding and explore and develop potential markets for their ideas and talent. Students in this program learn to use global communications and information technologies to conduct and present research. Global Studies majors become knowledgeable in the cultures and practices of the world's communities. Graduates understand the roles that ecology, gender, race, class, religion, and ethnicity play in cultural environments and apply their understanding to everyday interactions among diverse cultures. Graduates also produce a portfolio that enables them to integrate the skills they have acquired and apply them in a culminating project to the solution of a real-world problem. This portfolio, which graduates post on a website of their own design, includes course projects and the full-length culminating project.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Analyze issues as they impact the global environment.
- Explain the varied experiences of different social groups interacting with the global economy over the past several hundred years.
- Analyze a global problem such as poverty, hunger, the spread of disease, or environmental degradation from several disciplinary perspectives.
- Evaluate scholarship on globalization for its veracity and reliability.
- Describe the relationships between economic and cultural change in regions of the globe.
- Describe the relationships between economic change and processes of nation-state formation over the last several hundred years.
- Synthesize theoretical perspectives and empirical data into a coherent argument.

Degree Requirements

To obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies, students must complete at least 180 quarter units as articulated below, 45 of which must be completed in residence at National University, 76.5 of which must be completed at the upper-division level, and a minimum 70.5 University General Education requirements. In the absence of transfer credit, additional general electives may be necessary to satisfy total units for the degree. The following courses are specific degree requirements. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information regarding admission and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by state law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

If the foreign language requirement is not completed in General Education, the equivalent must be completed as preparation for the Global Studies major either by testing or by satisfactorily passing two courses in one of the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, or Spanish. Other languages are acceptable upon approval of the director of the program. If a student opts to take the elective course GLS 440, Study Abroad, or IBU 540 International Experience, additional fees, waivers, passports, visas, immunizations and other requirements may need to be fulfilled depending on the destination. It is the student's responsibility to find out about these additional requirements and to meet them.

Preparation for the Major

(2 courses; 9 quarter units)

GLS 150 Global Issues and Trends
HIS 234* World Civilizations II
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

* May be used to satisfy a General Education requirement.

Requirements for the Major

(10 courses; 45 quarter units)

HIS 320 Culture of Global Capitalism
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
SCI 300 Geography
PHL 320 World Religions
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
POL 340 Comparative Politics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
LIT 463 20th Century World Literature
Prerequisite: LIT 100 and ENG 240
GLS 410 Gender and Global Society
Prerequisite: ENG 240
GLS 420 Ecological Revolutions
Prerequisite: ENG 240
GLS 430 The Global Economy
Prerequisite: ENG 240
COM 385 Interactive Storytelling
Prerequisite: ENG 101
GLS 499 Seminar and Portfolio Project

Upper-Division Electives

(6 courses; 27 quarter units)

ART 329 World Art
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
GLS 310 Global Communications
Prerequisite: ENG 240
GLS 330 Film in a Global Context
Prerequisite: ENG 240
GLS 440 Study Abroad
Prerequisite: HIS 320
IBU 540 International Experience
HIS 325 Modern World Migration
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
HIS 434 Modern World, 1500 to Present
Prerequisite: ENG 100, ENG 101 and HIS 234
MUS 327 World Music
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
PHL 375 Environmental Ethics
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
SOC 328 Intercultural Thinking
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
POL 320 Politics of Social Movements
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
POL 350 International Relations
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101
EES 335 Environmental Science
MKT 430 Intro to Global Marketing
Prerequisite: MKT 302A