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 interested 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 (http://berks.psu.edu/ba-global-studies)

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

Program Requirements

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Eighteen credits are required for the minor in Global Studies.

Requirements for the Minor

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the minor, as specified by Senate Policy 59-10 (http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/59-00-minors-and-certificates/#59-10).

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HIST 320W  Contemporary World History and Issues
PLSC 14   International Relations
Select 12 credits (at least 6 at the 400 level) of the following: 12
FR 139   France and the French-speaking World
GER 100  German Culture and Civilization
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
UKR 100  Ukrainian Culture and Civilization
HIST 179 Latin-American History Since 1820
HIST 181 Introduction to the Middle East
HIST 192 Modern African History
HIST 457  Latin America and the United States
HIST 468  Mexico and the Caribbean Nations in the Twentieth Century
ENGL 403 Literature and Culture
HIST 488  American Diplomacy Since 1914
PLSC 412  International Political Economy
HIST 120  Europe Since 1848
HIST 175  The History of Modern East Asia
PLSC 413  The Rise and Fall of the Soviet Union
PLSC 454  Government and Politics of Africa
HIST 435  Topics in European History
PLSC 424  Topics in Comparative Government and Institutions
PLSC 487  International Law and Organizations
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

Foreign Language Requirement

Demonstrate proficiency in a single foreign language by either examination or coursework equivalent to completion of 12 credits of coursework 1

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 need to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (http://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 CAREERS (http://berks.psu.edu/ba-global-studies)

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (http://berks.psu.edu/ba-global-studies)

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