

# Bachelor of Arts in Global and International Studies

## Why choose a Global and International Studies degree?

A degree in Global and International Studies will give you the tools to understand the rapid changes occurring internationally and transnationally throughout the world. In our interdisciplinary program, faculty and students think critically about some of the most fundamental global and regional issues facing societies today such as:

- population growth,
- politics and governance,
- migration,
- the global economy,
- poverty and inequality,
- religion, race and ethnicity,
- gender and sexuality,
- peace and conflict, and
- climate change.

Besides access to quality instruction and content, our students have access to the amazing international resources that put KU on the top shelf for international education--a nationally-ranked Study Abroad Program, instruction in 40 foreign languages, and local, national, and international internship opportunities.

Beyond the general Global and International Studies focus, students are able to choose from 3 different concentrations within the program. These paths include:

1. European Concentration
2. Latin American & Caribbean Concentration
3. Middle East Concentration

After graduation, a degree in GIST is helpful for graduate and law school students as well as careers in journalism, Foreign Service, business and industry, education, law, politics and government, and social service agencies.

## Undergraduate Admission

### Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of the University Registrar (<https://registrar.ku.edu/credittransfer/>) website.

## Requirements for the B.A. Major

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Global &amp; International Core Knowledge and Skills</b>		
Students must take:		
GIST 220	Introduction to Global and International Studies	3
Students must also select one course from the following list:		3
ANTH 100	General Anthropology	
ANTH 160	The Varieties of Human Experience	
	or ANTH 162 The Varieties of Human Experience, Honors	
	or ANTH 360 The Varieties of Human Experience	
ECON 104	Introductory Economics	
	or ECON 105 Introductory Economics, Honors	
ECON 144	Principles of Macroeconomics	
	or ECON 145 Principles of Macroeconomics, Honors	
EVNRN/GEORG 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	
EVNRN/GEORG 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization	
GEOG 100	World Regional Geography	
GEOG 102	People, Place, and Society	
	or GEOG 103 People, Place, and Society, Honors	
GIST 210/ AAAS 203/ GEOG 201	Culture and Health	
	or GIST 211 Culture and Health, Honors	
	or AAAS 204 Culture and Health, Honors	
	or GEOG 202 Culture and Health, Honors	
HIST/EVNRN 103	Environment and History	
POLS 150	Introduction to Comparative Politics	
	or POLS 151 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Honors	
POLS 170	Introduction to International Politics	
	or POLS 171 Introduction to International Politics Honors	
REL 104	Introduction to Religious Studies	
SOC 130	Comparative Societies	
<b>Additional Language</b>		
Satisfied by one additional foreign language course (3 hours) beyond the 4th semester proficiency language requirement (300 level or above) or any available additional language course		3-5
<b>Capstone Research Coursework</b>		
GIST 610	Interdisciplinary Methods for Global Contexts	3
GIST 698	Capstone Seminar	3
	or GIST 699 Capstone Seminar, Honors	
<b>Issues in Global Studies</b>		

Satisfied by three courses from the list below of GIST courses focusing on contemporary global themes on subjects such as human trafficking, the global environment, terrorism, transnational migration and borders, global issues in gender, citizenship, indigenous peoples, the global economic system, and globalization at the 300-level or above. Courses offered as: GIST 550 Issues in Global Studies: \_\_\_\_\_ are always approved to fulfill this requirement.

#### International Electives

Satisfied by three courses from the list of approved international elective courses at the 300-level or above from the list below.

**Total Hours** **33-35**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Issues in Global Studies</b>		
EVRN/SOC 386	Sociology of Global Food	
GIST/ENGL 305	World Indigenous Literatures	
GIST/ENGL/ EVRN 306	Global Environmental Literature	
GIST/HIST 308	Key Themes in Modern Global History	
GIST/HIST 314	Globalization: History and Theory	
GIST/GEOG 354	Globalization: A Geographic Approach	
GIST/WGSS 355	International Women's Rights	
GIST/EVRN/ GEOG 371	Environmental Geopolitics	
GIST/HIST 376	Immigrants, Refugees, and Diasporas	
GIST 420	Analyzing Contemporary Global Issues	
GIST/ANTH 465	Genocide and Ethnocide	
GIST/POLS 467	Islam and Politics	
GIST/POLS 482	Transnational Terrorism	
GIST/POLS 486	International Human Rights	
GIST 495	Global Internship	
GIST/SOC 529	Globalization	
GIST 550	Issues in Global Studies: _____	
GIST 560/ EURS 565/ PCS 565	The Literature of Human Rights	
GIST/ANTH 570	Anthropology of Violence	
GIST/GEOG 577	Human Dimensions of Global Change	
GIST/GEOG/ ISP 601	Indigenous Peoples of the World	
GIST/POLS 667/SOC 640	Islam and Politics	
SOC 321	Wealth, Power, and Inequality	

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GIST/POLS 667/SOC 640	Islam and Politics	
SOC 321	Wealth, Power, and Inequality	

SOC 425	Sociology of Global Health
SOC/AAAS/ AMS 437	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations
SOC 462	Violence and Society
WGSS 565	Gender, Culture, and Migration

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<b>International Electives</b>		
AAAS 102	Arabic and Islamic Studies	
AAAS 103	Introduction to Africa	
AAAS 105/ HIST 104	Introduction to African History	
AAAS/HIST 160	Introduction to West African History	
AAAS 300	African Traditional Religion and Thought	
AAAS/ANTH 303	Peoples and Cultures of North Africa and the Middle East	
AAAS 305/ HIST 300	Modern Africa	
or AAAS 307	Modern Africa, Honors	
or HIST 307	Modern Africa, Honors	
AAAS 320	African Studies In: _____	
AAAS 349/ REL 350	Islam	
AAAS/GEOG 351	Africa's Human Geographies	
AAAS/ANTH 372	Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies	
AAAS/WGSS 380	African Art and Gender	
AAAS 415	Women and Islam	
AAAS/AMS/ SOC 437	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations	
AAAS 520	African Studies in: _____	
AAAS/LING 543	Language and Culture in Arabic-Speaking Communities	
AAAS/GEOG 553	Geography of African Development	
AAAS/GEOG 583	Migration, Diasporas and Development	
AAAS/HIST/ WGSS 598	Sexuality and Gender in African History	
AAAS 600	Politics in Africa	
AMS/SOC 332	The United States in Global Context	
ANTH 100	General Anthropology	
ANTH 160	The Varieties of Human Experience	
or ANTH 162	The Varieties of Human Experience, Honors	
or ANTH 360	The Varieties of Human Experience	
ANTH 293/ EALC 130/ REL 130	Myth, Legend, and Folk Beliefs in East Asia	
ANTH 308	Fundamentals of Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH/LING 320	Language in Culture and Society	
or ANTH 321	Language in Culture and Society, Honors	

	or LING 321 Language in Culture and Society, Honors
ANTH/WGSS 325	Language, Gender, and Sexuality
ANTH 379/ LAC 334	Indigenous Traditions of Latin America
ANTH/WGSS 389	The Anthropology of Gender: Female, Male, and Beyond
ANTH 484	Magic, Science, and Religion
ANTH/WGSS 583	Love, Sex, and Globalization
COMS 246	Introduction to Intercultural Communication
COMS 557	East Asian Communication
EALC 105/ REL 106	Asian Religions
EALC/FMS 315	Survey of Japanese Film
EALC 325	Minorities in Japan
or EALC 610	Minorities in Japan
EALC 330	China's Cultural Legacy
or EALC 530	China's Cultural Legacy
EALC 331	Studies In: _____
EALC 353	Language and Society in East Asia
or EALC 553	Language and Society in East Asia
EALC 362	Post-Colonial Korea
or EALC 562	Post-Colonial Korea
EALC/POLS 366	Political Economy of East Asia
EALC/POLS 476	International Relations of Asia
EALC 585/ POLS 668	Politics and Society in China
EALC 590	Topics in East Asian Languages and Cultures: _____
ECON 110	The Economics of Globalization
ECON 305	History of Economic Analysis
ECON 350	Environmental Economics
ECON 382	Economic Development
ECON 384	Economic Development of Latin America
ECON 386	Economic Issues in China
ECON 387	Economic Development of Africa
ECON 410	Energy Economics
ECON 604	International Trade
ECON 605	International Finance
ENGL 328	Literature and Film: _____ (when covering international issues)
ENGL 492	The London Review
EURS 302	European Culture and Society 1945 to Present
EURS 443	The European Union
or POLS 443	The European Union
EURS 500	Seminar in European Studies
EURS 511	Topics in European Studies: _____
EVNRN/GEOG 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change

or EVNRN 140	Global Environment I: Discovery of Environmental Change, Honors
or GEOG 140	Global Environment I: Discovery of Environmental Change, Honors
EVNRN/GEOG 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization
or EVNRN 145	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization, Honors
or GEOG 145	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization, Honors
EVNRN 320	Environmental Policy Analysis
EVNRN/SOC 386	Sociology of Global Food
EVNRN 445	Introduction to Environmental Health
FMS/SLAV 322	Soviet and Post-Soviet Russian Cinema
FMS 420	International Women Filmmakers
FREN 381	France and the French
FREN 440	Studies in French Culture: _____
GEOG 100	World Regional Geography
GEOG 102	People, Place, and Society
GEOG 111	Mapping Our Changing World
GEOG 370	Introduction to Cultural Geography
GEOG 396	East Asia
GEOG 591	Geography of Latin America
GIST 177	First Year Seminar: _____
GIST/SLAV 205	Muslim Lives: Politics, Culture, and Society
GIST 210/ AAAS 203/ GEOG 201	Culture and Health
or GIST 211	Culture and Health, Honors
or AAAS 204	Culture and Health, Honors
or GEOG 202	Culture and Health, Honors
GIST 304	Globalization and Afro-Brazilian Culture
GIST/ENGL 305	World Indigenous Literatures
GIST/ENGL/ EVNRN 306	Global Environmental Literature
GIST/HIST 308	Key Themes in Modern Global History
GIST/HIST 314	Globalization: History and Theory
GIST 321/ SLAV 320	Graphic Novels as Memory
GIST/JWSH 329	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: An Introduction
GIST 335	Iran Through Literature and Film
GIST 350	Study Abroad Topics in: _____
GIST/GEOG 354	Globalization: A Geographic Approach
GIST/WGSS 355	International Women's Rights
GIST/EVNRN/ GEOG 371	Environmental Geopolitics

GIST/HIST 376	Immigrants, Refugees, and Diasporas	IBUS 410	Introduction to International Business
GIST 420	Analyzing Contemporary Global Issues	IBUS 415	Business in Latin America
GIST/POLS 433	Iran, Turkey, and the Kurds	IBUS 425	Business in East Asia
GIST/ANTH 465	Genocide and Ethnocide	IBUS 462	Comparative and Cross-Cultural Management
GIST/POLS 467	Islam and Politics	IBUS 480	International Management
GIST/POLS 471/ WGSS 514	Politics of Human Trafficking	JWSH/REL 107	Jews, Christians, Muslims
GIST/POLS 482	Transnational Terrorism	JWSH 300	Topics in History and Culture of the Jewish People: _____
GIST/POLS 486	International Human Rights	JWSH/REL 325	Introduction to Judaism
GIST 495	Global Internship	JWSH 681	Regimes in the Middle-East and North Africa
GIST 501	Topics in: _____	LAC 300	Interdisciplinary Themes in Latin American Studies
GIST 502	Advanced Topics in South Asian Studies: _____	LAC 302	Topics in Latin American Area Studies: _____
GIST 503	Advanced Topics in Middle East Studies: _____	LAC 310	Topics in LAC - Anthropology: _____
GIST/SOC 529	Globalization	LAC 311	Topics in LAC - History: _____
GIST 535	Literature and Society in the Contemporary Middle East	LAC 312	Topics in LAC - Spanish American Literature and Culture: _____
GIST 550	Issues in Global Studies: _____	LAC 313	Topics in LAC - Brazilian Literature and Culture : _____
GIST 560/ EURS 565/ PCS 565	The Literature of Human Rights	LAC 317	Topics in LAC - Politics, Society, Business and Economy: _____
GIST/ANTH 570	Anthropology of Violence	LAC 318	Topics in LAC - Transatlantic and Transnational: _____
GIST/GEOG 577	Human Dimensions of Global Change	LAC 332	Language and Society in Latin America
GIST/POLS 667/SOC 640	Islam and Politics	PCS 120	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies
GIST/EALC/ POLS 678	Chinese Foreign Policy	POLS 125	Intelligence: Supporting National Security
HIST 117	Russia and its Empires	POLS 325	Intelligence Analytics
HIST 124/ LAC 100	Latin American Culture and Society	POLS 345	Counterintelligence
HIST/WGSS 321	From Mystics to Feminists: Women's History in Europe 1600 to the Present	POLS 348	Politics of Western Europe
HIST/WGSS 324	History of Women and the Body	POLS 361	Politics of the Middle East
HIST 337	History, Ethics, Modernity	POLS 363	Populism and Nationalism
HIST 395	History of Sushi	POLS 368	Political Representation in Comparative Perspective
HIST 501	Topics in Western History: _____ (when an international topic)	POLS 373	International Organization
HIST 510	Topics in Non-Western History: _____	POLS 378	Chinese Foreign Policy
HIST 512/ HUM 552/LAC 552	Foodways: Latin America	POLS 379	International Conflict
HIST 579	The History of Brazil	POLS 424	Environmental Politics and Policy
HUM/PCS 375	The Refugee Experience: Stories of Statelessness and Citizenship	POLS 425	Extremist Groups and Government Response
HUM 505/ EURS 504	Europe Today	POLS 432	Propaganda in Autocracies
		POLS 443	The European Union
		POLS 460	Politics of Development: Latin America, Africa, and Asia
		POLS 468	Politics and Society in China
		POLS 469	Topics in Comparative Politics: _____
		POLS 471	Politics of Human Trafficking
		POLS 472	International Political Economy
		POLS 474	Global Justice and Foreign Policy
		POLS 476	International Relations of Asia
		POLS 486	International Human Rights
		POLS 489	Topics in International Relations: _____
		REES 110	Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe
		or REES 111	Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe, Honors
		REES 220	Societies and Cultures of Eurasia

	or REES 221 Societies and Cultures of Eurasia, Honors
REES 310	Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe
	or REES 311 Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe, Honors
REL 350	Islam
REL 360	The Buddhist Tradition in Asia
SLAV 140	Understanding Russia
	or SLAV 141 Understanding Russia, Honors
SLAV 148	Introduction to Slavic Folklore
	or SLAV 149 Introduction to Slavic Folklore, Honors
SLAV 330	Russian Business Culture
SLAV 503	Post-Soviet Communication
SOC 321	Wealth, Power, and Inequality
SOC 342	Sociology of Immigration
SOC 425	Sociology of Global Health
SOC 462	Violence and Society
WGSS 333	The Politics of Physical Appearance
WGSS 321	From Mystics to Feminists: Women's History in Europe 1600 to the Present
WGSS 565	Gender, Culture, and Migration

## European Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
European Concentration Core Knowledge and Skills		
GIST 220	Introduction to Global and International Studies	3
HIST 115	French Revolution to the Present: Europe 1789-Present	3
	or HUM 205 Western Civilization II	
EURS 443	The European Union	3
	or POLS 443 The European Union	

### Additional Language

Satisfied by one additional foreign language course (3 hours) beyond the 4th semester proficiency language requirement (300 level or above) or any available additional language course (3-5 hours). All language study must be in modern western European languages (French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Polish, Spanish).

### Capstone Research Coursework

GIST 610	Interdisciplinary Methods for Global Contexts	3
GIST 698	Capstone Seminar	3
	or GIST 699 Capstone Seminar, Honors	

### Upper-Division General European Electives

Satisfied by two courses focused on Europe in general from the following:

ANTH 317	Prehistory of Europe and Asia
EURS 302	European Culture and Society 1945 to Present
EURS 500	Seminar in European Studies
EURS 504/ HUM 505	Europe Today
EURS 511	Topics in European Studies: _____
HA 564	European Art, 1900-1945
HIST/WGSS 320	From Goddesses to Witches: Women in Premodern Europe
HIST/WGSS 321	From Mystics to Feminists: Women's History in Europe 1600 to the Present

HIST 367	Magic and Superstition in European History
HIST 501	Topics in Western History: _____ (when covering Europe)
HIST 527	Recent European History, 1870 to the Present
PHIL 592	Contemporary Continental Philosophy
POLS 452	Politics in Europe
POLS 469	Topics in Comparative Politics: _____ (when covering Europe)
POLS 489	Topics in International Relations: _____ (when covering Europe)

### Upper-Division National or Regional Electives

Satisfied by three courses focused on a region or country within Europe from the following:

ECON 363	Current Economic Issues of East Europe
ENGL 309	The British Novel
ENGL 314	Major British Writers after 1800
ENGL 315	Studies in British Literature
ENGL 530	Irish Literature and Culture: _____
EURS/GERM 315	Magic, Murder, Monsters: German Literature and the Modern Era
FREN 381	France and the French
FREN 326	Introduction to French Literature
FREN 401	Paris, City of Lights and Legends
FREN 440	Studies in French Culture: _____
HIST 325/ JWSH 315/ SPAN 302	The Spanish Inquisition
HIST/JWSH 341	Hitler and Nazi Germany
HIST 377	Everyday Communism in Eastern Europe
HIST 525	France and Its Empire: From Acadia to Zidane
ITAL 301	Introduction to Italian Literature and Textual Analysis
ITAL 336	Italy and the Italians
ITAL 340	Studies in Italian Culture: _____
ITAL 450	Studies in Italian Cinema
POLS 355	Politics of East-Central Europe
SLAV 340	The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe
	or SLAV 341 The Language Landscape of Eastern Europe, Honors
SPAN 453	Twentieth Century Spanish Studies: _____
SPAN 470	Studies in Spanish Culture and Civilization: _____

**Total Hours** **33-35**

## Latin American and Caribbean Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Latin American and Caribbean Concentration Core Knowledge and Skills		
GIST 220	Introduction to Global and International Studies	3
LAC 100	Latin American Culture and Society	3
LAC 300	Interdisciplinary Themes in Latin American Studies	3
	or LAC 310 Topics in LAC - Anthropology: _____	
	or LAC 332 Language and Society in Latin America	



or LAC 334	Indigenous Traditions of Latin America	
<b>Additional Language</b>		
Satisfied by one additional foreign language course (3 hours) beyond the 4th semester proficiency language requirement (300 level or above) or any available additional language course (3-5 hours). All language study must be in Latin American Caribbean languages (Spanish, Portuguese, or Indigenous Latin American Languages).	3-5	
<b>Capstone Research Coursework</b>		
GIST 610	Interdisciplinary Methods for Global Contexts	3
GIST 698	Capstone Seminar	3
or GIST 699	Capstone Seminar, Honors	
<b>Upper-Division Latin American and Caribbean Electives</b>		
Satisfied by three LAC (or crosslisted) courses at the 300-level or above. This can include LAC 300, LAC 310, LAC 332, or LAC 334.	9	
<b>Upper-Division Interdisciplinary Electives</b>		
Satisfied by two courses focusing on the Latin American and Caribbean region from related departments from the following:	6	
AAAS 301	Haiti: Culture and Identity	
AAAS 333	Introduction to Caribbean Literature	
AAAS 574	Slavery in the New World	
ANTH 379	Indigenous Traditions of Latin America	
ANTH 380	Peoples of South America	
ANTH 382	People and the Rain Forest	
ENGL 339	Introduction to Caribbean Literature	
FMS 316	Latin American Cinema	
GEOG 591	Geography of Latin America	
HIST 368	A History of Afro-Latin America	
PORT 300	Brazilian Culture	
PORT 471	Studies in Brazilian Culture and Civilization: _____	
PORT 565	Studies in Brazilian Film: _____	
SPAN 346	Transatlantic Hispanic Cultures	
SPAN 447	Latin American Cultures: _____	
SPAN 475	Studies in Latin-American Literature and Culture: _____	
SPAN 560	Colloquium on Latin American Film	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>33-35</b>

## Middle East Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Middle East Concentration Core Knowledge and Skills</b>		
GIST 220	Introduction to Global and International Studies	3
AAAS 102	Arabic and Islamic Studies	3
<b>Additional Language</b>		
Satisfied by one additional foreign language course (3 hours) beyond the 4th semester proficiency language requirement (300 level or above) or any available additional language course (3-5 hours). All language study must be in Middle East languages (Arabic, Turkish, Persian, or Hebrew).	3-5	
<b>Capstone Research Coursework</b>		
GIST 610	Interdisciplinary Methods for Global Contexts	3
GIST 698	Capstone Seminar	3
or GIST 699	Capstone Seminar, Honors	
<b>Upper-Division Concentration Electives</b>		
Satisfied by three of the following:	9	

AAAS 349/ REL 350	Islam	
ANTH 303	Peoples and Cultures of North Africa and the Middle East	
GIST 535	Literature and Society in the Contemporary Middle East	
HIST 328	The Modern Middle East	
POLS 361	Politics of the Middle East	
POLS 667	Islam and Politics	
<b>Upper-Division Interdisciplinary Electives</b>		
Satisfied by three Middle East electives from the following:	9	
AAAS/ANTH 303	Peoples and Cultures of North Africa and the Middle East	
AAAS/ANTH 372	Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies	
AAAS 415	Women and Islam	
AAAS 433	Islamic Literature	
AAAS/LING 543	Language and Culture in Arabic-Speaking Communities	
GIST/JWSH 329	Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: An Introduction	
GIST/POLS 433	Iran, Turkey, and the Kurds	
GIST/POLS 467	Islam and Politics	
GIST 624	Social Movements in the Middle East	
GIST/POLS 667/SOC 640	Islam and Politics	
HIST 327	The Premodern Middle East	
HIST 328	The Modern Middle East	
HIST 480	Travelers' Tales of the Middle East	
HIST 570	The Middle East After World War II	
JWSH 330/ REL 329	Mystical Tradition in Judaism	
JWSH 410	Israel: From Idea to State	
JWSH 414	Israel/Palestine: The War of 1948	
JWSH 420	Politics and Government in Israel	
JWSH 426	Polls and Public Opinion in Israel	
JWSH 440	International Relations of the Middle-East	
JWSH 681	Regimes in the Middle-East and North Africa	
POLS 361	Politics of the Middle East	
REL 355	Practicing Religion in Muslim Societies	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>33-35</b>

## Major Hours & Major GPA

While completing all required courses, majors must also meet each of the following hour and grade-point average minimum standards:

### Major Hours

Satisfied by 11 units (minimum of 33 credit hours) of major courses.

### Overlapping Courses

No more than 4 courses may be counted both in the GIST major and another degree program.

### Major Hours in Residence

Satisfied by a minimum of 15 hours of KU resident credit in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Hours**

Satisfied by a minimum of 21 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the major.

**Major Junior/Senior Graduation GPA**

Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in junior/senior courses (300+) in the major. GPA calculations include all junior/senior courses in the field of study including F's and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (<https://sis.ku.edu/gpa-calculator/>).

Sample 4-year plans for the BA degree in Global and International Studies with the following concentrations can be found here: Global and International (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/global-international-studies/ba/global-international-studies/>), European (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/global-international-studies/ba/european-studies/>), Latin American & Caribbean (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/global-international-studies/ba/latin-american-caribbean/>), Middle East (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/global-international-studies/ba/middle-east/>), or by using the left-side navigation.

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- effectively articulate global and international themes and issues to a broad audience.
- critically evaluate quantitative and qualitative data to judge valid argument propositions.
- design and conduct independent research with original and/or secondary data on an international issue to produce an article-length manuscript.
- collaborate with peers to increase their success in addressing global issues.

## Departmental Honors

To graduate with departmental honors in Global and International Studies, students must complete all requirements for the major plus GIST 699 (Honors Capstone) with a 3.5 grade-point average in the major. The honors seminar allows students to receive research assistance from three-member faculty committee while writing their theses.

To enroll in the program, students must have a 3.5 grade-point average in the courses making up the Global and International Studies major. Students must obtain approval of their research topic by the instructor with advice from committee members. Each student will defend their honor's thesis in an oral examination before their thesis committee. The student's committee includes the GIST 699 instructor as the chair and two university faculty members the student chooses with the assistance of the instructor.