Global and International Studies Minor

Why study global and international studies?
Because global and international studies will give you the tools to understand the rapid and profound changes that are occurring around the world.

Why study European studies?
European Studies, through interdisciplinary study, broadens, deepens, and strengthens a student’s knowledge and understanding of the enduring importance of our transatlantic partners, the Europeans.

Requirements for the Minor

Students selecting this minor must complete the following:

GIST Minor Core Requirements

Global & International Studies Core Knowledge and Skills. Satisfied by completion of GIST 301, and one course from the following list:

- GIST 301 Introduction to Global and International Studies
- ABSC 150 Community Leadership
- ANTH 108 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- or ANTH 109 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Honors
- or ANTH 308 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 160 The Varieties of Human Experience
- 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
- GIST 301 Introduction to Global and International Studies
- GIST 250 Introduction to Globalization
- HIST 308 Key Themes in Modern Global 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 106 Living Religions of the East
- or REL 107 Living Religions of the West
- SOC 130 Comparative Societies
- or SOC 131 Comparative Societies, Honors

GIST Regional Expertise. Global & International Studies Regional Expertise Requirement (6 hours/2 courses). Students must take 2 courses on one of the following regions of the world: Africa; the Middle East; Asia; Latin America and the Caribbean; Western Europe; and Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Of these 6 hours, a minimum of 3 must be at the 300 level or above and at least 3 of these must be taken from a regional overview course listed with the respective regions below. Additional courses may be appropriate to fulfill the Regional Expertise and the Substantive Specialization requirement if approved by the Center for Global and International Studies.

- Africa (6 Required). Satisfied by completing either AAAS 542, AAAS 305 or AAAS 300 and 1 additional approved course about Africa.
- The Middle East (6 Required). Satisfied by completing either HIST 328 or POLS 661 and 1 additional approved course about the Middle East.
- Asia (6 Required). Satisfied by completing either EALC 331, EALC 380 or EALC 656 and 1 additional approved course about Asia.
- Latin America & the Caribbean (6 Required). Satisfied by completing LAA 300 and 1 additional approved course about Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Western Europe (6 Required). Satisfied by completing either EURS 302, EURS 503, or EURS 604 and 1 additional approved course about Western Europe.
- Russia, Eastern Europe, & Central Asia (6 Required). Satisfied by completing either REES 492, REES 220, or REES 110 and 1 additional approved course about Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

GIST Substantive Specialization

Global & International Studies Substantive Specialization Requirement (6 hours/2 courses). Students must take 2 courses in one of the specialization fields. The content of these courses must be global, trans-regional or relating to countries and regions outside of the student’s regional specialization.

- Comparative Political & Social Systems. Satisfied by 2 approved courses in comparative political and social systems.
- International Business and the Global Economy. Satisfied by 2 approved courses about the global economy.
- Literature, Popular Culture, and the Arts in the Global Context. Satisfied by 2 approved courses about literature, popular culture, and/or the arts in the global context.
- Culture, Ethnicity, and Belief. Satisfied by 2 approved courses about culture, ethnicity, and belief systems.
- Gender & Sexuality in the Global Context. Satisfied by 2 approved courses about gender and sexuality in the global context.
- The Global Environment. Satisfied by 2 approved courses about the global environment.

Global & International Studies Minor Foreign Language

Global & International Studies Foreign Language Course. Satisfied by completing 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).

Minor Hours & Minor GPA

While completing all required courses, minors must also meet each of the following hour and GPA minimum standards:

Minor Hours
Satisfied by 18 hours of minor courses.

Minor Hours in Residence
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Satisfied by a minimum of 9 hours of KU resident credit in the minor.

Minor Junior/Senior Hours
Satisfied by a minimum of 12 hours from junior/senior courses (300+) in the minor.

Minor Graduation GPA
Satisfied by a minimum of a 2.0 KU GPA in all departmental courses (300+) in the minor. GPA calculations include all courses in the field of study including F’s and repeated courses. See the Semester/Cumulative GPA Calculator (http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa).