

Bachelor of Arts in Global and International Studies

Why study global and international studies?

Global and international studies will give you the tools to understand the rapid and profound changes that are occurring around the world. As a degree of study, it is useful for careers in business and the private sector, non-profit work, and foreign and civil service. Students have also used the degree as a precursor to graduate study and law school. It's interdisciplinary curriculum provides a great deal of flexibility that allows you to tailor your program toward your career aspirations. We live in a world where there is a great demand in most career fields for the contemporary global dynamics, language and cultural study, and research and writing development that our degree provides.

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores 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 Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu>) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

Requirements for the B.A. Major

Global & International Studies Core Knowledge and Skills. (One course from the following list, plus GIST 220.)

Code	Title	Hours
ANTH 108	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	3-4
or ANTH 109	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Honors	
or ANTH 308	Fundamentals of Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 160	The Varieties of Human Experience	3
or ANTH 162	The Varieties of Human Experience, Honors	

Select one course from the following list:

or ANTH 360	The Varieties of Human Experience	
ECON 104	Introductory Economics	4
or ECON 105	Introductory Economics, Honors	
ECON 144	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
or ECON 145	Principles of Macroeconomics, Honors	
GEOG 100	World Regional Geography	3
or GEOG 101	World Regional Geography, Honors	
GEOG 102	People, Place, and Society	3
or GEOG 103	People, Place, and Society, Honors	
GIST 210	Culture and Health	3
GIST 215	A Global History of Money: Aristotle to Bitcoin	3
HIST/EVRN 103	Environment and History	3
HIST/EVRN/ GEOG 140	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change	5
or HIST 144	Global Environment I: The Discovery of Environmental Change, Honors	
HIST/EVRN/ GEOG 142	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization	5
or HIST 145	Global Environment II: The Ecology of Human Civilization, Honors	
POLS 150	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
or POLS 151	Introduction to Comparative Politics Honors	
POLS 170	Introduction to International Politics	3
or POLS 171	Introduction to International Politics Honors	
REL 106	Asian Religions	3
or REL 108	Asian Religions, Honors	
REL 107	Jews, Christians, Muslims	3
or REL 109	Jews, Christians, Muslims, Honors	
SOC 130	Comparative Societies	3
or SOC 131	Comparative Societies, Honors	

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to Global and International Studies Satisfied by:		3
GIST 220	Introduction to Global and International Studies	

Additional Language. (3-5 hours/ 1 unit) Satisfied by:

Completion of 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).

The Capstone Research Coursework (6 hours/ 2 units) Satisfied by the completion of the following two courses:

Code	Title	Hours
Satisfied by:		
GIST 610	Interdisciplinary Methods for Global Contexts	3
Students must complete GIST 220 prior to taking this course.		
GIST 698	Capstone Seminar	3
or GIST 699	Capstone Seminar, Honors	
Students must complete GIST 610 prior to taking this course.		

Issues in Global Studies. (9 hours/3 units) Majors must take 3 courses from an approved list 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. Courses offered as: GIST 550: Issues in Global Studies: _____ are always approved to fulfill this requirement.

Code	Title	Hours
Issues in Global Studies (9 hours, 3 units)		9
GIST 305	World Indigenous Literatures	
GIST 306	Global Environmental Literature	
GIST 308	Key Themes in Modern Global History	
GIST 314	Globalization: History and Theory	
GIST 354	Globalization: A Geographic Approach	
GIST 371	Environmental Geopolitics	
GIST 376	Immigrants, Refugees, and Diasporas	
GIST 465	Genocide and Ethnocide	
GIST 495	Global Internship	
GIST 529	Globalization	
GIST 550	Issues in Global Studies: _____	
GIST 555	Seminar in Urban Geography	
GIST 560	The Literature of Human Rights	
GIST 565	Gender, Culture, and Migration	
GIST 570	Anthropology of Violence	
GIST 582	Geopolitics and Genocide	
GIST 601	Indigenous Peoples of the World	
GIST 667	Islam and Politics	
GIST 686	International Human Rights	
SOC 425	Sociology of Global Health	
SOC 521	Wealth, Power, and Inequality	
SOC 534	Global Ethnic and Racial Relations	
SOC 573	Sociology of Violence	
SOC 629	Sociology of Sport	

Global & International Studies International Electives. Majors must take 3 courses from the list of approved international elective courses. Students are strongly encouraged to strategically select a cluster of three courses that would help them to fulfill KU Core requirements, or maximize a double-major with another program. For example, students double-majoring in geography or history, should select their international electives from the list of approved GEOG or HIST courses. Likewise, students majoring in Latin American Studies or Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, should choose their courses from the approved list of LAA or REES courses. Students may, however, select from any of the approved courses available.

The following list shows the most commonly taught approved international electives. To see a full list of approved courses for the international elective, consult our website (<http://global.ku.edu/courses-1>). Other courses may also be approved in consultation with the department.

Code	Title	Hours
AAAS 305	Modern Africa	
AAAS 372	Religion, Power, and Sexuality in Arab Societies	
AMS 332	The United States in Global Context	
ANTH 379	Indigenous Traditions of Latin America	
COMS 246	Introduction to Intercultural Communication	
ECIV 304	Eastern Civilizations	
ECON 604	International Trade	
EURS 604	The European Union	

EVRN 320	Environmental Policy Analysis
FMS 313	History of the International Sound Film Post 1950
GEOG 370	Introduction to Cultural Geography
GEOG 553	Geography of African Development
GEOG 591	Geography of Latin America
GIST 325	Peoples and Cultures of South Asia
GIST 624	Social Movements in the Middle East
HIST 328	The Modern Middle East
HIST 398	Introduction to History of Japan: Anime to Zen
IBUS 410	Introduction to International Business
IBUS 480	International Management
LAA 100	Latin American Culture and Society
POLS 661	Politics of the Middle East
POLS 678	Chinese Foreign Policy
POLS 670	United States Foreign Policy
REES 110	Understanding Russia and Eastern Europe
REES 220	Societies and Cultures of Eurasia
REL 350	Islam
REL 507	Religion in India
SOC 312	Population and Society
SOC 521	Wealth, Power, and Inequality
WGSS 321	From Mystics to Feminists: Women's History in Europe 1600 to the Present

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 31 credit hours) of major courses.

Major Hours in GIST

Satisfied by a minimum of 6 GIST courses in the major.

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 (<http://clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/gpa>).

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Global and International Studies. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (<http://kucore.ku.edu/courses>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing I) ¹	3 ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 (2 crs req), BA Writing II)	3

MATH 101 (Goal 1.2 Quantitative Reasoning)	3 Quantitative Reasoning (Goal 1.2, BA Quantitative Reasoning) ²	3
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5 2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
GIST 220 (Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking)	3 Goal 2.2 Communication	3
	GIST Core Knowledge Course (Should target Goal 3S or 3H)	3
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Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3 4th Semester Language (BA Second Language, Major Requirement) ³	3
Goal 3 Humanities (Could be GIST major course)	3 Goal 3 Social Science (Could be a GIST major course)	3
Goal 3 Natural Science	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course	3
Lab Science (BA Lab Requirement)	1-2 GIST "Issues in Global Studies" Course ⁴	3
GIST "Issues in Global Studies" Course	3 GIST International Elective Course (Should target Core Goal 4.2) ⁴	3
(Double Major or Minor) Elective Course	1	
14-15		15

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3 Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
Additional Language Course 300+ (Major Requirement) ³	3 GIST International Elective Course ⁴	3
GIST "Issues in Global Studies" Course ⁴	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3
GIST International Elective Course ⁴	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3
(Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3
15		15

Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
GIST 610 (Major Requirement)	3 GIST 698 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)	3
(Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3
LA&S 490 (Recommended, or elective)	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3
(Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3

(Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3 (Double-Major or Minor) Elective Course ⁴	3
15		15

Total Hours 120-121

- ¹ The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.
- ² Visit this website (<https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/sites/collegeadvising.ku.edu/files/docs/BA.QuantitativeReasoning.pdf>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.
- ³ This major requirement can be fulfilled by completion of 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).
- ⁴ 9 hours of "Issues of Global Studies" Coursework, and 9 hours of "International Electives" coursework is required for the major. A full list of approved courses for the "International Electives" can be found at: (<http://global.ku.edu/courses-1>).

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.

Departmental Honors

Departmental Honors. To graduate with 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 and a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average. The honors seminar allows students to receive individualized assistance from a faculty member while they write their thesis.

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 and a 3.25 cumulative grade-point average. Students must obtain approval of their research topic by a faculty member affiliated with the Center for Global and International Studies who will serve as their thesis director. Each student who completes an honor's thesis must defend it in an oral examination before a thesis committee of three faculty members. The student's thesis director chairs and chooses the committee in consultation with the student and the center director.