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HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day

Come to UC Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

Events

Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit **globalstudies.berkeley.edu/** for news and updates.

ADVISING

Students can schedule appointments with a Global Studies advisor through **CalCentral**.

Visit **ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps** for the latest version of this major map.

Berkeley

Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Program
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GLOBAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Arts



INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **Global Studies** major allows students to explore interactions between states, societies, and cultures and their outcomes. Students pursuing an undergraduate degree in global studies will engage in thinking critically about how global change has (and can) come about during the course of their lifetimes. Students focus on issues relevant to them in a way that provides intellectual flexibility.

A major and minor in Global Studies is offered by the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Program, which also offers a major and minor in **Political Economy** as well as the **Human Rights Interdisciplinary** minor.



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My courses had incredibly engaging material related to us by eloquent lecturers. >>

- Graduating Student, Class of 2019

THE GLOBAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

Students pursuing the Global Studies major select one of three concentrations: (1) Global Development, (2) Global Peace and Conflict, or (3) Global Societies and Cultures. Students also choose one of five regions (Asia, Africa, Europe/Russia, The Americas or the Middle East) in which to specialize, both in terms of content and language. Students work with Global Studies faculty and advisors to devise a program that best captures their interests and allows them to reach their intellectual and professional potential.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with a student organization such as The Global Citizen or the United Nations Association at Berkeley.
- Engage with global issues firsthand through **study abroad**.
- Attend local events on global issues hosted by World Affairs.
- Complete a major paper or capstone project as part an optional Senior Thesis.

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Connections Networking Series or a winter

externship.

DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

Ask for recommendation letters and take any exams

required for graduate school.



	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Explore your major	Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans. Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements, and consult the Global Studies Handbook. Get started on the foreign language requirement for the major.	Take a methodology class such as GLOBAL 102: Critical Thinking in Global Studies. See Appendix C of the Global Studies Handbook for a complete methodology course list. Complete lower division prerequisites and declare the major. Review major guidelines for study abroad and look into programs in Global and International Studies.	Focus on core courses, geographic focus courses, and remaining upper division electives. Review your degree progress with your major and college advisors. Ask the major advisor about the Global Studies Honors Program or an optional Senior Thesis.	Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate. Complete any "bucket list" courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
Connect and build community	Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect and L&S Mentors Program. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center. Enroll in UGIS 98: College Success in L&S. Stay updated with IAS News and Notes.	Join a student organization such as The Global Citizen or the United Nations Association at Berkeley . Practice your language skills through the SLC Language Exchange Program . Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.	Explore International and Area Studies Centers & Institutes and start attending IAS events. Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley. Attend local events on global issues hosted by World Affairs.	Join a professional association such as the International Studies Association. Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.
Discover your passions	Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar such as GLOBAL 24, L&S 1 , or a student-run DeCal course . Attend the Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Fair in October. Explore related minors such as Global Poverty & Practice or Global Public Health .	Continue exploring with a Sophomore Seminar , Big Ideas or Discovery Course . Assist faculty in their research through URAP . Enrich your studies with a certificate , course thread , or summer minor .	Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF. Apply to the Undergraduate Research & Travel Grant for funding support.	Teach your own DeCal course . Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent project and submit your work to the Berkeley Undergraduate Journal . Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.
Engage locally and globally	Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization. Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center . Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad .	Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course. Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad. Apply for a FLAS award, Boren Scholarship or Critical Language Scholarship to support your language study.	Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program. Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital . Interested in transatlantic policy initiatives? Check out the Schuman Challenge .	Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program . Interested in a public service career? Apply for the John Gardner Fellowship. Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps , Teach for America , or U.S. Department of State .
Reflect and plan your future	Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library. Develop a plan for getting career ready. Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail. Explore career fields through the Career	Reflect on your education so far and skills and experience you still wish to build. Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator . Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair .	Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors. Update your resume and LinkedIn profile. Attend career and graduate school fairs like the "Nonprofit, Education, & Public Service Career Fair."	Utilize job board tools in your job search. Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting . Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

Learn about graduate and professional school.

See **Step-by-Step** for planning help.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

The Global Studies major offers solid training in acquiring knowledge to become agents of positive change on global issues. Graduates develop an interdisciplinary understanding of contemporary and global issues regarding history, geography, and large-scale events, and go on to careers in a wide variety of fields.

Business Development Assoc., Sift Consultant, SGR Consulting

Jobs and Employers

Content Manager, U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce Corps Member, Americorps Field Director, CA Democratic Party HR Specialist, SK Innovation Investment Management Analyst, Mercer Medical Interpreter, Alta Bates Hospital Product Specialist, Everlaw Project Manager, Imagine Creativity Reporter, The NY Times Research Data Analyst Software Engineer, Pivotal Software Teacher, Teach for America Youth Development Facilitator,

Graduate Programs

Peace Corps

Education, Masters International Relations and Affairs, PhD Law, JD, PhD

Sociology, Masters

Examples gathered from the Career Center **First Destination Survey** of recent Berkeley graduates and LinkedIn.

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