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.

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.

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.

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

– Graduating Student, Class of 2019

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.

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

### 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 L&S News and Notes.

### Discover your passions

- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar such as GLOBAL 24, L&S 4, 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.

### 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.

### 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 Connections Networking Series or a winter externship.

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### First Year

- Focus on core courses, geographic focus courses, and remaining upper division electives.
- Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor.
- Ask the major advisor about the Global Studies Honors Program or an optional Senior Thesis.

### Second Year

- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- Attend local events on global issues hosted by World Affairs.

### Third Year

- Planning a senior thesis or project? Apply to the Haas Scholars Program or SURF.
- Apply to the Undergraduate Research & Travel Grant for funding support.

### Fourth Year

- 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.
- Enrich your studies with a course, certificate, or minor.
- Assist faculty in their research through URAP.
- Continue exploring with a DeCal course.
- Teach your own DeCal course.
- Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.

### Graduate Programs

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

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