Majoring in Global Studies

Curriculum in Global Studies
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
THE FIELD

Globalization of the economy, cross-cultural relations, world-wide media, ecological crises, and political transformations make Global Studies increasingly important. The Curriculum in Global Studies offers an interdisciplinary program of study focusing on these and many other issues. It draws on courses throughout the humanities and social sciences and offers students the chance to concentrate on any area of the world or on issues of global significance. Courses deal with topics as diverse as the relations of the United States with other countries around the world; peoples and cultures of Europe, Latin America, Africa, or Asia; international economics; human rights; and problems of poverty in the Third World.

Global Studies majors are prepared for careers in business, diplomacy, international aid work, economic development, and other forms of public service. The major is also excellent preparation for graduate school in the social sciences. Global Studies is one of the largest majors at UNC-Chapel Hill, with roughly 800 students in fall 2012.

STRUCTURE OF THE MAJOR

The degree offered is a B.A. in Global Studies. The major in Global Studies consists of a total of 10 courses. In addition, all students must earn credit for a minimum of six levels of language study. All majors are required to take GLBL 210 as the gateway core course. Of the remaining 9 elective courses, 2 are core courses and 7 comprise the student’s concentration in an area and theme. While GLBL 210 and the core courses provide the major with broad overviews of issues in global studies, the courses taken within the student’s chosen concentration provide a more focused approach to a particular set of issues and to a geographical or cultural region.
REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

I. Core (3 courses)
Gateway course: GLBL 210
2 core, survey level courses
(must come from different departments)

II. Concentration (7 courses)
Of these seven courses, at least five must be above the survey level (numbered 200 and above)

1. Theme
4 courses in one of the four themes listed below

2. Area Studies
3 courses in one of the six area studies regions listed below

GLBL 692H, the Honors Seminar, may count as one of the 7 concentration courses

III. Foreign Language Requirement
6 levels total; requirement may be filled with 4 levels of one language and 2 levels of another (The primary language must be relevant to the declared area concentration.)

Global Studies Themes
International Politics
Global Economics
Global Health and the Environment
Transnational Cultures

Area Studies Regions
Africa
Asia
Latin America
Middle East
Western Europe/European Union
Russia/Eastern Europe

For more information and course listings, visit the website of the Curriculum in Global Studies
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