

GLOBAL STUDIES (GLS)

GLS-200 Introduction to Global Studies (3 credits)

This course introduces the student to global studies frameworks of analyzing historical, political, economic, and cultural processes. Students use these frameworks and apply key concepts as they learn to take diverse perspectives on the interdependence of global systems.

GLS-330 United Nations & the World (4 credits)

The student prepares for participation in a national Model United Nations simulation by learning about international issues and the role of international organizations. The student learns conceptual tools in the analysis of the international system and becomes familiar with the capabilities and limitations of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations in managing global challenges. Students must attend a Model UN 4-day event in Chicago. Please see Moodle for dates.

Prerequisite(s): For Global Studies majors/minors or Political Science minors: Take GLS-200 or POL-225 completed. For other majors/minors: Instructor permission.

GLS-341 Geographical Information Systems (3 credits)

This hands-on course in which students are given beginning-level opportunities to process, analyze and visualize spatial data and information using commercially-available GIS (Geographic Information Systems) software. In the process, they are introduced to the principles of GIS and its usefulness as an analytical tool and as an effective communication technique in addressing global, environmental and social science questions. The course also explores ethical issues pertaining to confidentiality and privacy when gathering and using GIS data.

GLS-370 World Geography: People, Places & Change (3 credits)

In this course the student learns how to use frameworks from the field of geography to analyze and articulate an understanding of global systems and processes. Students focus on four essential dimensions of geographic thinking: imaging the world in spatial terms; locating places and regions; exploring the dynamics of geophysical and human systems and their interrelationships; and using geography to better understand global issues.

GLS-397 Independent Study (1-4 credits)

Under the approval and direction of a faculty member, an independent study for variable credit is available to students.

GLS-399 Formal Introduction to Advanced Work (0 credits)

The Advanced-Level Event marks a significant accomplishment as each student proceeds into the work of the major department. When a department determines that a student is ready for advanced work within a discipline, the student is invited to participate in a ceremony that is both a celebration and an explanation of future requirements of the major and support areas. Students register for this experience at a point determined by the major department: for most majors the registration is connected to the taking of a particular course. Students and faculty gather for an afternoon during Mid-semester Assessment Days. Following a general program, students meet in departmental sessions with their faculty to discuss advanced outcomes, department courses, advising procedures, and so on.

Prerequisite(s): At least 3 required 200-level courses or above completed in major.

GLS-410 Comparative Politics (4 credits)

The student uses comparative frameworks to study and compare political subjects and social policies from a variety of countries. Students take part in class discussions about the political systems and policies of major countries in Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, and Latin America.

Prerequisite(s): Take GLS-200 or permission of the instructor.

GLS-475 Global Studies Senior Seminar (2 credits)

Offered Fall term only. In this capstone seminar, the student studies the process of regional integration, focusing on an international organization from a selected region of the world. The student demonstrates the ability to integrate economic, social science, and humanities frameworks in conducting research on a global issue.

Prerequisite(s): GLS-200

GLS-476 Latin American Portfolio (1 credit)

In this portfolio course, students will bring together their work on Latin America from their various classes. This will give them the chance to reflect upon and integrate their learning.