Global Cultures & Languages: Global Studies Option

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

With growing U.S. involvement in international markets and the increasingly global character of American society, understanding the interconnections between cultures becomes all the more crucial for success within the University and the world beyond. The critical thinking skills imparted by a degree option in Global Studies provide students with key tools for understanding places in the world within a broader context.

Global studies students learn about the language, history, culture and politics of a particular international area. The global studies option encourages students to expand their international awareness by providing national and global exposure to their career field. The global studies major also pairs well as a second major to other areas of study.

Global Cultures and Languages students will...
- Interact with qualified faculty in a small class environment.
- Gain knowledge from a broad interdisciplinary approach.
- Be prepared for graduate studies and entry-level positions in import/export, business, and government.
- Participate in life-changing study-abroad programs in countries such as China, Japan, France, Germany, Spain and Ecuador.

Career Planning

Career preparation is part of the mission of Southeast. In fact, more than 90% of Southeast students participate in internships, clinical opportunities, student teaching, research assistantships, and study abroad.

Currently, the majority of global cultures and languages graduates find employment within one year of graduation. They obtain jobs in teaching, public relations, travel and tourism, government agencies and non-profit/non-governmental organizations and/or go on to graduate programs for ESL, international business, geography, political science, law, etc.

Professional career counselors are available for all students. The Office of Career Services in Academic Hall 057 can provide students with professional career counseling, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities, and more.

| Demonstrated Career Proficiency is a Requirement of all Southeast Students |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| CL001/CL002 First Semester      | Complete the FOCUS2 assessment and develop a Career Action Plan. |
| CL003 Junior Year               | Students gain information about career planning and job searching resources. |
| CL004 Senior Year               | Students demonstrate advanced proficiency by identifying a position in their field, developing a cover letter, and tailoring a resume for the position. Materials are critiqued to ensure preparedness for a successful job search. |

Students in the Global Cultures and Languages program go on to apply their skills in a variety of ways. Here are what some of our graduates have to say:

“My degree from Southeast has given me the opportunities and tools necessary to succeed both in the workforce and in life. My undergraduate degree has made me competitive in the current job market, eligible for graduate study, and willing to set high standards in my future academic and professional endeavors.”

— Rachel Huebel-Picar, Southeast Class of 2010

“Getting a degree in global studies was a great excuse to follow my dream of going to another country. My time in Japan has changed my whole perception of the world. I will never forget the people I met and the places I’ve been in Japan. I wouldn’t trade any of it for anything. I was very thankful to have great people from the global studies and other departments working behind the scenes to give me advice and help my study abroad run smoothly.”

— Brittany D. Taylor, Southeast Class of 2013

Study Abroad Programs

You can study abroad to further develop your worldview. Possibilities include exchange programs with universities in Mexico, Germany, Spain and France and two-week programs in France, Germany and Mexico. The cost of these programs is similar to the educational costs at Southeast.
## CURRICULUM CHECKLIST

**Global Cultures & Languages: Global Studies Option – 45 Hours – Minor Required**

**Required courses:**
- AN101 Observing Other Cultures (3)
- AN181 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (3)
- GG150 Peoples & Places of the World (3)
- PS104 Comparative Political Systems (3)
- 9 Hours of Same Foreign Language* (9)

**Choose 3 Hours From:**
- FR220 French Literature (3)*
- GN220 German Literature (3)*
- SN220 Hispanic Literature (3)*
- LI220 Fiction & the Human Experience (3)

*Language taken must match the track that is chosen.

**Global Studies Option:**

**Required Courses:**
- GG180 Cultural Geography (3)
- xx300-599 Study Abroad/Internship (3)
- Approved Upper Division Electives (6)**

**Choose 3 Hours From:**
- EH103 Modern European Civilization (3)
- WH130 Latin American Civilization (3)

**Choose One Language Track:**
- **Chinese Track:**
  - xx300-599 Study Abroad in China (6)
- **Francophone Track:**
  - FR306 Contemporary France (3)
- **Germanic Track:**
  - EH516 History of Modern Germany (3)
  - GN320 German Culture & Civilization (3)
- **Hispanic Track:**
  - WH520 Latin American Colonial History (3)
  - WH524 History of Mexico Since 1910 (3)

**Choose 3 Hours From:**
- SN200 Spanish American Culture (3)
- SN306 Civilization of Spain (3)

**Japanese Track:**
- xx300-599 Study Abroad in Japan (6)

**University Studies Requirements (not already listed above):**
- UI100 First Year Seminar, EN100 English Composition, Artistic Expression, Written Expression, Behavioral Systems, Living Systems, Logical Systems, Physical Systems, Economic Systems, two IU/UI3XX**, and one UI4XX

***Only one may be required, depending on track chosen.

## SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

**Fall Semester** | **Spring Semester**
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UI100 | 3 | AN181 | 3
EN100 | 3 | GG180 | 3
AN101 | 3 | Foreign Language 2 | 3
Foreign Language 1 | 3 | Physical Systems | 3
Behavioral Systems | 3 | Written Expression | 3
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**Degree requirements for all students:** A minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of University Studies program, career proficiencies (CL001-004), Writing Proficiency Exam (WP003), and completion of the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) at the senior level.

Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or DegreeWorks for additional graduation requirements (i.e., minimum GPA and course work) for your program of study.