

Global Cultures & Languages: Global Studies Option

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

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With growing U.S. involvement in international markets and the increasingly global character of American society, understanding the interconnections between cultures becomes 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, economy 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.

Becoming Career Ready...

/ Qualified faculty work closely and interact with students in a small class environment.

/ Global Cultures & Languages: Global Studies graduates work in corporations, all levels of government, import/export industries, businesses, travel and tourism industries, teaching and non-profit associations. Examples of job titles include cultural diversity officer, embassy assistant, civil service employee, lobbyist, immigration officer, cultural resource manager and consumer researcher.

/ Majors gain knowledge from a broad interdisciplinary approach.

/ Graduates are exceptionally prepared for advanced graduate studies in other disciplines.

/ Students in the program may choose life-changing study-abroad in semester exchange programs in countries such as Japan, France, Germany, Spain, Ecuador, and Taiwan. Short-term exchange programs are possible in many countries including Ecuador, Germany, China, and Taiwan. . The cost of these programs is similar to the educational costs at Southeast.

/ 100% of Southeast programs offer a real-world experience through internship, study-abroad program, clinical opportunity, student teaching, or research internship opportunities. The majority of global studies graduates find employment within a year of graduation, or attend graduate school in programs for ESL, international business, geography, political science, law, etc.

/ The path to a successful career starts with you! You can maximize your career development by working closely with Career Services and Southeast faculty – they are here to help you connect your passions, interests and skills to jobs and opportunities in the field. Career Services provides professional career counseling and coaching, resume critiques, practice interviews, job search strategies, career events, networking opportunities and more.

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:

“Majoring in Global Studies allowed me to pursue my passion for diverse cultures, languages, and social studies. A humbling and learning experience in Spain and exposure to other cultures made me even wiser. This enhances my confidence and allows me to embrace people from various countries and cultures. The degree not only qualifies me academically, but also opens up various global opportunities for me.”—Mannat Varshney, Southeast Class of 2019

*“The Global Studies degree provided me with the opportunity to explore the world and immerse myself in a different culture. Studying in France was a great experience for my career goals as well as my personal growth. It helped me develop cross-cultural communication skills while also building long-lasting relationships. I am also grateful for the dedication shown by the faculty to helping me succeed not only as a student but as a person too. The combination of their efforts and the opportunities SEMO provided me enabled me to pursue a Master’s degree and begin the career I had always dreamed of, working in an international organization focused on improving the livelihoods of people in developing countries.”
—Karen Muramatsu, Southeast Class of 2017*

*“The Global Cultures and Languages Program was an ideal fit for me. Joining the Peace Corps was a life-long dream and the Global Studies degree improved my cultural and international awareness, offered an unforgettable study-abroad experience and provided invaluable professional development skills. The courses and exceptional faculty not only prepared me for a successful Peace Corps service and working internationally, but they also found a way to merge my passions and offer guidance as I transitioned into a career as the executive director of a Paraguayan conservation NGO.”
—Bridget Tam, Southeast Class of 2016*

Transfer and Dual Credit Students

If you have dual credit or transfer credit, please visit our transfer course equivalencies guide at semo.edu/transfercredit.

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This is a guide based on the 2021-2022 Undergraduate Bulletin and is subject to change. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors such as dual enrollment, remediation, and summer enrollment. Students will meet with an academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress.

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)
- ___ UI362 Contemporary French Culture (3)

Germanic Track:

- ___ EH516 History of Modern Germany (3)
- ___ GN320 German Culture & Civilization (3)

Hispanic Track:

Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ WH520 Latin American Colonial History (3)
- ___ WH524 History of Mexico Since 1810 (3)

Choose 3 Hours From:

- ___ SN300 Spanish American Culture (3)
- ___ SN306 Civilization of Spain (3)

Japanese Track:

- ___ xx300-599 Study Abroad in Japan (6)

**See department for list of approved electives

General Education Requirements – some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in major program

- Social and Behavioral Sciences – 6 hours
- Constitution Requirement – 3 hours
- Written Communication – 6 hours
- Oral Communication – 3 hours
- Natural Sciences – 7 hours (from two disciplines, one to include a lab)
- Mathematics – 3 hours
- Humanities & Fine Arts – 9 hours (from at least two disciplines)
- Additional requirements – 5 hours (to include UI100 for native students)
- Civics examination

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN

	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	Course #	Hrs	Course #	Hrs
FIRST YEAR	UI100	1	AN181	3
	EN100	3	GG180	3
	AN101	3	Foreign Language 2	3
	Foreign Language 1	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3		
Total	16		Total	15
SECOND YEAR	EH103 or WH103	3	FR/GN/SN/LI220	3
	GG150	3	Major Track or Minor Crs	3
	Foreign Language 3	3	Minor Course	3
	Minor Course	3	General Education	3
	General Education	3	General Education	3
	Total	15		Total
THIRD YEAR	PS104	3	Major Track Course	3
	Minor Course	3	Major Track or Minor Crs	3
	Minor Course	3	Study Abroad/Internship	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Total	15		Total
FOURTH YEAR	Major Upper Div Elective	3	Major Upper Div Elective	3
	Minor Course	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	3
	Elective	3	Elective	2
	Total	15		Total

Degree requirements for all students: a minimum of 120 credit hours, completion of the General Education program, and completion of 39 senior division hours (300-599). Refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin or Degree Works for additional graduation requirements for your program.