Why “Global Studies?”

Increasing interdependencies around the world is indisputable – your enrollment at BU is a testament to that! How can we make sense of these changes in societies, economies, and polities and their effects on global citizens?

Binghamton University’s Global Studies Minor offers international students highly valued academic preparation for recognizing and exploring the ways interrelated processes fit with the challenges of the 21st century.

Specifically, GSM courses foster a critical perspective on the international study experience; promote students’ reflective-analysis to enhance intercultural communication skills; develop multimedia competencies; prompt students to connect their experiences in the US to their academic area of expertise and professional ambitions; and encourage investigation into the ways scholarship has been used to achieve understandings of international, regional and global issues.
The Global Studies Minor (GSM) is an interdisciplinary program – students combine their studies in Binghamton with their academic and professional interests while developing highly valued analytical and writing skills.

The GSM is open to all international students who wish to increase their knowledge and competencies by adding a formally-recognized global dimension to their program of study. Students may use the GSM to help steer their choice of electives; to provide a global studies foundation associated with their major; or to expand their future options on the basis of acquired international knowledge, intercultural proficiency, and global awareness. The minor builds towards a hands-on Capstone project instead of quizzes or exams.

Students need only 24 credits. Some ELI courses and other popular classes can also apply. Up to 8 of these credits may also count toward some General Education requirements or for a given students major(s) or other minor(s). There are only 4 credits of GSM-specific coursework.

How Can I Become a Global Studies Minor?

- Explore the Global Studies Website
  Additional and updated information regarding the minor is available at http://globalstudies.binghamton.edu

- Email us to set up an appointment
  We would be happy to meet with you one-on-one and explore how the program would work for you. You can make an appointment with the Global Studies Coordinator to review the requirements and guidelines. You can contact the coordinator directly by emailing globalstudies@binghamton.edu or stopping by LT 315 or calling 7-4568.