Why “Global Studies?”

The increasing interdependencies among societies around the world is indisputable. As a society, we are increasingly aware of the ways global trends and processes reach beyond the confines of local, regional, national and even international boundaries.

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

Specifically, GSM courses foster a self-critical perspective on the study abroad/intercultural experience; promote students’ reflective-analysis so they may better understand their own cultural values and behaviors, and the various ways these may be interpreted by members of other cultures; prompt students to connect their study abroad experience to their academic area of expertise; 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 requiring a minimum of three credits of study abroad—through which students can examine the pressing issues confronting today’s world.

The GSM is open to all undergraduate 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 Global Studies minor 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.

Because the GSM builds upon the University’s existing Global Vision and language requirements, students need only 24 credits beyond the General Education requirements. Up to 8 of these credits may also count toward other General Education requirements or for a given student’s major(s) and other minor(s).

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](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.

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**A** □ Language Study & Use

(At least 3 credits beyond the Gen Ed FL Requirement.)

**B** □ Global/International Content

(At least 8 non-Language credits. Only 1 course may be at 100 level)

**C** □ 6-8 Additional Credits: Any combination of credits from A and/or B.

**D1** □ **GLST 394** (pre-departure and in-country online-seminar) 1

**D2** □ Study/Research/Internship Abroad Experience

(Minimum 3 credits, 4-week programs.)

**D3** □ **GLST 490 A or B** (capstone seminar) 2/4

**Total Credits (minimum 24)**