

GLOBAL STUDIES

About Us

In 2021, the Global and International Studies Program (GIST) changed its name to "Global Studies" (GLST). Students who declared a GIST major or minor before August 1, 2021 will be subject to the requirements at the time that they declared the major or minor. All students who enter the program after August 1, 2021 will be subject to the new global studies major requirements.

The Global Studies Program serves students who wish to achieve a deeper understanding of other nations, cultures, and peoples in the modern world. Students majoring or minoring in Global Studies will explore general aspects of the international system from the perspectives of the academic departments represented in the program. Students will also examine the histories, cultures, and political systems of various regions of the world. To facilitate these studies, global studies majors and minors will develop a level of proficiency in a modern language beyond the general requirement of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Global Studies Program prepares students for careers in an increasingly interdependent global environment. Professions that draw especially heavily on a background in global studies include those in business, communication, public service, education, journalism, law and social work. Completing a global studies major or minor also helps prepare students for graduate studies in global/international affairs.

Undergraduate Programs

- Global Studies (BA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/global-studies/global-studies-ba/>)
- Global Studies/International Affairs (BA/MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program/global-studies-international-affairs-bama/>)
- Global Studies Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/global-studies/global-studies-minor/>)

Undergraduate Policies and Procedures

Please see Undergraduate Policies and Procedures (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate-academic-standards-regulations/>) for academic policies that supersede those of academic units within the University.

Global Studies (GLST)

GLST 101 Introduction to Global Studies (3 Credit Hours)

This course serves as an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of global studies. It provides an overview of the major disciplines represented in the program, introduces the main regions covered in the program, and discusses important global issues.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

By analyzing various topics in global studies, students will gain an understanding of the different regions of the world and the ways that different disciplines contribute to this interdisciplinary field

GLST 301 Capstone in Global Studies (3 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: Course requires permission of instructor; GLST will enroll approved students directly (no self-enrollment or non-GLST advisors); Course is open only to junior and senior majors and minors This course focuses on an important global issue or set of issues relevant to the concerns of the Global Studies program. Students who choose to take the capstone course will normally complete a very substantial research project that they work on over the entire semester.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will improve their research and writing skills and will acquire an in-depth knowledge of an issue critical to a comprehensive understanding of the interdisciplinary field of global studies

GLST 302 States and Firms (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on the relationship between multinational corporations and the state. It explores the origin of firms, as well as issues such as corruption, tax policy, bailouts, and economic development. It also examines the development of private military contractors and their relationship to state security.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate understanding of the various relations between multinational corporations and states as well as private military contractors and states

GLST 303 Technological Change and Society (3 Credit Hours)

This course explores how changes in technology affect society in four broad areas: its impact on how we communicate, on the workplace, on regulatory issues surrounding technology firms, and on humanity itself.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the various relations between technology and society

GLST 304 Global Civil Society and Social Movements (3 Credit Hours)

This course focuses on global civil society groups (both advocacy groups or apolitical) and on social movements that seek to fight injustices. We discuss a variety of examples of civil society projects ranging from monitoring government corruption and promoting micro-credit to organizing transnational protest campaigns.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-GLST 304/SOCL 304

Outcomes:

Students will demonstrate a comprehension of the dynamics of global civil society and social movements, both for cases discussed in class and to material from outside class

GLST 305 Globalization and Environmental Sustainability (3 Credit Hours)

This course introduces students to social, political and economic factors that have contributed to globalization, development and their impact on the environment. It provides students with the background and conceptual tools to understand global environmental challenges and questions.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will develop a fundamental knowledge of the study of global development and environmental challenges and develop analytical skills to assess the tradeoffs involved in economic development and environmental sustainability

GLST 306 International Development (3 Credit Hours)

This course provides an interdisciplinary overview of the international development system and issues related to development in those countries variously referred to as third world, developing, underdeveloped, or peripheral countries.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Course equivalencies: X-GLST 306/SOCL 306

Outcomes:

Students will be able to demonstrate a fundamental knowledge of the various factors that are considered to help or hinder development

GLST 370 Internship in Global Studies (3-6 Credit Hours)

Pre-requisites: Open to all GLST major and minors but requires instructor permission to enroll

Students enrolled in this course must secure an internship relevant to the field of global studies. Students not only engage in regular workplace activities but also attend class meetings, complete writing assignments reflecting on their internship placements, write a final paper, and submit a final evaluation from their workplace supervisor.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

This course satisfies the Engaged Learning requirement.

Outcomes:

Students will obtain practical experience in a professional work setting relevant to their future career paths and will engage in academic reflection on that experience

GLST 398 Topics in Global Studies (3 Credit Hours)

This course allows faculty participating in the Global Studies Program to offer courses on special topics that are not covered by existing courses.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will obtain in-depth knowledge of a unique topic in the interdisciplinary field of Global Studies

GLST 399 Directed Readings in Global Studies (3 Credit Hours)

This course offers an independent program of research under the direction of a faculty sponsor leading to a major research paper.

Interdisciplinary Option: Global Studies

Outcomes:

Students will hone research and writing skills in close collaboration with a faculty sponsor