

What can I do with a major in Global Studies?

The world is a big place, and you will surely find yourself something to do! Graduates of the program may be active in many fields, including but not limited to

- International agencies and non-profit organizations (e.g., the United Nations, International Committee of the Red Cross)
- Regional and local humanitarian organizations and advocacy groups for underrepresented populations (for example, groups dealing with immigration or racial justice issues in Minnesota)
- Private companies working in international settings or using international workforce
- International media
- Governmental institutions (e.g., Department of State, Department of Homeland Security)
- Educational institutions (many graduates chose to pursue Master's and Doctoral degrees at prestigious universities in the US and abroad)

There are many complementary minors that work well with Global Studies major, for example minors in:

- Foreign language(s)
- Intercultural communications
- Human relations
- Geography
- Travel and Tourism
- Asian, African, Latin American, or British Studies

Where to go next?

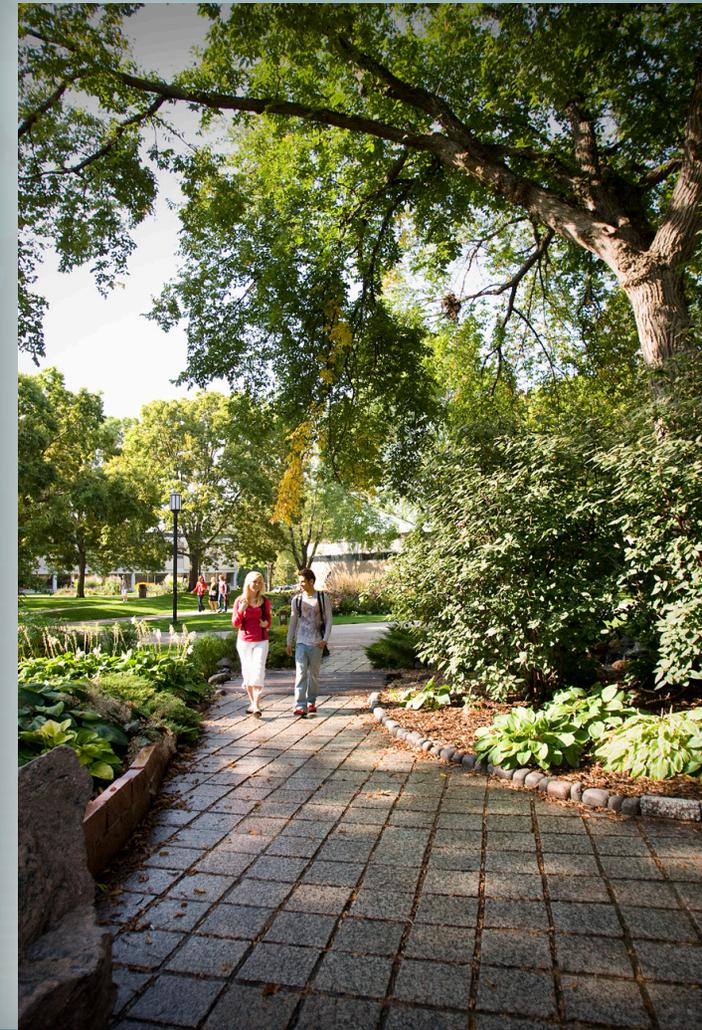
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You can also stop by the Center for Global Studies office in Education Building Room A 216 (afternoon hours) to learn more about current opportunities for classes, internships, or jobs.

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ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY

GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM



Global Studies Program

Global Studies is a cross-disciplinary liberal arts major (54 cr.) that prepares you to work in a globalized world. We focus on global issues such as political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental topics. Many classes in the program study Globalization, the process of greater integration of people, ideas, services, and finances that is reshaping the world. Our students are trained to understand key issues, tools, institutions, and agents dealing with global issues in the areas of global security and diplomacy, global citizenship, and global competitiveness.

Global Studies major is different from traditional discipline-based majors (e.g., International Relations, History, or Geography) in that it allows students to engage in coursework across many departments, programs, and fields. While primarily a liberal arts program, Global Studies also teaches concrete applied skills, including language training, immersion experiences through a study abroad, off-campus service learning projects, internships, field research, and other opportunities.

Global Studies graduates are well positioned to cultivate an awareness of the diversity and interdependence of the international community, including sensitivity to people with diverse cultural needs. We aim to provide an integrated study of the global society and diverse perspectives on the human condition worldwide. The Global Studies minor (24 credits) offers a more limited, but still cross-disciplinary exposure to the global actors and issues.

Major in Global Studies

The Global Studies major (54 credits) is very flexible. There are 6 core courses that are required from all majors or minors (GLST 195, ANTH 250, POL 353, ECON 350, GLST 495) and there are many electives that students can choose from to tailor the program to suit their unique needs. Generally, students specialize in a topical and a regional area. For the topics, we have choice of A. Global Political and Economic Development; B. Global Institutions and Issues, and C. Global Ethics, Responsibility and Society. For regions we offer choice to specialize in Africa, Asia, Europe and Russia, or Latin America. You can transfer education abroad credits and/or internship credits into your major up to a certain maximum. We require an undergraduate research thesis to be completed before graduation as part of your capstone experience in GLST 495.

Requirements for major/minor

In order to be admitted into the major or minor, a student must already have completed ENGL 191, CMST 192, and GLST 195 with a "C" or better in each course. The student is expected to maintain a "C" average when taking courses in the major. Proficiency in a foreign language is required to graduate with the major (not minor), this can be satisfied by taking language coursework at SCSU, transfer courses from another institution, study abroad, or through examination.

Many of the students in the program come from multicultural backgrounds, and some have extensively lived, traveled or worked abroad. However, we accept students of all backgrounds and strive for inclusivity, equality, and respect in the classroom. The world can be yours, but you need to act! Join us on the journey.

