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Graduate Faculty

Courses which meet the criteria of the Ph.D. Minor in Global Studies are taught by faculty from across the university.

Ph.D. Minor in Global Studies

Conventional definitions of nations and even entire world regions as discrete and bounded systems are becoming increasingly blurred as profound and powerful trends transform the globe. The Ph.D. Minor in Global Studies enables the interdisciplinary study and critical analysis of issues and problems that transcend national boundaries and world areas such as global environmental sustainability, universal human rights, cyber security; transnational criminal organization, the study of the emergence of constitutional democracies in transitional societies, global humanities, minority linguistic and cultural right world-wide, and many other issues, topics, or problems that of global interest.

Course Requirements

Each student's program is developed individually, in consultation between the student, the major advisor, and the director of the Ph.D. Minor in Global Studies. One core course, GRAD I701 Issues and Approaches to Global Studies, is required. Four additional elective courses, drawn from at least two different disciplines and reflecting a coherent and purposive thematic approach to the global issues or issues to be dealt with, will be selected, with the advice and approval of the advisors and the Global Studies Ph.D. Minor advisory Committee. A capstone project—whether a specific course, an international internship, international field work, a substantial paper, or a question

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on the student's qualifying examination in the major department—completes the minor, for a minimum of 15 credit hours.

Foreign Language Requirement

To be an effective research and instructor in global affairs, minors should possess strong foreign language skills in at least one modern language. Minors must demonstrate foreign language competency at a level determined by the student's approved Program of Study. Testing will be administered by the appropriate foreign language department or area studies program.

Examinations

Although a 3.7 or higher GPA in Global Studies courses would normally exempt the student from having to take a written comprehensive examination, the final decision regarding a qualifying examination rests with the student's doctoral field advisor and the Global Studies Director. Students who opt for the qualifying examination to satisfy their capstone project are required to take a written comprehensive examination regardless of their GPA.

Courses

Courses which meet the criteria of the Ph.D. Minor in Global Studies come from more than a dozen academic and professional schools. Sample courses are listed on the minor website. The Center for the Study of Global Change provides the core courses as well as special topics courses.

GRAD I500 Topics in Global Studies (3 cr.) This seminar focuses on the intensive study and analysis of selected global problems and issues within an interdisciplinary format. Topics will vary but will cut across fields, regions, and/or periods.

GRAD I701 Multidisciplinary Seminar on Issues and Approaches in Global Studies (3 cr.) This graduate seminar is designed to stimulate students to think critically about a broad range of theoretical and methodological issues involved in global research, including ethics, conceptual frameworks, and research design from different disciplinary perspectives.