Global Studies

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The Concentration in Global Studies is a framework for students to demonstrate and be recognized for in-depth interdisciplinary engagement with global themes, processes, and problems, regardless of their majors or minors.

**Learning Goals:**

After completing the Concentration in Global Studies students should be able to:

- Move beyond seeing “the global” as exclusively “foreign.” They will be able to place themselves and their communities in webs of natural, economic, cultural, and social connections that defy geopolitical borders.
- Articulate how they have worked to defamiliarize their own assumptions about the world and their positions in it through rigorous, sustained engagement with difference.
- Demonstrate the ways that their education at Whitman has helped them make complex connections among various disciplinary perspectives on important global issues. More specifically, students should be able to demonstrate how they have engaged with the concepts of “global systems and histories,” “global circulations and movements,” and “global places and events” (as described below) from multiple disciplinary perspectives.

Please contact the Director of Global Studies for a complete list of concentration-affiliated faculty who may serve as advisers. Students may declare the Concentration at any time until first semester of their Senior year.

**The Concentration in Global Studies:**

- One course from different departments in each of the three Global thematic areas for a minimum of 12 credits: *Global Systems & Histories, Global Circulations & Movements, and Global Places & Events* (see course lists below)
- One item from each of the three groups in the *Global Engagement, Analysis, and Reflection* area. (see the three groups below)
- Successful passing of the student learning assessment which consists of an integrative essay, portfolio of work, and outgoing interview with faculty adviser.

**Global engagement, analysis, and reflection** consists of three groups, *Language Immersions, Off-Campus Education, and Analysis & Reflection*. Students must complete one item from each of the following three areas:

- **Language Immersions**
  - 6 credits of language study completed on-campus, through adviser-approved Off-Campus Studies (OCS) coursework, or with a combination of the two.
  - Notes: Can be completed with more than one language. Advisers will work with OCS staff to assess the rigor of OCS-based language study when approving OCS programs for this requirement.

- **Off-Campus Education**
  - 1 semester OCS in a country other than the U.S. (U.S.-based programs will be assessed by advisers on a case-by-case basis.)
  - Crossroads course or other adviser-approved short-term OCS (3-6 credit programs).
  - Globally-focused internship approved by Concentration adviser.

- **Analysis & Reflection**
  - CGS Sophomore Fellows seminar.
  - Post-OCS seminar.
  - Co-taught Global Studies seminar.
  - Approved analysis and reflection courses. (Film and Media Studies 340 *Globalization, Culture, and Media*; Politics 331 *The Politics of International Hierarchy*; English 376 *Colonial and Anti-Colonial Literature*; Biology/History 121 *History and Ethnobiology of the Silk Roads*).
Courses in Global Systems & Histories, Global Circulations & Movements, and Global Places & Events

Global Systems & Histories:

Anthropology 101 Becoming Human: An Introduction to Anthropology
Anthropology 102 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology 306 Culture, Politics, Ecology
Anthropology 317 Language and Culture
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 210 Museums and the Politics of Display
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 357 Art of Colonial India
Chemistry 315 Marine & Freshwater Chemistry
Chemistry 388 Environmental Chemistry and Engineering
Classics 130 Ancient Mythology
Economics 277 Global Environmental and Resource Issues
Economics 448 International Finance
English 375 VT: Feminist Theory
all offerings of English 376: Studies in Colonial and Anti-Colonial Literature
English 389 ST: Extraordinary Visions
English 491 VT: Playing God
Environmental Studies 327 Biodiversity
Film and Media Studies 340 Globalization, Culture, & Media
Geology 125 Environmental Geology
Geology 229 Geology and Ecology of Soils
Geology 301 Hydrology
Geology 312 Earth History
Geology 405 Volcanoes and Solid Earth
Geology 415 Terroir
Global Literatures 320 Race, Trauma, Narrative
Hispanic Studies 431 (Re)Conquistadores: How Medieval Iberian Imperialism Shaped Spanish American Colonialism
History 155 Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral: Natural Resources in Global Environmental History
History 215 ST: Cleopatra - History & Myth
History 219 Nation Creation: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century
History 220 The Ottoman Empire
History 226 Ancient Mediterranean – Greece
History 227 Meet the Romans
History 277 Revolutionary Europe; Democracy Rising
History 278 Twentieth-Century Europe
History 231 Oceans Past and Future: Introduction to Marine Environmental History

History 250 New Worlds, New Empires: North America 1600-1800
History 344 China in Revolution
History 489 ST: Roman Imperialism
Music 115 Introduction to World Music
Physics 105 Energy and the Environment
Politics 119 Whitman in the Global Food System
Politics 147 International Politics
Politics 255 Politics and Christianity
Politics 304 Work and the Politics of Citizenship
Politics 315 ST: Debating the Origins and History of Capitalism
Politics 320 The Politics of Global Security
Politics 331 The Politics of International Hierarchy
Politics 363 Genealogies of Political Economy
Race and Ethnic Studies 105 Introduction to Race and Ethnic Studies
Race and Ethnic Studies 305 Continental Philosophy, Postcolonial Theory, and the Palestinian Question
Religion 109 Conceptions of Ultimate Reality
Religion 110 Religion and the Senses
all offerings of Religion 116 and 117 Comparative Studies in Religion
Religion 152 Saintly Lives
Religion 205 Introduction to Christianity
Religion 207 Islamic Traditions
Religion 209 Jewish Texts and Traditions
Religion 236 Comparative Scriptures
Religion 250 Theravāda Buddhism
Religion 251 Mahāyāna Buddhism
Religion 304 Muslim Bodies
Sociology 329/Environmental Studies 329 Environmental Health
Sociology 340 Economic Sociology
Sociology 353/Environmental Studies 353 Environmental Justice
Sociology 369 Social Stratification
Global Circulations & Movements:

Anthropology 313 Communism, Socialism, and the Environment
Anthropology 325 Anthropology of New/Digital Media
Anthropology 330 Resistance and Refusal
Anthropology 327 Anthropology and History
Anthropology 360 The Cultural Politics of Science
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 243 Buddhist Art in Asia
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 353 Blues, Blood, Bruise: Blackness in Art
BBMB 430 Infectious Disease
Biology 118 Agroecology
Biology 121/History 121 History and Ethnobiology of the Silk Roads
Biology 130 Conservation Biology
Biology 212 Natural History of the Inland Northwest
Biology 288 Plants and Peoples
Biology 327 Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles
Chemistry 100 Introduction to Environmental Chemistry and Science
Chemistry 315 Marine and Freshwater Chemistry
Classics 205 Women and Nature in the Ancient World
Economics 448 International Finance
English 200 VT: African Diaspora Shakespeare
English 200 VT: Shifting Grounds: Writing, Exile, and Migrancy
English 246 Native American Literatures
English 338 VT: Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature: Social Mutability
English 338 VT: Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Literature: The Birth of Empire
English 387 ST: History of the Book
Environmental Studies 305 Water in the West
Environmental Studies 308 (Re)Thinking Environment
Film and Media Studies 340 Globalization, Culture, & Media
Film and Media Studies 345 The Middle East in Cinema & Media
Geology 130 Weather and Climate
German Studies 310 Migration and Identity in Contemporary Germany
German Studies 339/Environmental Studies 339 Writing Environmental Disaster
German Studies 408 Berlin: Evolution of a Metropolis
Global Literatures 320 Race, Trauma, Narrative

Philosophy 137 Skepticism, Relativism, and Truth
Philosophy 205 The Genealogy of Non-Violence
Philosophy 216 Cosmopolitanism, Citizenship, and Belonging
Philosophy 227 Concepts of Nature in Modern European Philosophy
Philosophy 318/German Studies 318 Hannah Arendt as Political Thinker
Physics 103 Sound and Music
Politics 100 Introduction to Race, Gender & Politics of the Body
Politics 207 Islam and Politics
Politics 225 Introduction to Indigenous Politics
Politics 232 Politics of Globalization
Politics 301 The Art of Revolution
Politics 312 Humanism between Europe and its Others
Politics 329 Theories of Empire
Politics 334 The U.S.-Mexico Border: Immigration, Development, and Globalization
Politics 351 Necropower and the Politics of Violence
Politics 359 Gender and International Hierarchy
Politics 367 African Political Thought
Politics 322/Environmental Studies 322 The Anthropocene
Psychology 230 Social Psychology
Psychology 232 The Psychology of Prejudice
Psychology 311 Development and Parenting Across Cultures
Psychology 317 Perspectives on Disgust
Psychology 324 What is Mental Illness?
Psychology 336 Social Stigma
Religion 150 Evil and Suffering
Religion 203 What is Religion?
Religion 208 Buddhist Ethics
Religion 213 Buddhist Monasticisms
Religion 214 American Jewish Thought
Religion 219 Modern Jewish Thought
Religion 227 Christian Ethics
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Art History and Visual Culture Studies 246 The Art of India
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 351 Los Angeles: Art, Architecture, Cultural Geography
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 352 Art/Environment
Art History and Visual Culture Studies 356 The Taj Mahal and Beyond: The Art and Architecture of Mughal India
Chemistry 100 Introduction to Environmental Chemistry and Science
Chemistry 102 Chemistry in Art
Classics 139 Greek and Roman Intellectual History
Classics 217 Classical Foundations of the Nature Writing Tradition
Art History and Visual Culture/Classics/History 224 Greek and Roman Art
Classics 319 Landscape and Cityscape in Ancient Rome
English 336 VT: Medieval Literature: Social Bodies, Social Boundaries
English 376/Politics 401 ST: Reading India
English 491 VT: Inside/Outside: Literary Cosmopolitanism in Britain
Environmental Studies/German 335 Romantic Nature
Film and Media Studies 305 Global Comics
French 316 Contemporary France and the Francophone World
Geology 340 Volcanoes
Global Literatures 301 Chinese Literature and Film Adaptation
Global Literatures 309 French National Cinemas
Global Literatures 325 Imagining Community through Contemporary Japanese Fiction and Film
Global Literatures 338 Undoing the Japanese National Narrative through Literature and Film
Hispanic Studies 426 Inventing Spain
Hispanic Studies 430 Tri-Cultural Spain: Islam, Judaism and Christianity on the Iberian Peninsula (632-1492)
Hispanic Studies 444 Decolonial Strategies in Latin(o) America

Politics 228 Political Ecology
Politics 236 Concepts of the Political in Southeast Asia: An Introduction
Politics 240 Mexico: Politics and Society in the Age of NAFTA
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History 333 Never-Ending Revolution? The French Experiment, 1789-2002
History 339 Modern Germany: Imagining a Nation?
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Politics 208 Middle East Politics