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 advisors. Students may declare the Concentration at any time until first semester of their Senior year.

The Concentration in Global Studies:
- Concentration requirements
  - One course from different departments in each of the three Global thematic areas (see course lists below) for a minimum of 12 credits:
    - Global Systems & Histories
    - Global Circulations & Movements
    - Global Places & Events
  - Global engagement, analysis, and reflection consists of the three groups listed below. Students must complete one item from each of the areas.
    - Language Immersions: 6 credits of language study
      - Completed on-campus
      - Advisor-approved Off-Campus Studies (OCS) coursework
      - Or a combination of the two
      - Can be completed with more than one language. Advisors 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 advisor on a case-by-case basis.)
      - Crossroads course or other advisor-approved short-term OCS (3-6 credit programs)
      - Globally-focused internship approved by Concentration advisor.
    - Analysis & Reflection
      - CGS Sophomore Fellows seminar
      - Post-OCS seminar
      - Co-taught Global Studies seminar
      - Approved Analysis and Reflection courses
        - FMS 340, Politics 331, Biology/History 121, or English 376
  - Final portfolio
    - Student learning assessment which consists of:
      - Integrative essay
- Portfolio of work
- Outgoing interview with faculty advisor

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 217 *Language and Culture*

Anthropology 306 *Culture, Politics, Ecology*

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*

all offerings of English 376: *Studies in Colonial and Anti-Colonial Literature*

Environmental Studies 327 *Biodiversity*

Film and Media Studies 340 *Globalization, Culture, & Media*

Gender Studies/GLOBAL Literatures/Race & Ethnic Studies 320 *Trauma & its Aftermath: Narrative, Witnessing & Remembrance*

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*

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 219 *Nation Creation: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century*

History 220 *The Ottoman Empire*

History 226 *Meet the Ancient Greeks*

History 227 *Meet the Romans*

History 231 *Oceans Past and Future: Introduction to Marine Environmental History*

History 250 *New Worlds, New Empires: North America 1600-1800*

History 277 *Revolutionary Europe; Democracy Rising*

History 278 *Twentieth-Century Europe*

History 344 *China in Revolution*

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 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 327 Anthropology and History
Anthropology 330 Resistance and Refusal
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 246 Native American Literatures
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
Gender Studies/Global Literatures/Race & Ethnic Studies 320 Trauma & its Aftermath: Narrative, Witnessing & Remembrance
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 325 Imagining Community through Contemporary Japanese Fiction and Film
Hispanic Studies 446 Indigenous Performativity in the Andes
Hispanic Studies 456 Discourses of Dictatorship: Testifying Against Torture in Guatemala and Argentina
Hispanic Studies 427 Crossing Borders: Latin American Narratives of Migration

History 332 Conversion, Crusade, and Conquest: European Cultural Encounters, c. 400-1600
History 335 Modern European Imperialism
History 340 A Tale of Two Cities - Carthage & Rome
History 348 Horseriders and Samurai: Comparisons in Early Modern East Asia
History 364 Sugar, Sex, & Slavery: The History of the Black Atlantic
Music 358 Music and Diplomacy
Philosophy 137 Skepticism, Relativism, and Truth
Philosophy 205 The Genesis 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 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 334 The U.S.-Mexico Border: Immigration, Development, and Globalization
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 336 Social Stigma
Religion 150 Evil and Suffering
Religion 203 What is Religion?
Religion 208 Buddhist Ethics
Religion 213 Jewish Monasticisms
Religion 214 American Jewish Thought
Religion 219 Modern Jewish Thought
Religion 227 Christian Ethics
Religion 245 Jewish Ethics
Religion 305 Gender and Identity in Judaism
Religion 307 Mediating Religions
Religion 310 Hearing Islam
Religion 314 Approaches to Religion, Violence and War
Religion 358 Feminist and Liberation Theologies
History 127 Islamic Civilization I: The Early and Medieval Islamic World
History 128 Islamic Civilization II: The Modern Islamic World: The Ottomans to Arafat
History 160 Troy & the Trojan War
History 204 The Syrian War: From the Rise of Asad to the Specter of ISIS
History 214 Sex in the Casbah: Sex, Gender & Islam
History 217 Decolonization in Africa
History 230 International Relations of the Middle East
History 232 Changing Landscapes: Introduction to Terrestrial Environmental History
History 235 The Arab Spring in Historical Context
History 287 Colonial Latin America
History 314 Colonial Moment in Africa
History 320 Alexander the Great and the Hellenistic Kingdoms
History 322 History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
History 329 Rights, Revolution, and Empire: France 1789-1815

Global Places & Events:
Anthropology 206 Anthropology and Europe
Anthropology 219 Chinese Religions
Anthropology 220 China Now
Anthropology 259/Environmental Studies 259 Culture, Environment and Development in the Andes
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 Studies/Classics/History 224 Greek and Roman Art
Classics 319 Landscape and Cityscape in Ancient Rome
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
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
Hispanic Studies 427 Crossing Borders: Latin American Narratives of Migration
History 218 Africa to 1885
History 329 Rights, Revolution, and Empire: France 1789-1815
History 333 Never-Ending Revolution? The French Experiment, 1789-2002
History 339 Modern Germany: Imagining a Nation?
History 355 Pacific Whaling History
Politics 114 Introduction to African Politics
Politics 208 Middle East Politics
Politics 228 Political Ecology
Politics 240 Mexico: Politics and Society in the Age of NAFTA
Race and Ethnic Studies 305 Continental Philosophy, Postcolonial Theory, and the Palestinian Question
Religion 153 Religion and Native America
Religion 204 African American Religious Traditions
Religion 221 Brahmians, Buddhists and Jains
Religion 222 Hindu India
Religion 330 Multireligious South Asia
Rhetoric, Writing and Public Discourse 360 The Rhetoric of Social Protest: Exploring the Arab Spring
Rhetoric, Writing and Public Discourse 365 Rhetoric and Violence
Sociology 230 Social Psychology
Sociology 267 Race and Ethnic Group Relations
Sociology 278 Social Movements and Social Change
Sociology 290 The Sociology and History of Rock ‘n’ Roll
Sociology 337 Seminar in Cultural Sociology
Sociology 353/Environmental Studies 353 Environmental Justice
Theater 210 World Theater
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

Sociology 220 Latin@s in the United States
Sociology 271 Asian Americans in Contemporary Society