Global Studies

Director: Nicole Simek (on sabbatical, Spring 2023)

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 for the Center 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)
    - 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
    - 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.)
      - Other advisor-approved short-term OCS (3-6 credit programs)
      - Globally-focused internship approved by GCS Director.
    - Analysis & Reflection
      - Co-taught Global Studies seminar
      - Approved Analysis and Reflection courses
        - FMS 340, Politics 331, Biology/History 121, or English 376
  - Capstone project and assessment
    - Student learning assessment which consists of:
      - Integrative essay
      - E-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 210 Museums and the Politics of Display
Art History 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 306 Culture, Politics, Ecology
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
History 155 Animal, Vegetable, and Mineral: Natural Resources in Global Environmental History
History 219 Nation Creation: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century
History 220 Ottomania! History, Politics, and Memory of 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 American Islam
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 143 Buddhist Art in Asia
Art History 353 Blackness and the Arts
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 245 Native American Literatures
English 376 VT: Counterpoints: Edward Said’s Work and Anti-Colonial Literature
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 322 History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict
History 329 Rights, Revolution, and Empire: France 1789-1815
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 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 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 345 Indigenous Politics
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 Buddhist 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
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- Anthropology 219 Chinese Religions
- Anthropology 220 China Now
- Art History 146 Art of India
- Art History 351 Los Angeles: Art, Architecture, Cultural Geography
- Art History 352 Art/Environment
- Art History 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/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
- 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 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 339 Modern Germany: Imagining a Nation?
- History 355 Pacific Whaling History
- Politics 114 Introduction to African Politics
- Politics 228 Political Ecology
- Politics 240 Mexico: Politics and Society in the Age of NAFTA
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- Sociology 220 Latin@s in the United States
- Sociology 271 Asian Americans in Contemporary Society