

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 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 after they have declared a major and before the final semester of their Senior year.

The Concentration in Global Studies:

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

One item from each of the three global engagement areas below:

- Language Immersions: 6 credits of language study
 - May be completed on-campus, through advisor-approved Off-Campus Studies (OCS) coursework, or a combination of the two
 - May 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.)
 - Other advisor-approved short-term OCS (3-6 credit programs)
 - Globally-focused internship approved by CGS Director.
- Analysis & Reflection
 - IDSC 210
 - 2 credits of approved IDSC 400 courses (see course descriptions for Analysis & Reflection designation)
 - Approved Analysis and Reflection course: FMS 340, Politics 331, Biology/History 121, or English 376
- Capstone project and assessment
 - Student learning assessment which consists of three pieces:
 - 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 201 *Fundamentals of Cultural Anthropology*
- Anthropology 203 *Introduction to Environmental Anthropology*
- Anthropology 217 *Language and Culture*
- Art History 210 *Museums and the Politics of Display*
- Art History 211 *Monuments and Memorials*
- Art History 325 *Inventing Egypt*
- Art History 357 *Art of Colonial India*
- Chemistry 305 *Global Chemical Cycles*
- 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*
- French & Francophone Studies 320 *French Beyond France*
- French & Francophone Studies 315 *French Fried: Stories of Franco-American Exchange*
- Gender Studies/Global Literatures/ Indigeneity, Race, And Ethnicity 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 217 *Decolonization in Africa*
- History 219 *Nation Creation: Latin America in the Nineteenth Century*
- 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 314 *The Colonial Moment in Africa*
- History 344 *China in Revolution*
- Indigeneity, Race, And Ethnicity Studies 105 *Introduction to Indigeneity, Race and Ethnicity Studies*
- Indigeneity, Race, And Ethnicity Studies/Religion 270 *Race and Religion*
- Indigeneity, Race, And Ethnicity Studies 305 *Continental Philosophy, Postcolonial Theory, and the Palestinian Question*
- Physics 105 *Energy and the Environment*
- Politics 147 *International Politics*
- Politics 228 *Political Ecology*
- Politics 255 *Gender, Race, Environment*
- Politics 320 *The Politics of Global Security*
- Politics 330 *Indigenous Feminisms in the Americas*
- Politics 331 *The Politics of International Hierarchy*
- Politics 362 *Food, Culture, Politics*
- Politics 363 *Genealogies of Political Economy*
- Politics 370 *Pipelines & Dispossession*
- Religion 110 *Religion and the Senses*
- all offerings of Religion 116 - 118 *Comparative Studies in Religion*
- Religion 207 *Islamic Traditions*
- Religion/Anthropology 224 *Anthropology of Religion*
- Religion/Anthropology 225 *Global Christianity*
- Religion 236 *Comparative Scriptures*
- Religion 304 *Muslim Bodies*
- Religion 325 *Religion and Politics in East Asia*
- Rhetoric, Writing, & Public Discourse 342 *Rhetoric and Capitalism*
- Sociology 325 *Sociology of Disasters*
- Sociology 329/Environmental Studies 329

History 220 *Ottomania! History, Politics, and Memory of the Ottoman Empire*
History 226 *Meet the Ancient Greeks*

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 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 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 305 *Global Chemical Cycles*
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*

History 275 *Modern European Imperialism*
History 287 *Colonial Latin America*
History 314 *Colonial Moment in Africa*
History 320 *Alexander and the Hellenistic World*
History 322 *History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*
History 329 *Rights, Revolution, and Empire: France 1789-1815*
History 331 *A Tale of Two Cities - Carthage & Rome*
History 332 *Conversion, Crusade, and Conquest: European Cultural Encounters, c. 400-1600*
History 348 *Horseriders and Samurai: Comparisons in Early Modern East Asia*
History 364 *Sugar, Sex, & Slavery: The History of the Black Atlantic*
Indigeneity, Race, and Ethnicity Studies 220 *Settler Colonialism & Native Resistance*
Indigeneity, Race, and Ethnicity Studies 225 *Race, Class, Violence*
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 110 *Global Politics of Migration*
Politics 125 *Indigeneity as a Political Relation*

Cinema & Media
 French & Francophone Studies 310 *Translation: Theory and Practice*
 Gender Studies/Global Literatures/Indigeneity, Race & Ethnicity 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*
 Global Literatures 325 *Imagining Community through Contemporary Japanese Fiction and Film*
 Hispanic Studies 427 *Crossing Borders: Latin American Narratives of Migration*
 Hispanic Studies 446 *Indigenous Performativity in the Andes*
 Hispanic Studies 456 *Discourses of Dictatorship: Testifying Against Torture in Guatemala and Argentina*
 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 *Syria: From Ruin(ation) to Restoration*
 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*

Global Places & Events:

Anthropology 206 *Anthropology and Europe*
 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*

Politics 232 *Politics of Globalization*
 Politics 322/*Environmental Studies 322 The Anthropocene*
 Politics 334 *The U.S.-Mexico Border: Immigration, Development, and Globalization*
 Politics 345 *Indigenous Politics*
 Politics 359 *Gender and International Hierarchy*
 Psychology 230 *Social Psychology*
 Psychology 317 *Perspectives on Disgust*
 Religion 115 *Consuming Divinity: Religion and Food*
 Religion 203 *What is Religion?*
 Religion 217 *The Qur'an*
 Religion 219 *Modern Jewish Thought*
 Religion 220 *Introduction to Christian Thought*
 Religion 223 *Religion and the Spirit of Capitalism*
 Religion 307/FMS 307 *Mediating Religions*
 Religion/Music 310 *Hearing Islam*
 Religion 321 *Islamic Mysticism*
 Sociology 230 *Social Psychology*
 Sociology 267 *Race and Ethnic Group Relations*
 Sociology 278 *Social Movements and Social Change*
 Sociology 337 *Seminar in Cultural Sociology*
 Sociology 353/*Environmental Studies 353 Environmental Justice*
 Theater 210 *World Theater*

Hispanic Studies 427 *Crossing Borders: Latin American Narratives of Migration*
 Hispanic Studies 444 *Decolonial Strategies in Latin(o) America*
 History 211 *The World Wars in Africa*
 History 214 *Sex in the Casbah: Sex, Gender & Islam*
 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*
 Indigeneity, Race, And Ethnicity Studies 305 *Continental Philosophy, Postcolonial Theory, and the Palestinian Question*

Environmental Studies/German 335 *Romantic Nature*
Film and Media Studies 305 *Global Comics*
French & Francophone Studies 300 *Cuisine et
gastronomie*
French & Francophone Studies 305 *Paris dans tous ses
états*
Geology 340 *Volcanoes*
Global Literatures 225 *Human-Nonhuman Dynamics*
Global Literatures 301 *Chinese Literature and Film
Adaptation*
Global Literatures 305 *Youth and Revolution in 20th
Century Chinese Literature and Culture*
Global Literatures 325 *Imagining Community through
Contemporary Japanese Fiction and Film*
Global Literatures 338 *Undoing the Japanese National
Narrative through Literature and Film*

Indigeneity, Race, And Ethnicity Studies 325 *Afro-
Pessimism and Its Critics*
Music 299 *Music History 3*
Politics 114 *Introduction to African Politics*
Politics/History 120 *History and Politics of Mexican
Food*
Politics 228 *Political Ecology*
Politics 308 *Middle East Politics*
Politics 335 *The Politics of the Body-Land Territory*
Religion/Anthropology 153 *Religion and Native
America*
Religion 170 *The End Times*
Religion 205 *American Islam*
Rhetoric, Writing and Public Discourse 360 *The
Rhetoric of Social Protest: Exploring the Arab
Spring*
Sociology 220 *Latin@s in the United States*
Sociology 271 *Asian Americans in Contemporary
Society*