

GLOBAL SYSTEMS MINOR

Banner Code: GLOS

Academic Advising

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Global systems have become increasingly important to the way we live and work, and a global perspective makes us more aware of how we are connected to others around the world and to the whole of nature.

The interdisciplinary minor in global systems is designed to complement virtually any undergraduate major. It works well for majors in business disciplines, economics, languages, geography, government and international politics, history, and other disciplines that take a global view. Students in professional programs learn to connect their professional concerns to global issues of health care, trade and finance, or technology. Students in the liberal arts gain insights into their disciplines as they learn how the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences are affected by global issues such as demographic change, telecommunications, and environmental protection.

Other globally oriented courses may also fulfill or substitute for the requirements of this program with written permission of the coordinator prior to registration.

This is an interdisciplinary minor offered by the Schar School of Policy and Government (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/policy-government/>) and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/>).

Faculty

Lopez-Santana (minor advisor)

Admissions & Policies

Policies

Students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. At least 9 credits must be at the 300 level or above. Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

Requirements

Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following: 3		
GLOA 101	Introduction to Global Affairs (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
HIST 125	Introduction to Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
Total Credits		3

Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select five electives from at least two of the following fields: ¹ 15		
Field A: Government, geography, and administration of justice		
GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies	
CRIM 405	Law and Justice around the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 301	Political Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
GGS 305	Economic Geography	
Field B: Economics, anthropology, marketing, history, and sociology		
ANTH 300	Civilizations	
ANTH 312	Political Anthropology (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 331	Refugees (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ANTH 375		
ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
ECON 390	International Economics	
HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	
MKTG 407	Global Marketing	
SOCI 332	The Urban World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)	

Field C: Environmental science, global health, systems engineering, urban and suburban studies, civil and infrastructure engineering

BIOL 377	Applied Ecology
CEIE 100	Environmental Engineering around the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
CEIE 450	Environmental Engineering Systems
GCH 543	Global Health
USST 301	

Field D: Modes of communication

COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
COMM 456	(Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
DANC 118	Global Dance Perspectives I (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
MUSI 431	Music History in Society III (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)
THR 359	World Stages (Mason Core) (http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/)

Total Credits 15

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Other globally-oriented courses may also be applied to this requirement with written approval of the director.