

An interdepartmental program

# International and Global Studies

Courses of Study:  
Minor  
Major (B.A.)

## Objectives

International and global studies (IGS) is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with an opportunity to understand the complex processes of globalization that have so profoundly affected politics, economics, culture, society, the environment, and many other facets of our lives. After a set of four foundational courses (a gateway introductory survey and three core courses), students specialize in a key area: Cultures, Identities, and Encounters; Global Economy; Global Environment; Global Governance; Global Media and Communications; Inequalities and Poverty; or an Independent Specialization. To gain a deeper understanding of other cultures, IGS majors take one additional language course (beyond the University requirement) and complete either study abroad or an internship abroad (or some combination of the two). The IGS program thus combines a set of rigorous foundational courses, an opportunity to specialize on a key problem of globalization, and a combination of superior language skills and international residency (study or work) for meaningful, firsthand experiential learning.

## How to Become a Major or Minor

Students who wish to major or minor in international and global studies may choose an advisor from any faculty member teaching in the IGS program, but are encouraged to work with the head of the specialization that they choose. Although IGS fulfills the University requirements as a major, students will often find it highly advantageous to combine it with another major or minor in a specific disciplinary or area studies curriculum.

Students should take International and Global Studies (IGS 10a) during their first or second year; this course provides a systematic introduction to the key issues of contemporary global change, provides an overview of the specializations (from which the student will later choose), and gives an orientation to the options for international internships and study abroad. In addition, students must take three core courses in the disciplines of anthropology (ANTH 1a Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies), economics (ECON 8b Global Economy, prerequisite ECON 2a), and politics (POL 15a Introduction to International Relations). These foundational courses should be completed by the end of the sophomore year.

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## Requirements for the Major

**A. Gateway Course:** IGS 10a (International and Global Studies)

**B. Core Courses:** ANTH 1a (Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies), ECON 8b (Global Economy), and POL 15a (Introduction to International Relations).

**C. Four courses within one of the following specializations:** Cultures, Identities, and Encounters; Global Economy; Global Environment; Global Governance; Global Media and Communications; Inequalities and Poverty; or an Independent Specialization approved by the Faculty Executive Committee. Courses selected for an independent specialization must meet the following criteria: (a) the subject matter is international, comparative or provides a theoretical framework suitable for the analysis of global issues; and (b) at least a third of the course pertains to the proposed field of study. Within each standard specialization, there are one or more required or strongly recommended courses. With the approval of the undergraduate advising head of the program, a student may substitute no more than two courses for courses listed within any specialization.

**D. Electives:** At least two additional courses from another area of specialization, none of which may be listed under the student's primary area of specialization. Students are encouraged to choose foundational courses from other specializations.

**E. Auxiliary Language Study:** One course beyond the University foreign language requirement; the instruction must be in the foreign language. This may be fulfilled by enrolling in an additional language course at Brandeis or during study abroad.

**F. Study Abroad and International Internship:** Students may satisfy this requirement by one semester of study abroad, by participating in an approved international internship, or by some combination of the two. Although one semester of study abroad is sufficient by itself, it is highly desirable that students participate, simultaneously, in a part-time internship. The international internship ordinarily must be for a minimum of two months (either in the summer or regular term); it must be approved by the undergraduate advising head. In special cases, and with the approval of the undergraduate advising head, students may perform the international internship at an agency that is located in the United States but directly engaged in international and global issues. Students who participate in an independent internship may apply to receive course credit for the internship by submitting, upon their return to the University, a substantial analytical paper about their experience.

**G. Senior Thesis (optional):** Students have the option of undertaking an honors thesis, which is required for degrees granted with distinction. Ideally, but not necessarily, a student's thesis will be based on his or her internship or on research conducted during his or her study abroad. By undertaking and completing an honors thesis, students will receive credit for two courses.

**H. No more than five courses from any one department will be counted towards the major.**

## Requirements for the Minor

**A. Gateway Course:** IGS 10a (Global Studies)

**B. Core Courses:** ANTH 1a (Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies), ECON 8b (Global Economy), POL 15a (Introduction to International Relations).

**C. Electives:** Two courses from two different areas of specialization.

**D. No more than three of these courses may count toward another minor.**

### Courses of Instruction

#### (1-99) Primarily for Undergraduate Students

##### IGS 10a Introduction to International and Global Studies

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"Globalization" touches us more every day. Introduces the challenges of globalization to national and international governance, economic success, individual and group identities, cultural diversity, the environment, and inequalities within the between nations, regions of the globe, gender, and race. Usually offered every year. Will be offered in the spring of 2004.  
Mr. Ross

##### IGS 92a and b Global Studies Internship

*Signature of the undergraduate advising head is required.*  
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##### IGS 98a Independent Study

*Signature of the undergraduate advising head is required.*  
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##### IGS 99d Senior Research

*Signature of the instructor required.*  
Seniors who are candidates for degrees with honors in IGS must register for this course and, under the direction of a faculty member, prepare an honors thesis on a suitable topic. Usually offered every year.  
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#### Core Courses

##### ANTH 1a

Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies

##### ECON 8b

Global Economy

##### POL 15a

Introduction to International Relations

#### Cultures, Identities, and Encounters

##### Required Specialization Course

##### HIST 61a

Cultural Encounters and Conflict in Historical Perspective

#### Electives

##### AAAS 18b

Africa and the West

##### AAAS 145b

What is Race?

##### ANTH 80a

Anthropology of Religion

##### ANTH 129b

Global, Transnational, and Diasporic Communities

##### ANTH 139b

Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

##### ENG 111b

Post-Colonial Theory

##### ENG 155a

Provincialism and Imperialism, 1870-1930

##### FREN 165b

Topics in Francophone Literatures

##### HIST 71a

History, Pre-Conquest to 1870

##### HIST 148b

Central Asia in Modern Times

##### IMES 104a

Islam: Civilization and Institutions

##### NEJS 141b

Zionism and Its Critics

##### NEJS 143a (formerly NEJS 121a)

Polish-Jewish Relations in the Twentieth Century

##### NEJS 144a

Jews in the World of Islam

##### SECS 169a

Travel Writing and the Americas: Columbus's Legacy

##### SOC 125b

U.S.-Caribbean Relations

##### WMNS 105b

Feminist Theories in Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspective

#### Global Economy

##### Required Specialization Courses

Students must choose three out of five courses:

##### BUS 70a

Business in the Global Economy

##### ECON 60b

The Economics of International Trade Disputes

##### ECON 175a

Introduction of the Economics of Development

##### ECON 57a

Environmental Economics

#### Electives

##### POL 172b

Introduction to International Political Economy

##### POL 180b

Sustaining Development

##### AAAS 80a

Economy and Society in Africa

##### AAAS 126b

Political Economy of the Third World

##### ECON 125a

Comparative Institutional Economics

##### ECON 141b

Technology and the Global Economy

##### ECON 160a

International Trade Economy

##### ECON 161a

International Finance

#### Global Environment

##### Suggested Foundational Courses

##### AMST 20a

Environmental Issues

##### ECON 57a

Environmental Economics

**Electives****AAAS 158a**

Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

**AMST 101a**

American Environmental History

**AMST 102a**

Women, the Environment, and Social Justice

**AMST 106b**

The Pleasures and Perils of Eating: Food and Farming in America

**ANTH 55a**

Models of Development: Third World

**ANTH 127a**

Medicine, Body, and Culture

**BIOL 17b**

Conservation Biology

**BISC 2a**

Human Reproduction, Population Explosion, Global Consequences

**BISC 3b**

Humans and the Environment

**ECON 176a**

The Household, Health, and Hunger in Developing Countries

**ENG 60b**

Writing about the Environment

**HIST 100a**

Fire and Ice: An Ecological Approach to World History

**HIST 128a**

Ecological Imperialism: The Environmental Consequences of Early Modern Expansion

**LGLS 132b**

Environmental Law and Policy

**POL 180b**

Sustaining Development

**SOC 112a**

Topics on Women and Development

**Global Governance****Suggested Foundational Course****POL 172b**

Introduction to Political Economy

Students must choose two courses from each sub-area.

*Global Challenges***AAAS 60a**

Economics of Third World Hunger

**AAAS 117a**

Communications and Social Change in Developing Nations

**AAAS 126b**

Political Economy of the Third World

**AAAS 158a**

Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

**ANTH 139b**

Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

**HIST 179a**

Globalization: Critical Historical Perspectives

**NEJS 147b**

The Arab-Israeli Conflict

**POL 131b**

Social Movements in Latin America

**POL 146b**

Revolutions in the Third World

**POL 161b**

Causes and Prevention of War

**POL 172b**

Introduction to International Political Economy

**SOC 112a**

Topics on Women and Development

**SOC 119a**

War and the Possibilities of Peace

**SOC 121a**

New Approaches to Development: Globalization and Human Development

*Transnational Cooperation and Conflict***AAAS 163b**

Africa in World Politics

**LGLS 124b**

International Law and Development

**LGLS 125b**

International Law, Organizations, and Conflict Resolution

**PHIL 19a**

Human Rights

**POL 127b**

Managing Ethnic Conflict

**POL 160b**

World Politics since 1945

**POL 134b**

Japan and the World

**POL 153a**

The New Europe: European Economic and Political Integration

**POL 163a**

Seminar: Human Rights and International Relations

**POL 166b**

Seminar: Issues in International Political Economy

**POL 174b**

Problems of National Security

**POL 175b**

Global Civil Society

**POL 176a**

Seminar: International Crisis Management, Intervention, and Peacekeeping

**POL 178a**

Seminar: International Politics of the Pacific

**POL 180b**

Sustaining Development

**Global Media and Communications****Suggested Foundational Course****ANTH 26a**

Communications and Media

Students must choose two courses from each sub-area.

*Defining Media***AMST 134b**

The New Media in America

**ANTH 26a**

Communications and Media (suggested foundational course for specialization)

**ANTH 153a**

Writing Systems and Scribal Traditions

**COML 160b**

Narrative in Literature and Film

**COML 170a**

Working across Cultures

**FA 20b**

Introduction to Visual Culture

**SOC 146a**

Mass Communications Theory

*Communicating across Cultures***AAAS 134b**

Novel and Film of the African Diaspora

**ANTH 184b**

Cross-Cultural Art and Aesthetics

**ENG 17b**

African Novel

**ENG 77b**

Literature of Global English

**ENG 127a**

Novel in India

**ENG 127b**

Migrating Bodies, Migrating Texts

**FECS 157a**

Topics in French Film

**GECS 167a**

German Cinema

**MUS 35b**

The Music of the African Diaspora

**RECS 149b**

Russian Art, Film, and Theater

**THA 115b**

The Avant-Gardes

**Inequalities and Poverty**

Students must choose two courses from each sub-area.

*Inequality and Development***AAAS 18b**

Africa and the West

**AAAS 60a**

Economics of Third World Hunger

**AAAS 80a**

Economy and Society in Africa

**AAAS 123a**

Third World Ideologies

**AAAS 143a**

Economies of African Countries

**ANTH 55a**

Models of Development: Third World

**ANTH 163b**

Economic Anthropology: Production and Distribution

**HS 110a**

Wealth and Poverty

**POL 159a**

The Politics of Modern Welfare State: Women, Workers, and Social Citizenship

**SOC 121a**

New Approaches to Development: Globalization and Human Development

*Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Inequalities***AAAS 147b**

Women in African Societies

**ANTH 129b**

Global, Transnational, and Diasporic Communities

**ANTH 139b**

Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

**ANTH 144a**

Anthropology of Gender

**HIST 115a**

Comparative Race and Ethnic Relations

**NEJS 187a** (formerly NEJS 148b)

Radical Islam

**NEJS 187b** (formerly NEJS 143b)

Shi'ism and Political Protest in the Middle East

**SOC 107a**

Global Apartheid and Global Social Movements

**POL 128a**

The Politics of Revolution: State Violence and Popular Insurgency in the Third World

**POL 131b**

Social Movements in Latin America