

An interdepartmental program

International and Global Studies

Courses of Study:
Minor
Major (BA)

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; Media, Communications, and the Arts; Inequality, Poverty, and Global Justice; 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 focus 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 a Minor

Students who wish to major or minor in international and global studies may choose as an advisor 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 discipline or area studies curriculum.

Students should take Introduction to 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 or IGS 8a, Economic Principles and Globalization), 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 (Introduction to International and Global Studies).

B. Core Courses: ANTH 1a (Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies); ECON 8b (Global Economy) or IGS 8a (Economic Principles and Globalization); and POL 15a (Introduction to International Relations).

C. Four courses in a specialization. The six specializations cover a range of topics; while each requires four courses from within its list of specialization courses, the specializations do have different structures. The six specializations are:

1. Cultures, Identities, and Encounters (any four courses from the course list)
2. Global Economy (three courses from the required course list and one elective)
3. Global Environment (any four courses from the course list)

4. Global Governance (any four courses from the course list)

5. Inequality, Poverty, and Global Justice (two courses from each of the two sub tracks)

6. Media, Communications, and the Arts (any four courses from the course list)

D. Electives: Two additional courses from other specializations, neither 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 Requirement: Completion of a fourth-semester course in a modern foreign language. The requirement may be fulfilled by enrolling in language courses at Brandeis or elsewhere or by providing other evidence of proficiency such as course work offered in that language.

F. International Experience Requirement: Normally, students satisfy this requirement for a semester-long study abroad program (during the academic year) approved by Brandeis's Study Abroad Office. Students may substitute an international internship for study abroad; the internship must include at least one hundred hours over at least six weeks (presumably during the summer) and must be at an organization concerned with the central issues of the IGS major. If extended international residence would be a hardship, IGS students may petition the IGS internship coordinator to undertake a U.S.-based internship directly involved in international and global issues. Students meeting this requirement with an international or domestic internship must receive permission of the IGS internship coordinator prior to starting the internship, and must enroll in IGS 89b (usually offered in the fall semester) either during or immediately after their internship.

G. Senior Thesis (optional): Exceptional students interested in completing an honors thesis as seniors should apply to the honors coordinator, preferably in the spring of their junior year. Thesis students must have a minimum GPA of 3.3 in the courses counted toward the IGS major and be engaged on a thesis project closely tied to IGS themes (as determined by the IGS honors coordinator). The student's primary thesis advisor should be an IGS faculty member — any faculty member who teaches an IGS or IGS cross-listed course. The examining committee for the thesis must include at least two other faculty members, at least one of whom teaches an IGS or IGS cross-listed course. Thesis students will register for IGS 99d (a full-year course) with the thesis advisor. The first semester of IGS 99d may be used toward the requirement of two IGS electives (see requirement D, above). IGS departmental honors are based on the examining committee's evaluation of the completed thesis and the record in courses for the IGS major.

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

I. Minimum Grade: All Brandeis courses used to fulfill the requirements of the IGS major must be taken for a letter grade (not pass/fail) and must be C or above.

Requirements for the Minor

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

B. Core Courses: ANTH 1a (Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies), ECON 8b (Global Economy) or IGS 8a (Economic Principles and Globalization), and 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.

E. Minimum Grade: All Brandeis courses used to fulfill the requirements of the IGS minor must be taken for a letter grade (not pass/fail) and must be C or above.

Courses of Instruction

(1–99) Primarily for Undergraduate Students

IGS 8a Economic Principles and Globalization

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Students who have previously taken ECON 2a and ECON 8b may not receive credit for IGS 8a.

An introduction to basic economic principles needed to understand the causes and economic effects of increased international flows of goods, people, firms, and money. Attention paid to international economic institutions (World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank), strategies for economic development, and globalization controversies (global warming, sweatshops). Usually offered every year.
Mr. Coiner

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 and between nations, regions of the globe, gender, and race. Usually offered every year.
Mr. Freeze and Mr. Ross

IGS 89b Internship Seminar in International and Global Studies

Prerequisite: IGS 10a.

A weekly seminar combined with an internship placement at an organization focusing on global matters. Academic components include readings on globalization, oral presentation on research, and a paper reflecting on the internship experience. Students are responsible for arranging their own internship placement and for contacting the instructor before the start of their internship. Usually offered every year.
Staff

IGS 92a Global Studies Internship

Usually offered every year.
Staff

IGS 98a Independent Study

Usually offered every year.
Staff

IGS 98b Independent Study

Usually offered every year.
Staff

IGS 99d Senior Research

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.
Staff

International and Global Studies: Core Courses

ANTH 1a

Introduction to the Comparative Study of Human Societies

ECON 8b

The Global Economy

IGS 8a
Economic Principles and Globalization

IGS 10a
Introduction to International and Global Studies

POL 15a
Introduction to International Relations

International and Global Studies Specializations

Cultures, Identities, and Encounters: Suggested Foundation Courses

ANTH 33b
Crossing Cultural Boundaries

HIST 61a
Cultures in Conflict since 1300

Cultures, Identities, and Encounters: Electives

AAAS 18b
Africa and the West

AAAS 125b
Caribbean Women and Globalization: Sexuality, Citizenship, Work

AAAS 145b
What Is Race?

AMST 140b
The Asian American Experience

AMST 142b
Love, Law, and Labor: Asian American Women and Literature

ANTH 80a
Anthropology of Religion

ANTH 129b
Global, Transnational, and Diasporic Communities

ANTH 139b
Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

ENG 37a
Postimperial Fictions

ENG 111b
Postcolonial Theory

ENG 155a
Literature and Empire

FA 192a
Studies in Modern Art

FREN 137a
The Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries: Plague, War, and Human Power

FREN 165b
Francophone Literature of Africa

GECS 160a
In the Shadow of the Holocaust: Global Encounters

HIST 56b
World History to 1960

HIST 71b
Latin American History, 1870 to the Present

HIST 80b
East Asia: Nineteenth Century to the Present (China and Japan)

HIST 148b
Central Asia in Modern Times

HIST 174a
The Legacy of 1898: U.S.-Caribbean Relations since the Spanish-American War

HIST 182a
Sino-American Relations from the Eighteenth Century to the Present

IMES 104a
Islam: Civilization and Institutions

MUS 31b
Music and Globalization

NEJS 144a
Jews in the World of Islam

POL 127b
Seminar: Managing Ethnic Conflict

POL 145b
The Islamic Challenge: Politics and Religion in the West

SAS 110b
South Asian Postcolonial Writers

SAS 140a
We Who Are at Home Everywhere: Narratives from the South Asian Diaspora

SAS 170b
South Asia in the Colonial Archive

SECS 169a
Travel Writing and the Americas: Columbus's Legacy

SOC 122a
The Sociology of American Immigration

SOC 128a
Religion and Globalization

WMGS 5a
Women and Gender in Culture and Society

WMGS 105b
Feminist Theories in Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspective

Global Economy: Required Courses
Student must choose three out of four courses:

BUS 70a
Business in the Global Economy

ECON 57a
Environmental Economics

ECON 60b
The Economics of International Trade Disputes

ECON 175a
Introduction to the Economics of Development

Global Economy: Electives

AAAS 80a
Economy and Society in Africa

AAAS 126b
Political Economy of the Third World

ECON 30a
The Economy of China

ECON 61a
The Economics of Reprivatization in the New Europe

ECON 122b
The Economics of the Middle East

ECON 141b
Economics of Innovation

ECON 160a
International Trade Theory

ECON 161a
International Finance

ECON 176a
The Household, Health, and Hunger in Developing Countries

POL 172b
Introduction to International Political Economy

POL 180b
Sustaining Development

Global Environment: Suggested Foundational Courses

AMST 20a
Environmental Issues

ECON 57a
Environmental Economics

Global Environment: Electives

AAAS 158a
Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

AMST 101a
American Environmental History

AMST 102a
Women, the Environment, and Social Justice

AMST 106b
Food and Farming in America

ANTH 55a
Anthropology of Development

BIOL 17b
Conservation Biology

BIOL 23a
Ecology

BIOL 134b
Tropical Ecology

BISC 2a
Human Reproduction, Population Explosion, Global Consequences

BISC 3b
Humans and the Environment

CHEM 33a
Environmental Chemistry

CHSC 3b
Solving Environmental Challenges: The Role of Chemistry

ENVS 15a
Reason to Hope: Managing the Global Commons for Peace

ENVS 17b
Global Warming and Nuclear Winter

ENVS 18b
International Environmental Conflict and Collaboration

HIST 100a
Fire and Ice: An Ecological Approach to World History

POL 180b
Sustaining Development

SOC 112a
Topics on Women and Development

Global Governance: Suggested Foundational Course

POL 172b
Introduction to International Political Economy

Global Governance: Global Challenges Sub-Area

AAAS 60a
Economics of Third World Hunger

AAAS 126b
Political Economy of the Third World

AAAS 158a
Theories of Development and Underdevelopment

ANTH 139b
Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

FREN 111a
The Republic

HIST 164b
The American Century: The U.S. and the World, 1945 to the Present

NEJS 189a
The Arab-Israeli Conflict

POL 131b
Social Movements in Latin America

POL 146b
Seminar: Topics in Revolutions in the Third World

POL 158b
Comparative Perspectives on the Law and Politics of Group Rights

POL 161b
Causes and Prevention of War

POL 163b
Gender in International Relations

POL 164a
Conflict and Peacemaking in the Middle East

POL 165a
Seminar: Globalization and Governance in the Trading System

POL 169b
U.S. Policy in the Middle East

POL 172b
Introduction to International Political Economy

SOC 112a
Topics on Women and Development

SOC 119a
War and Possibilities of Peace

Global Governance: Transnational Cooperation and Conflict Sub-Area

AAAS 163b
Africa in World Politics

LGLS 124b
International Law and Development

LGLS 125b
International Law and Organizations

LGLS 128b
Comparative Law

PHIL 19a
Human Rights

POL 127a
Ending Deadly Conflict

POL 127b
Seminar: Managing Ethnic Conflict

POL 149a
Germany and European Unification

POL 153a
The New Europe: European Economic and Political Integration

POL 160b
World Politics since 1945

POL 163a
Seminar: Human Rights and International Relations

POL 166b
Seminar: Issues in International Political Economy

POL 174b
Seminar: Problems of National Security

POL 175b
Global Civil Society

POL 176a
Seminar: International Intervention

POL 178a
The Rise of East Asia and the Pacific in the Global Political Economy

POL 180b
Sustaining Development

Media, Communications, and the Arts: Suggested Foundational Course

ANTH 26a
Communication and Media

SOC 120b
Globalization and the Media

Media, Communications, and the Arts: Defining Media Sub-Area

AMST 134b
The New Media in America

ANTH 26a
Communication and Media

ANTH 114b
Verbal Art and Cultural Performance

ANTH 130b
Visuality and Culture

ANTH 153a
Writing Systems and Scribal Traditions

SOC 146a
Mass Communication Theory

**Media, Communications, and the Arts:
Communicating across Cultures Sub-Area**

AAAS 117a
Communications and Social Change in
Developing Nations

AAAS 134b
Novel and Film of the African Diaspora

AMST 132b
International Affairs and the American
Media

ANTH 112a
African Art and Aesthetics

ANTH 184b
Cross-Cultural Art and Aesthetics

COML 122b
Writing Home and Abroad: Literature by
Women of Color

COML 160a
Contemporary East European Literature

ENG 77b
Literatures of Global English

ENG 127a
The Novel in India

ENG 127b
Migrating Bodies, Migrating Texts

ENG 187b
American Writers and World Affairs

FREN 110a
Cultural Representations

THA 115b
The Avant-Garde

Inequality, Poverty, and Global Justice

Students following the Inequality, Poverty,
and Global Justice track must choose two
courses from each sub-area below.

**Inequality, Poverty, and Global Justice:
Inequality and Development Sub-Area**

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

ANTH 55a
Anthropology of Development

ANTH 127a
Medicine, Body, and Culture

ANTH 142a
AIDS: Science, Society, and Policy

ANTH 163b
Production, Consumption, and Exchange

ECON 176a
The Household, Health, and Hunger in
Developing Countries

HS 110a
Wealth and Poverty

HSSP 102a
Global Perspectives on Health

POL 159a
Seminar: The Politics of the Modern
Welfare State: Women, Workers, and Social
Citizenship

**Inequality, Poverty, and Global Justice:
Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Inequalities Sub-
Area**

ANTH 129b
Global, Transnational, and Diasporic
Communities

ANTH 139b
Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

ANTH 144a
The Anthropology of Gender

HIST 115a
History of Comparative Race and Ethnic
Relations

NEJS 187a
Political Islam

NEJS 187b
Shi'ism and Political Protest in the Middle
East

POL 128a
The Politics of Revolution: State Violence
and Popular Insurgency in the Third World

POL 131b
Social Movements in Latin America

WMGS 5a
Women and Gender in Culture and Society