

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 adviser 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 IGS 10a (Introduction to International and Global Studies) 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 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.

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; although each requires four courses from within its list of specialization courses, the specializations have different structures. The six specializations are:

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

- Global Governance (any four courses from the course list)
- Inequality, Poverty, and Global Justice (two courses from each of the two sub-tracks)
- 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 adviser 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 adviser. 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.

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 or 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. This course may count toward the IGS major requirement as an elective outside the student's specialization. Usually offered every year.
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IGS 92a Global Studies Internship

This course is offered only for non-IGS majors, or for IGS majors engaged in approved credit-bearing internships who have been exempted from IGS 89b. Signature of the IGS internship coordinator is required. Usually offered every year.
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IGS 98a Independent Study

Usually offered every year.
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IGS 98b Independent Study

Usually offered every year.
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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.
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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: 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 33b

Crossing Cultural Boundaries

ANTH 80a

Anthropology of Religion

ANTH 129b

Global, Transnational, and Diasporic Communities

ANTH 139b

Language, Ethnicity, and Nationalism

COML 120b

Dangerous Writers and Writers in Danger

ENG 37a

Postimperial Fictions

ENG 111b

Postcolonial Theory

ENG 155a

Literature and Empire

ENG 197b

Within the Veil: African-American and Muslim Women's Writing

FA 192a

Studies in Modern Art

FREN 137a

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

FREN 165b

Francophone Literatures

GECS 160a

In the Shadow of the Holocaust: Global Encounters

HECS 169a

Travel Writing and the Americas: Columbus's Legacy

HIST 56b

World History to 1960

HIST 61a

Cultures in Conflict since 1300

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

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 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

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 119a

War and Possibilities of Peace

Global Governance: Transnational Cooperation and Conflict Sub-Area**AAAS 163b**

Africa in World Politics

ENVS 18b

International Environmental Conflict and Collaboration

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 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

ENG 77a

Screening the Tropics

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