

GLOBAL STUDIES - BA

The Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies (GLST) prepares students to take on global challenges in a workforce that needs people who can speak with nuance, clarity, and confidence about social and cultural issues at home and abroad.

Global Studies is a humanities-oriented major that emphasizes cultural literacy, integrative thinking, and the development of solutions-oriented understandings and approaches to complex global issues. A major in Global Studies prepares students for careers in education, international development, non-profit agencies and NGOs, translating and interpreting, public relations and marketing, government service, international law, international business, engineering, global health, and research.

The study of languages and culture are the foundations of the GLST curriculum. Courses focus on making connections across human and natural systems, and how people experience the cultures they live in. Course topics emphasize how literature, films, new media, arts, and built environments convey values; how ideas shape the world; and how people, communities, languages, and cultures circulate around the globe. A study abroad experience, language fluency, and a required minor are all parts of the GLST curriculum.

Program Requirements

First Year

Fall		Semester Credit Hours
ENGL 104	Composition and Rhetoric	3
GLST 201	Introduction to Global Studies ¹	3
Foreign language ²		4
Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)		3
Semester Credit Hours		13
Spring		
GLST 205	Research in Global Studies ^{1,3}	3
Foreign language ²		4
Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Global studies elective ^{1,4}		3
General elective ⁵		3
Semester Credit Hours		16

Second Year

Fall		
Foreign language ²		3
Government/Political science (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#government-political-science)		3
Language, philosophy and culture (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#language-philosophy-culture) ⁶		3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)		3

General elective ⁵	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Spring

Communication (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#communication)	3
Creative arts (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#creative-arts)	3
Foreign language ²	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
Mathematics (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#mathematics)	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Year

Fall		
GLST 300	International Experience ⁷	0
Foreign language ²		3
Global studies elective ^{1,4}		3
Global studies elective ^{1,4}		3
General elective ⁵		3
General elective ⁵		3
Semester Credit Hours		15

Spring

Select one of the following: ¹	3
GLST 400-480 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/glst/)	
GLST 485 Directed Studies	
GLST 489 Special Topics in...	
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Foreign Language ²	3
Life and physical sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#life-physical-sciences)	3
General elective ⁵	3
Semester Credit Hours	15

Fourth Year

Fall	
Select one of the following: ¹	3
GLST 400-480 (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/glst/)	
GLST 485	Directed Studies
GLST 489	Special Topics in...
American history (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#american-history)	3
Global studies elective ^{1,4}	3
General elective ⁵	3

General elective ⁵	3
Semester Credit Hours	15
Spring	
GLST 481 Seminar ^{1,3}	3
Social and behavioral sciences (https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/university-core-curriculum/#social-behavioral-sciences)	3
General elective ⁵	3
General elective ⁵	3
General elective ⁵	3
General elective ⁵	1
Semester Credit Hours	16
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

¹ Must make a grade of C or better.

² Students are required to complete 20 hours of foreign language through the advanced level. If you choose to enroll in a language you have studied previously without receiving college credit, you must first take a placement test. See the foreign language paragraph.

³ Writing-intensive course.

⁴ Select from AFST 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/afst/>), ARAB 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/arab/>), ASIA 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/asia/>), CHIN 250, CHIN 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/chin/>), CLAS 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/clas/>), EURO 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/euro/>), FREN 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/fren/>), GERM 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/germ/>), GLST 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/glst/>) (except GLST 201, GLST 205, GLST 481), HBRW 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hbrw/>), HISP 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/hisp/>), ITAL 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/ital/>), JAPN 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/japn/>), MODL 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/modl/>), PORT 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/port/>), RELS 200-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/rels/>), RUSS 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/russ/>), SPAN 300-499 (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/span/>).

⁵ Select any 100-499 course not used elsewhere. Includes 15-18 of courses used to satisfy the required minor. See the minor field of study paragraph.

⁶ Except GLST 201.

⁷ The course will be used to track student's completion of the international experience requirement (see paragraph below).

Graduation requirements include 3 hours of International and Cultural Diversity (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/international-cultural-diversity-requirements/>) courses and 3 hours of Cultural Discourse (<https://catalog.tamu.edu/undergraduate/general-information/degree-information/cultural-discourse-requirements/>) courses. A course satisfying a core category, a college/departments requirement, or a free elective can be used to satisfy

this requirement. The required 6 hours may be met by courses satisfying other areas of a degree program. See your academic advisor for further information.

Up to 6 hours of major degree hours may count toward a minor.

Minor Field of Study

All Global Studies majors are required to select a minor field of study from a department or program within or outside of the College of Arts and Sciences. The minor will consist of a minimum of 15 hours of coursework, as defined by the minor department. Minors may have specific requirements; students should consult undergraduate advisors in these areas of study. A second major may substitute for the minor. A maximum of 6 hours of courses used to meet the minor requirements may be used in the major.

Foreign Language

Students entering Global Studies take a placement exam to determine the level of and number of required foreign language courses. Exam results may fulfill a maximum of 14 semester credit hours.

- Students placed in 101 will take 101, 102, 201 and 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level in the same language.
- Students placed in 102 will take 102, 201 and 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level in the same language.
- Students placed in 201 will take 201 and 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level in the same language.
- Students placed in 202 will take 202 and 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level in the same language.
- Students placing out of 101, 102, 201 and 202 will take 6 semester credit hours at the 300- or 400-level in the same language.

International Experience Requirement

The International Experience must generate at least 3 hours of Texas A&M University credit. Departmental approval is required before travel. **Any international experience that does not meet these criteria will not count toward the degree.**

- Must be at least one long semester or one 10-week summer approved experience.
- Must be taken after completion of 100-level language requirement.
- Must be completed before student is eligible to enroll in GLST 481.
- Must be an immersion experience in the foreign culture and language, which can be satisfied by:
 - An internship at a company, government agency or non-profit operation involving significant use of the foreign language. Three hours of GLST 484 elective credit can be given.
 - Courses taken at a foreign university. Courses may count for Texas A&M University credit with approval of the advisor of the relevant department.
 - Selected Texas A&M University Study Abroad programs which involve intensive cultural and language immersion.
 - A combination of the above to equal the requirement of a long semester or a 10-week summer-approved experience.
- Must be taken outside of the student's country of origin.