

**New Undergraduate Program (Majors, Minors, Sequences) Proposal**  
**Illinois State University - University Curriculum Committee**

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**Title of New Program** Global Studies

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**Version** 1 **ID** 342  
**Proposed Starting Catalog Year** 2022-2023

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**1. Proposed Action**

- New Major
- New Minor
- New Sequence
- More than 50% of courses in this program are Distance Education

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**No** Is this program an Integrated Bachelors/Masters degree program?

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**2. Provide *Undergraduate Catalog* copy for new program.**

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The minor in Global Studies is an interdisciplinary program designed to enrich development of students as global citizens, and to prepare them for navigating an increasingly dynamic, complex and interconnected world. The minor helps students develop a global vision by promoting awareness of significant political, economic, and social interactions and impacts of those on the world. Critically examining contemporary global issues, events, processes and trends from multiple perspectives will improve adaptability and innovative problem solving, and prepare students for careers in public, private, and non-profit organizations where global knowledge, skills and commitment to diversity and sustainability matters. At the same time, a global education can help students develop greater self-awareness of their own identities and how they are connected to the larger world. The minor is highly individualized and can be tailored to enhance many major fields of study and other minor programs.

—21 hours required

**Take a minimum of 2 courses from the following:**

**Category A - Security & Governance**

Other courses with appropriate content for Category A may be approved by the program advisor

CJS 103  
CJS 360A18  
CJS 369  
GEO 311  
GEO 334  
HIS 105  
HIS 336  
POL 151  
POL 254  
POL 255  
POL 259  
POL 352  
POL 355  
POL 351  
SOC 108  
SOC 220  
SOC 333

**Take a minimum of 2 courses from the following:**

**Category B - World Markets & Development**

Other courses with appropriate content for Category B may be approved by the program advisor

AGR 201  
COM 355  
ECO 103  
ECO 202  
ECO 205  
ECO 245  
ECO 345  
ECO 346  
GEO 342  
IB 225  
MKT 350  
MQM 349  
MQM 350  
POL 358  
SOC 320  
SOC 375

**Take a minimum of 2 courses from the following:**

**Category C - Culture, Science & Technology**

Other courses with appropriate content for Category C may be approved by the program advisor

ANT 176  
ANT 185  
ART 275  
COM 272  
ENG/LAN 143  
FCS 222  
GEO 142  
GEO 331  
IDS 203  
IDS 254  
PSY 327  
WGS 120  
BSC 202  
COM 218  
GEO 100  
GEO 341  
HIS 332

HSC 156  
HSC 206  
IT 214  
PHY 207  
TEC 170  
TEC 275

**Take 1 additional course elective from any of the above categories**

Notes:

—No more than 6 hours can come from any one department. No more than 6 hours may be applied toward the student's major or another minor. At least 6 hours must be above the 100-level.

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**3. Provide a description for the proposed program.**

The minor in Global Studies allows students to choose elective courses under three categories—Security & Governance; Markets & Development; and Culture, Science & Technology. The program is highly individualized, allowing students to compose a plan of study consisting of 21 hours (7 courses). The program will draw upon existing courses from more than 20 disciplines across academic units, many of them Gen Ed courses that can serve as gateways to the Minor. The program advisor will periodically review/revise the list of course electives (about every 2 years) in light of discontinued or appropriate new course electives. In the meanwhile, students may consult with the advisor to approve other courses with appropriate content.

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**4. Provide a rationale of proposed program.**

The minor in Global Studies supports several core values and goals of Illinois State's Strategic Plan 2018-2023. It aligns with ISU's core value in "preparing students to be informed and engaged global citizens." The Minor supports Goal II.A.2 to facilitate the development and growth of interdisciplinary programs; Goal III.C.3 to infuse diverse perspectives into the curriculum, and Goal III.C.4 to increase the number of, and participation in, interdisciplinary studies and programs that explore diversity and global perspectives.

Global Studies creates a unique interdisciplinary program at ISU that will complement and enhance many student majors and other minors, while avoiding overlap with internationally-related programs such as regional/area studies. While the terms global and international are often interchanged, the National Council for Social Studies draws a clear distinction between global and international education. The two approaches are complementary but have different emphases. The Council finds that while international education generally focuses on in-depth study or comparative analyses of specific regions and cultures, global education looks more broadly at dynamic interrelated conditions across regions and cultures. It states that, "Global studies does not deal in isolation with a problem, an area of the world, or an aspect of a specific culture...An important characteristic of global studies is the analysis of problems, issues or ideas from a perspective that deals with the nature of change and interdependence." Recognizing that no one issue can be adequately studied apart from others or within a single disciplinary tradition, the three categories of the Minor curriculum ensure that students are exposed to varied political, economic and social dimensions to enhance holistic understanding of complex and interrelated global affairs. These categories include courses that address key issues identified by the United Nations as matter of concern for global citizens today.

Complementing the major or other minor degree with a Global Studies curriculum will foster analytic skills and substantive knowledge about the larger world around them, and so help prepare students for advanced graduate studies or for an increasingly competitive market requiring innovative and effective ideas, service and employment.

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**5. Describe the expected effects of the proposed program on existing campus programs (if applicable).**

Because of the number and diversity of electives offered in the proposed minor, we expect a negligible effect on any existing course or program. It is difficult to predict how many new minors the Global Studies program may attract, however based on average numbers of minors in various regional/area studies and former international studies, we might expect no more than a 1-2 seat increase in some existing courses.

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**6. Provide a sample four year plan of study demonstrating that a student could realistically complete the program requirements in a specific number of semesters.**

Please note that completion of requirements is made further realistic when students can apply up to 6 hrs. of electives to their major, and when many electives can also be taken to fulfill Gen Ed requirements.

Year 1, semester 2: Category A elective (3 credit hrs)  
Year 2, semester 1: Category A elective (3 credit hrs)  
Year 2, semester 2: Category B elective (3 credit hrs)  
Year 3, semester 1: Category B elective (3 credit hrs)  
Year 3, semester 2: Category C elective (3 credit hrs)  
Year 4, semester 1: Category C elective (3 credit hrs)  
Year 4, semester 2: Any category elective (3 credit hrs)

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**7. Describe the expected curricular changes required, including new courses. If proposals for new courses have also been submitted, please reference those related proposals here:**

N/A

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**8. Anticipated funding needs and source of funds.**

Approved by Provost 12/15/2020.

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**9. No Does this program count for teacher education?**

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**10. Yes Is this an Interdisciplinary Studies program?**

**List all departments who share in the administration of this program.**

Interdisciplinary Studies  
Economics

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**11. The following questions must be answered.**

**Yes** Have letter(s) of concurrence from affected departments/schools been obtained?  
*A departments/school is affected if it has a program with significant overlap or if it teaches a required or elective course in the program.*

- Yes** Does this minor, including all required prerequisite hours, include 18-36 hours?  
**No** Does this minor include more than 25 hours from any major department/school?  
**No** Does this minor require more than 9 hours from major program of study?

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**12. Routing and action summary for New Program:**

**1. Interdisciplinary Studies Department Curriculum Committee Chair**

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**2. Interdisciplinary Studies Department Chair/School Director**

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**3. Economics Department Chair**

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**4. Council on General Education Chair**

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**5. University Curriculum Committee Chair**

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