Global Studies (BA)

Program Description

In our globalized world, it is important for students to cultivate the skills and knowledge needed to navigate through the complex, border-crossing movements affecting diverse communities. The global studies major is a broad, interdisciplinary program with subject areas like cultures and languages, political science, history and geography that builds a deep understanding of and appreciation for shared histories, different cultural practices and customs, and interdependent social, political and economic processes that shape the world. Students are training with the cross-cultural and linguistic competencies necessary to understand and engage with the urgent issues of today's world. This program builds on Webster's strength as a global university and our multiple campuses around the world, such as Geneva, Switzerland and others. As a global studies major, students will be able to study abroad in one of our international campuses as part of their degree. These campuses may also afford students the opportunity to undertake internships with local institutions depending on their location, further enabling them to specialize in their thematic area of interest. This major provides the tools for students to better address these national and transnational challenges.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of how movements of people, ideas, policies, commodities/capital across borders intersect with local and regional socio-cultural and economic institutions and practices.
- Explain, using different disciplinary approaches, how local and regional systems interact with contemporary global issues in the world today.
- Demonstrate intermediate-high level proficiency in a language other than English, respecting cultural and linguistic norms.

Degree Requirements

For information on the general requirements for a degree, see Baccalaureate Degree Requirements under the Academic Policies and Information section of this catalog.

- 37 required credit hours
- Language proficiency up to the 3000-level
- International travel through a Webster study abroad program, an approved ISTL 2500 International Field Experience in Global Studies, or an alternative cultural high impact experience approved >> .f448.04399872 Tm [(subject areas like culD 32>> BDC BT /F1 8 Tf 1 0 0 -1 17.006-M8uE> B</MCID 52>> BDC BT /F1