

GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

Overview

We live in a world that seems to become “smaller” at an accelerated pace. Rise in global trade, rapid advances in technology, unprecedented degrees of inter-cultural communication and international travel, a growing body of international law, the growing number of global non-state actors and the seriousness of many transnational problems have been creating an increasingly connected world. This process of globalization has transformed our planet, creating new opportunities and many new challenges. The mission of the Global and International Studies program is to enable students to understand how globalization continues to evolve, and to provide an academic background which prepares them for today's many career fields that require a global perspective. Reflecting the complexity of today's world, Global Studies is an interdisciplinary major. It integrates the following disciplines:

- History, allowing us to learn about the evolution of our global civilizations;
- Anthropology and Sociology, to study the evolution of societies, societal characteristics and changes;
- Communication, to study communication between cultures and nations;
- Philosophy, to help us understand fundamental concepts such as our values and the philosophy of religions;
- Political Science, to understand the role of nation-states, international organizations, international law and private organizations in the globalization process
- Economics and business to study the growth of trade and its effects
- Environmental Studies to explore the many ecological problems related to economic growth and the dramatic rise in global population.
- Foreign languages to help us understand other people and communicate more effectively across national barriers.

Combining these academic disciplines into one interdisciplinary, colorful major – in order to understand the rapidly unfolding process of globalization – is the objective of our program.

Requirements

Associate Degree Graduation Requirements

Complete all of the following:

1. All Major Requirements listed below with a “C” or better or “P” in each course (at least 20% of the major requirements must be completed through SBCC).
2. One of the following General Education options:
 - a. OPTION 1: SBCC General Education (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/degrees-certificates-awards/#associateddegreeestext>) pattern OR
 - b. OPTION 2: Cal-GETC (<https://catalog.sbccc.edu/transfer-curricula/#igetctext>) pattern
3. A minimum of 60 semester units of degree-applicable college credit (SBCC courses numbered 100 and higher and C1000 and higher).

4. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher in degree-applicable coursework.
5. A minimum of 12 units through SBCC.

Code	Title	Units
Major Requirements		
Required Core		9-10
GLST 101	Introduction to Global Studies	
GLST 102	Global Problems	
POLS 121	International Politics	
or POLS 121H	International Politics, Honors	
or POLS 131	Comparative Politics	
List A - Complete three courses from the following Electives, from different disciplines: ¹		9-15
ANTH 103	Introduction To Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 109	Comparative World Cultures	
ART 104		
or ART 104H		
ART 108	History of Asian Art	
ART 110	History of Women in Art	
ART 111	Arts of Africa, Oceania, and Indigenous America, Beginnings to Present	
ART 215	Survey Of Non-Western Art	
ART 216	Survey Of Islamic Art And Architecture	
COMM 151	Intercultural Communication	
ECON 101		
or ECON 101H		
or ECON 102		
or ECON 102H		
IBUS 102	Introduction to International Business	
ENG 232	World Literature: 17th Century to Present	
ENVS 110	Humans And The Biological Environment	
ERTH 141/ GEOG 101	Physical Geography	
GEOG 102	Human Geography	
GEOG 105/ ERTH 142	Economic Geography	
HIST 102		
or HIST 102H		
HIST 104	History of Western Civilization	
or HIST 113H	History Of Western Civilization: 1600 To Present, Honors	
HIST 107	World Civilization, Beginnings to 1550	
HIST 108	World Civilization, 1550 to Present	
HIST 110	History of American Women	
or HIST 110H	History Of American Women (Honors)	
HIST/ENVS 112	American Environmental History	
HIST 120	Modern Europe	
HIST 133	History of Latin America	
HIST 134	History Of Latin America: 1800'S To Modern Period	

HIST 138	History of the Modern Middle East
MUS 118	World Music
PHIL 102	Comparative World Religions
POLS 121	International Politics ²
or POLS 121H	International Politics, Honors
POLS 122	International Organizations: Global and Regional Governance
POLS 131	Comparative Politics ²
SOC 101	Introduction To Sociology
or SOC 101H	Introduction to Sociology, Honors
SOC 109	Social Problems
SOC 115	Introduction To Social Research
or PSY 200	Research Methods and Experimental Design in Psychology
STAT C1000	Introduction to Statistics
or PSY 150	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
or SOC 125	Introduction to Statistics in Sociology
Any foreign language courses offered at SBCC, i.e., language acquisition courses (101, 102, 103, 104, 150, 160)	
Total Units	
18.00-25.00	

¹ It is highly recommended that students intending transfer select their courses in consultation with an academic counselor to ensure that they meet the requirements of four-year institutions.

² POLS 121 or 121H or 131 may count toward the Electives requirement if not previously used to satisfy Core Requirements (listed above).

Learning Outcomes

1. Describe key developments in the ongoing process of globalization
2. Analyze the concept of global interdependence with reference to various characteristics of globalization and to specific global problems
3. Connect concepts related to political, economic, cultural and ecological globalization with events discussed in contemporary news

Recommended Sequence

Make an appointment with your SBCC academic counselor through Starfish to create a Student Education Plan that reflects a recommended course sequence for this program that is tailored to your individual needs.

How to schedule an Academic Counseling appointment (<https://www.sbccc.edu/counselingcenter/counselingappointments.php>).