

## MAJOR AND MINOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES

### I. Objectives

The Global Studies programme is designed to nurture students' ability to recognize and exploit the interconnections between the cultural, political, and economic forces transforming individuals and organizations in a globalizing world. The programme aims to:

- provide students with basic knowledge and conceptual frameworks of globalization and global studies;
- develop students' ability in critical analysis of complex global issues in a globalizing world;
- equip students with necessary international perspectives and communicative competencies to answer the challenge of globalization;
- enable students integrate theories and methods of different disciplines into interdisciplinary global studies;
- prepare students embrace diverse globalized environments in future careers.

### II. Programme structure

Components	No. of credits	
	Major	Minor
a) Introductory courses		
i) disciplinary	6	6
ii) pre-requisites*	12	-
b) Advanced courses		
i) core courses	18	12
ii) disciplinary electives	30	18
iii) capstone experience	6	-

\* Candidates who opt to declare two major programmes offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences should avoid selecting overlapping pre-requisites.

- a) Introductory courses (18 credits for major; 6 credits for minor)
- Disciplinary course POLI1003. Making sense of politics (6 credits)
  - Two pre-requisite courses from the following five units, but not more than one from a single unit (12 credits):  
Faculty of Social Sciences (SINO1002)  
Geography (GEOG1002/ 1003/ 1005/ 1012/ 1016/ 1017)  
Psychology (PSYC1001 / 1004)  
Social Work and Social Administration (SOWK1001/ 1002/ 1004/ 1011/ 1012/ 1013)  
Sociology (SOC1001/ 1003)
- b) Advanced courses (54 credits for major; 30 credits for minor)
- Core courses (18 credits for major; 12 credits for minor)

Candidates who major in this programme must complete three courses (6 credits each,

total 18 credits), and candidates who minor must complete two courses (total 12 credits), from the following list. Once the core requirements are fulfilled, other courses from these lists may be taken to fulfill the elective requirement:

- POLI2106. Introduction to international relations (6 credits)
- POLI3078. Humanity in globalization (6 credits)
- POLI3079. Global justice (6 credits)
- POLI3080. Global political economy (6 credits)

ii) Disciplinary electives (30 credits for major; 18 credits for minor)

Candidates who **major** in this programme must complete at least 5 elective courses from the course list below and no more than three from any single department or unit. Candidates who **minor** in this programme must complete at least 3 elective courses from the course list below and no more than two from any single department or unit. The following courses are grouped by subject areas.

1) Globalization and Sustainable Development

Students enrolled in this stream of study will come to understand the dynamics of economic globalization. Students completing this stream will gain a general appreciation for the features and mechanisms of cross-border economic interactions, as well as a specific understanding of the social and environmental impacts of globalization on development. Those students interested in this stream may find career opportunities in multinational corporations and international development agencies appealing.

- ECON2262. Economic development (6 credits)
- GEOG2013. Sustainable development (6 credits)
- GEOG2030. Global development (6 credits)
- GEOG2128. Economic geography (6 credits)
- GEOG3419. Sustainable urban and transport planning (6 credits)
- POLI3005. Capitalism and social justice (6 credits)
- POLI3081. Workshop in Global Studies (6 credits)
- POLI3089. Global Studies internship (12 credits)
- POLI3114. Understanding fair trade – a global movement (6 credits)
- SOCI2009. Economic development and social change (6 credits)
- STRA3702. International business (6 credits)
- STRA4703. Business in Latin America (6 credits)

2) Global Governance and Security

Students enrolled in this stream of study will come to understand the role of globalization as a force of destabilization and destruction, as well as reconstruction and renaissance. Students completing this stream will be familiar with the role that war, crime, political disruption, and economic instability each play in the history and contemporary patterns of globalization. Those students interested in this stream may find career opportunities in risk-analysis, peacekeeping operations, and state-military organizations appealing

- GEOG2109. Changing population structure in modern society (6 credits)
- GEOG2124. Environmental change and socio-political conflicts (6 credits)
- GEOG2127. Environmental management (6 credits)
- POLI3010. Democracy and its critics (6 credits)
- POLI3081. Workshop in Global Studies (6 credits)
- POLI3088. Human security in the global context (6 credits)
- POLI3089. Global Studies internship (12 credits)
- POLI3099. Perspectives and practice in world politics (6 credits)
- POLI3103. Politics of the Global South (6 credits)
- POLI3113. On the ethics of violence (6 credits)
- POLI3119. Causes of international war (6 credits)
- SOCI2054. Triads and organized crime (6 credits)
- SOCI2076. Globalization and crime (6 credits)

### 3) Globalization, Society, and Culture

Students enrolled in this stream of study will come to understand the impact of globalization on groups, large and small. Students completing this stream will be familiar with the multiple ways that global forces shape and re-shape the lives of individuals and cultures, from consumer preferences to religious affiliations. Those students interested in this stream may find career opportunities in socially conscious NGO's particularly appealing.

- CLIT2050. Globalization and culture (6 credits)
- GEOG2018. Transport geography (6 credits)
- GEOG2056. Tourism and the shrinking world (6 credits)
- GEOG2096. Human impacts on ecosystems (6 credits)
- GEOG3211. Climate change and social responses (6 credits)
- GEOG3307. Cultural tourism in Hong Kong, Macau and south China (6 credits)
- POLI3081. Workshop in Global Studies (6 credits)
- POLI3085. Globalization and health care policy (6 credits)
- POLI3089. Global Studies internship (12 credits)
- POLI3093. Understanding social protest (6 credits)
- POLI3114. Understanding fair trade – a global movement (6 credits)
- SOCI2002. Social stratification and social class: finding and knowing your place (6 credits)
- SOCI2061. Religion and society (6 credits)
- SOCI2087. Urban society and culture (6 credits)
- SOWK2122. Community building and the civil society (6 credits)

### 4) Globalization and Asia

Students enrolled in this stream of study will come to understand the consequences of globalization for East Asia's political, economic, social, cultural, ecological, and security development. Students completing this stream will be familiar with major dilemmas and various strategies for coping with the forces of globalization in the region. Those students interested in this stream may find career opportunities in think tanks and international organizations concerned with East Asia appealing.

- ECON2264. Economic development of China (6 credits)

ECON2249.	Foreign trade and investment in China (6 credits)
FINA2333.	Asian financial institutions (6 credits)
GEOG2082.	Economic development in rural China (6 credits)
GEOG2126.	Globalizing China: the land and the people (6 credits)
GEOG3102.	China: environment and sustainable development (6 credits)
GEOG3104.	Globalizing China: development issues (6 credits)
POLI3012.	East Asian political economy (6 credits)
POLI3019.	Hong Kong and the world (6 credits)
POLI3022.	Contemporary Chinese politics (6 credits)
POLI3052.	International relations of East Asia (6 credits)
POLI3059.	China and the world (6 credits)
POLI3061.	Hong Kong and South China: the political economy of regional development and cooperation (6 credits)
POLI3081.	Workshop in Global Studies (6 credits)
POLI3089.	Global Studies internship (12 credits)
POLI3114.	Understanding fair trade – a global movement (6 credits)
POLI3123.	Politics of the two Koreas (6 credits)
SOCI2003.	Contemporary Chinese society (6 credits)
SOCI2018.	Japanese society (6 credits)
SOCI2075.	Hong Kong: Community and cultural policy in the global context (6 credits)
SOCI2077.	Media, culture and communication in contemporary China (6 credits)

iii) capstone experience (*for major only*)

Candidates who major in this programme must complete one of the following courses:

POLI4092.	Capstone experience: research internship in politics and public administration (6 credits)
POLI4109.	Capstone experience: directed project in politics and public administration (6 credits)