

# GLOBAL STUDIES, BALAS

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts & Sciences Major in Global Studies

## 5 Year BALAS/MA in Global Studies and European Union Studies

The Program in Global Studies with the European Union Center offers a 5-year BALAS /MA degree program in Global Studies and the Master of Arts in European Union Studies (MAEUS). In order to be admitted to this degree program, students apply through a joint application process to their BALAS-granting program and the European Union Center during their third year of studies. Requirements for this degree program are identical to those for the stand-alone BALAS and for the stand-alone MAEUS. Students will receive both degrees when the requirements are met for the degrees; the BALAS and MA degrees will be conferred separately and independently. More detailed information may be obtained from department and EUC offices.

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A Major Plan of Study Form must be completed and submitted to the Global Studies academic advisor before the end of the fourth semester (60 hours) and prior to the required study abroad. Please see your advisor.

**Departmental distinction:** The department may award distinction, high distinction, or highest distinction to any Global Studies major whose overall and major grade point averages are 3.25 or higher, who successfully completes 3 hours of GLBL 494 or other approved research methods course and who completes a distinction research project. See the departmental academic advisor for details.

**General education:** Students must complete the Campus General Education (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>) requirements including the campus general education language requirement.

**Minimum required major and supporting course work:** 51-55 hours and includes a semester-long full-time study abroad program and at least 12 hours of 300- or 400-level courses.

**Minimum hours required for graduation:** Minimum hours for graduation is 120, to include a minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework at the 300- and 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Additional hours needed to reach the 40 hour minimum are chosen in consultation with advisor.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Orientation and Professional Development</b>		
LAS 101	Design Your First Year Experience	1
OR		
LAS 100 & LAS 101	Success in LAS for International Students and Design Your First Year Experience	3
OR		

LAS 102	Transfer Advantage	1
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>1 or 3</b>

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### Major Requirements and Electives

#### Interdisciplinary Foundations Requirements

GLBL 100	Intro to Global Studies	3
Global Studies Seminars. Select three sections from GLBL 296 OR one GLBL 298 section and one GLBL 296 section		3-7
Social Science Core Courses (select one course from four disciplines)		12

Anthropology: ANTH 230, ANTH 268, ANTH 270

Economics: ECON 202, ECON 420, ECON 450

Geography: GIS 204, GIS 210, GIS 221

Global Studies: GLBL 200

History: HIST 258, HIST 259, HIST 274

Linguistics: LING 222

Political Science: PS 241, PS 280/PS 281, PS 282

Sociology: SOC 226, SOC 270, SOC 350, SOC 364

#### Language, Culture Studies and Study Abroad Requirements

Advanced Language Coursework (select two). Select courses in a language other than your primary language(s). 6

Arabic: ARAB 405, ARAB 406

Chinese: CHIN 305, CHIN 306

French: FR 205, FR 207, FR 211, FR 212, FR 313, FR 314, FR 413

German: GER 211, GER 212, GER 320

Hebrew: HEBR 405, HEBR 406

Hindi: HNDI 405, HNDI 406

Italian: ITAL 200, ITAL 210, ITAL 220, ITAL 310, ITAL 380

Japanese: JAPN 305, JAPN 306

Korean: KOR 305, KOR 306

Persian: PERS 453, PERS 454

Portuguese: PORT 402, PORT 403

Quechua: LAST 445

Russian: RUSS 301, RUSS 302

Spanish: SPAN 200, SPAN 204, SPAN 208, SPAN 228

Swahili: SWAH 405, SWAH 406

Turkish: TURK 405, TURK 406

Wolof: WLOF 405, WLOF 406

Regional Area Studies. 200- to 400-level courses which complement the language requirement must include work in at least two disciplinary departments. Area Studies and Language must be geographically related and correspond to language and study abroad location. 9

One Semester (Fall or Spring) Study Abroad. Students study a variety of subjects in an approved study abroad program that furthers their language and cultural knowledge or their cultural and thematic area knowledge. Students must be enrolled full-time to receive credit toward this requirement.

#### Thematic Area Requirements

Students choose an approved thematic area and, in consultation with a Global Studies advisor, construct an appropriate customized curriculum of a minimum of 18 hours. Students cannot include more than 3 hours of 100-level work and must complete a minimum of 9 hours of 300- and 400-level coursework. Courses must be taken from more than one department. Approved thematic areas are:

- A. Cultures in Contact
- B. Wealth and Poverty in a Globalized World
- C. Human Rights
- D. Governance, Conflict and Resolution
- E. Knowledge, Communication and Information Systems
- F. Environment, Sustainability, and Social Responsibility
- G. Global Health

Optional Senior Capstone. Students do an individual research project (GLBL 200, GBL 494, LAS 494, and, optionally, GBL 495) based on their Thematic Area.

Minimum Major Hours	51-55
Total Hours	120

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## Sample Sequence

This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a fourth level of a language other than English. See the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

### First Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
LAS 101	3	1 Social Science Core course	3
GLBL 100	3	3 General Education course	3
Social Science Core course	3	3 General Education course	3
Language Other than English (3rd level)	4	4 Language Other Than English (4th level)	4
Composition I or General Education course	3	4 General Education course or Composition I	3
	15		16

### Second Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Social Science Core course	3	3 Social Science Core course	3
Thematic Area course	3	3 Thematic Area course	3
Advanced Language course	3	3 Advanced Language course	3
General Education course	3	3 General Education course	3
Free elective course	3	3 Free elective course	3
	15		15

### Third Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Thematic Area course	3	3 Regional Area Studies course	3
Thematic Area course	3	3 Regional Area Studies course	3
Global Studies Seminar	1	1 Regional Area Studies course	3
General Education course	3	3 Free elective course	3
General Education course	3	3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3		
	16		15

### Fourth Year

First Semester	Hours	Second Semester	Hours
Global Studies Seminar course	1	1 Global Studies Seminar course	1
Thematic Area course	3	3 Thematic Area course	3
General Education course	3	3 General Education course	3
General Education course	3	3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course	3	3 Free elective course	3
Free elective course	2		
	15		13

### Total Hours 120

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Global Studies majors will be able to:

1. Discover how complex, interdependent global systems (natural, environmental, social, cultural, economic, and political) affect and are affected by the local identities and ethical choices of individuals and institutions.

2. Develop new skills in how to research these interconnections through data collection, analysis, building familiarity with academic literature, and writing.
3. Apply knowledge to promote inquiry, discover solutions, and generate new ideas and creative works, and develop the capacity to conduct independent research in graduate and professional environments.
4. Gain social awareness and cultural understanding through intensive experiential, cross-cultural coursework, advanced language study, and study abroad.
5. Acquire effective leadership and community engagement capacities by developing the ability to make deliberate and independent choices about intellectual and professional trajectories. To do so, students will combine coursework and experiential learning with leadership opportunities (such as the Global Studies Leaders), along with fieldwork, RSO engagement, a semester abroad, volunteer opportunities, and internships with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

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## **Global Studies (<https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/>)**

Global Studies faculty (<https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/directory/faculty-and-staff/>)

Global Studies advising (<https://globalstudies.illinois.edu/academics/advising/>)

## **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (<https://las.illinois.edu/>)**

Overview of LAS Admissions & Requirements (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/schools/las/>)