

# GLOBAL SYSTEMS MINOR

**Banner Code:** GLOS

## Academic Advising

359 Research Hall  
Fairfax Campus

Global systems have become increasingly important to the way we live and work, and a global perspective makes us more aware of how we are connected to others around the world and to the whole of nature.

The interdisciplinary minor in global systems is designed to complement virtually any undergraduate major. It works well for majors in business disciplines, economics, languages, geography, government and international politics, history, and other disciplines that take a global view. Students in professional programs learn to connect their professional concerns to global issues of health care, trade and finance, or technology. Students in the liberal arts gain insights into their disciplines as they learn how the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences are affected by global issues such as demographic change, telecommunications, and environmental protection.

Other globally oriented courses may also fulfill or substitute for the requirements of this program with written permission of the coordinator prior to registration.

This is an interdisciplinary minor offered by the Schar School of Policy and Government and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

## Faculty

Lopez-Santana (minor advisor)

## Admissions & Policies

### Policies

Students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. At least 9 credits must be at the 300 level or above. Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP.5.3.4 Minors.

## Requirements

### Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

#### Required Course

| Code                                  | Title   | Credits |
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| Select one course from the following: |   |         |
| GLOA 101                              | Introduction to Global Affairs (Mason Core)         | 3       |
| GOVT 132                              | Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) |         |

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| HIST 125      | Introduction to World History (Mason Core) |   |
| Total Credits |  | 3 |

### Electives

Select five electives from at least two of the following fields: <sup>1</sup> 15

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| <b>Field A: Government, geography, and administration of justice</b>  |   |  |
| GOVT 132  | Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core)     |  |
| GOVT 444  | Issues in International Studies                         |  |
| CRIM 405  | Law and Justice around the World (Mason Core)           |  |
| GGS 101   | Major World Regions (Mason Core)                        |  |
| GGS 301   | Political Geography                                     |  |
| GGS 303   | Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core)         |  |
| GGS 304   | Population Geography (Mason Core)                       |  |
| GGS 305   | Economic Geography                                      |  |
| <b>Field B: Economics, anthropology, marketing, history, and sociology</b>  |   |  |
| ANTH 300  | Civilizations   |  |
| ANTH 312  | Political Anthropology (Mason Core)                     |  |
| ANTH 331  | Refugees (Mason Core)                                   |  |
| ANTH 375  | Culture, Power, History                                 |  |
| ECON 360  | Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core)              |  |
| ECON 361  | Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core)      |  |
| ECON 380  | Economies in Transition (Mason Core)                    |  |
| ECON 390  | International Economics (Mason Core)                    |  |
| HIST 387  | Topics in Global History (Mason Core)                   |  |
| MKTG 407  | Global Marketing  |  |
| SOCI 332  | The Urban World (Mason Core)                            |  |
| <b>Field C: Environmental science, global health, systems engineering, urban and suburban studies, civil and infrastructure engineering</b> |   |  |
| BIOL 377  | Applied Ecology   |  |
| CEIE 100  | Environmental Engineering around the World (Mason Core) |  |
| CEIE 450  | Environmental Engineering Systems                       |  |
| GCH 543   | Global Health   |  |
| USST 301  | Urban Growth in a Shrinking World                       |  |
| <b>Field D: Modes of communication</b>  |   |  |
| COMM 305  | Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) |  |
| COMM 456  | Comparative Mass Media (Mason Core)                     |  |
| DANC 118  | World Dance (Mason Core)                                |  |
| MUSI 103  | Musics of the World (Mason Core)                        |  |
| MUSI 431  | Music History in Society III (Mason Core)               |  |

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| THR 359       | World Stages (Mason Core) |    |
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| Total Credits |                           | 15 |

<sup>1</sup> Other globally-oriented courses may also be applied to this requirement with written approval of the director.