GLOBAL STUDIES

Global Studies Concentration

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary academic area that draws from a wide range of disciplines in the Humanities, the Sciences and the Arts to examine global processes and events and their effects at a local level. For the last two decades the world has been undergoing a sustained reorganization along economic, social, political, cultural, technological and environmental lines that cut across national boundaries. WSU has also experienced an increased global connectivity, integration and interdependence, and witnessed the emergence of planet wide issues such as climate change, poverty, new technologies and entrenched wars. In response to these real world events, Global Studies has emerged as a dynamic interdisciplinary academic field to study the forces shaping these complex processes.

The mission of the Global Studies concentration is to prepare students to understand international affairs and provide them with a solid background for decision-making in an increasingly interdependent world community. Students are encouraged to connect their knowledge of a particular region of the world to larger transnational processes and to examine their identities in a global frame. The interdisciplinary concentration in Global Studies will give students added skills to function in a global market and the depth of understanding necessary to be responsible citizens of planet Earth.

Requirements for a Concentration in Global Studies:
15 credits

Students are required to take a total of five Global Studies courses starting with GL-150 (Required) plus four electives chosen from across various disciplines. One of the elective courses has to be at a 200 level and another at either a 300 or 400 level. No more than two courses can be counted from the same department. Students are strongly encouraged to elect a world language course other than English and/or a study abroad course that meets the Global Studies criteria.

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary program drawing from the faculty of all departments at Worcester State University. Each faculty member's information can be found at the respective department for each of the courses.

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Global Studies Courses

GL-150 Introduction to Global Studies
This course analyzes the forces reorganizing the planet along economic, social, political, cultural, technological and environmental lines across national boundaries.
Every year. 3 Credits

GL/BI-199 Selected Topics in Biological Sciences
Each topic is a lecture and/or laboratory course in a selected area of the biological sciences presented by a departmental instructor. Topics will be announced in advance.
1-4 Credits

GL/BI-202 Principles of Ecology
LASC Categories: NLL, WAC
Prerequisites: BI-106 or BI-140, one course from MA-110 MA-180 MA-150 MA-190 or MA-200 and EN-102, EN-202, or EN-250
Basic ecological theory relating to organism-environment interactions; population dynamics, and ecosystems. Three hours of lecture and a three-hour laboratory per week.
4 Credits

GL/BA-440 International Business and Management
Prerequisites: BA-316 BA-318
Study and analyze the nature, structures and strategies of international/global businesses. Examine international markets, economic systems, value-chains and core competencies of a firm.
3 Credits

GL/BA-494 International Marketing
Prerequisites: EC-120 BA-318
With the rapid and continuous changes in global environment we will examine the complex issues in international marketing faced by today's manager.
3 Credits

GL/BI-112 Diseases and Mankind
LASC Categories: NSP, GP
Diseases of ancient and modern man; the impact on history, religion, science, art and philosophy.
3 Credits

GL/BI-114 Plants and Human Affairs
LASC Categories: GP, NSP
Man's dependence upon plants and their influence on civilization and its art, religions, literature, folklore, medicine, and human behavior.
3 Credits

GL/AR-112 World Art Survey I
LASC Categories: TLC, CA
Surveys the world's major cultural achievements in the visual arts from the prehistoric period to ca 1400.
3 Credits

GL/AR-113 World Art Survey II
LASC Categories: CA, TLC
Major cultural achievements in the visual arts from ca 1400 to the early twentieth century.
3 Credits

GL/BA-305 Organizational Behavior
Prerequisites: BA-200
Study of organizational effectiveness and quality of working life, through individual, organizational, and contextual level theories and practices.
3 Credits

GL/BA-430 Administrative Practices and Management
Prerequisites: BA-305
Overview and analysis of human conduct in work-organization settings.
3 Credits

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GL/CH-106 Paper Or Plastics?
LASC Categories: NSP
Students will study modern issues related to chemistry. These will include sustainability, green chemistry, climate change and ozone layer.
3 Credits

GL/CH-320 Environmental Chemistry
Prerequisites: CH-120 and either CH-121 or CH-201
Chemistry of the atmosphere, soil, and natural water systems, air and water pollution water treatment, hazardous wastes and pollution control.
3 Credits

GL/CM-107 Journalism and Democracy
This course introduces students to the history of American journalism and the role of journalism in democratic and non-democratic societies.
3 Credits

GL/CM-191 Special Topics
Introductory course to cover various topics
3 Credits

GL/CM-271 Media and Globalization
This course examines the emergence of global media and its impact on the development of a global world.
3 Credits

GL/CM-350 Intercultural Communication
Prerequisites: CM-100
Introductory communication theory and practice across cultural groups defined by race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, nationality, politics and economics.
3 Credits

GL/CM-390 Alternative Communication
Prerequisites: CM-103
This course introduces students to the theory and practice of alternative communication and its relationship with culture and politics. [Cross-listed with WO/CM-390.]
3 Credits

GL/EC-210 Current Economic Issues
Prerequisites: EC-110 EC-120
This course is designed to connect economic knowledge and theory acquired at the introductory level to current economic issues and policy.
3 Credits

GL/EC-307 International Finance
Study of how international trade and investment is financed in a world of floating, fixed and managed exchange rate systems.
3 Credits

GL/EC-308 International Trade
LASC Categories: GP
Prerequisites: EC-110 EC-120
3 Credits

GL/EC-403 Special Topics in Economics
Prerequisites: EC-200 and EC-201
Covered selected topics in economics of mutual interest to the student and faculty.
1-3 Credits

GL/ED-271 International and Comparative Education
LASC Categories: ICW, GP
This course compares the educational policies to practices and outcomes to two or more countries
3 Credits

GL/ED-339 Children's Literature: Multicultural Literature for PK-9
LASC Categories: HB, TLC, DAC
Facets of literature for children and criteria for the selection of each, techniques and preparation and use.
3 Credits

GL/EN-107 Journalism and Democracy
This course introduces students to the history of American journalism and the role of journalism in democratic and non-democratic societies.
3 Credits

GL/EN-132 World Literature: Survey of Asian, African and Latin American Literature
LASC Categories: DAC, GP, TLC
3 Credits

GL/EN-167 Literature and Human Rights
LASC Categories: GP, DAC, HBS
An analysis of international creative writing dealing with the subject of human rights. Resource persons from different fields will be utilized.
3 Credits

GL/EN-169 Ethnic Literature in the U.S.
LASC Categories: TLC, USW, DAC
3 Credits

GL/EN-240 Survey of Postcolonial and Transcultural Literature
LASC Categories: GP
Prerequisites: EN-102 or EN-250
Introduction to literatures in English from formerly colonized countries in Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean, and from the postcolonial diaspora.
3 Credits

GL/EN-348 Postcolonial Women's Writing
LASC Categories: GP
Prerequisites: EN-102
Writing by women from colonized and formerly colonized countries on local and global issues shaping women's lives and creative expression.
3 Credits

GL/EN-400 Seminar
Prerequisites: EN-102
Student presentations on individual figures and particular problems in literature.
3 Credits

GL/EN-450 Special Topics in English
Prerequisites: EN-102
Specific content will vary in response to particular student and faculty interests.
3 Credits

GL/FR-191 Special Topics in French
An introductory level course in French on current or specialized topics.
3 Credits

GL/FR-210 Intermediate French I
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Prerequisites: FR-102
Review of fundamentals and presentation of more complex grammatical features; development of conversational skills; selected readings, written and oral composition.
3 Credits
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<td>GL/FR-211</td>
<td>Intermediate French II</td>
<td>TLC, GP</td>
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<td>GL/FR-321</td>
<td>Advanced French Composition</td>
<td>TLC, WAC</td>
<td>Prerequisites: EN-102 or EN-250 or EN-202 Practice in diverse composition styles as well as review of grammar, and introduction to reading French texts. Conducted in French. [Prerequisite: Two 200-level French courses.]</td>
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<td>GL/FR-323</td>
<td>Advanced French Conversation</td>
<td>TLC</td>
<td>Prerequisites: 2 courses From Subject FR; From Levels 200 300 400; Pronunciation and comprehension exercises, discussions, practice in paragraph, essay and letter writing.</td>
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<td>GL/FR-346</td>
<td>Twentieth Century French Literature</td>
<td>GP, TLC</td>
<td>Prerequisites: 2 courses From Subjects FR; From Levels 200; Major novelists, dramatists, and poets from the turn of the century to the present. Conducted in French.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-102</td>
<td>Human Geography</td>
<td>HBS, GP</td>
<td>Introduction to human geography, emphasizing globalization, human-environment relations, and other processes of change. Spatial patterns and spatial interaction in human activities, including population, development, economics, politics, urbanization and culture.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-110</td>
<td>World Regional Geography I</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>This survey examines characteristics of land and peoples of Europe and Asia.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-111</td>
<td>World Regional Geography II</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Analysis of the physical, cultural and economic regions of Africa, Oceania and the Americas.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-255</td>
<td>Geography of Africa</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Prerequisites: one of the following: GE-102, GL/GE-102, GE-111, GL/GE-111, GL-150, SO-100, SO-110, UR-101. Analysis of the physical and human geography of Africa.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-258</td>
<td>Global Environmental Change</td>
<td>GP, TLC</td>
<td>Prerequisites: one course from GE-102, GL/GE-102, GS-101, GS-150 NS-150 and UR-101 or CH-106 Introduction to the science, political economy and ethics of global environmental change.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-285</td>
<td>Sustainable Communities</td>
<td>HBS, USW</td>
<td>Prerequisites: one of the following: GE-102, GL/GE-102, GL-150, EC-110, EC-120. Exploration of changes in US and global economic landscape, 1970 to present. Approaches to sustainable economic development.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-308</td>
<td>Environment and Development</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Prerequisites: GE-258. The global ecology of rich and poor environmental implications of poverty, economic development, mass consumption, globalization and demographic change.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-312</td>
<td>Sustainable Food Systems</td>
<td>GP, SO</td>
<td>Prerequisites: GE-102 and one 200 level course from subjects GE GS SO UR Overview of the structure, evolution, costs and benefits of the global food system. Exploration of local and global alternatives.</td>
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<td>GL/GE-360</td>
<td>Geography of the Middle East</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Prerequisites: GE-102 The Middle East: geography, society, economics and political structure.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-202</td>
<td>Introduction to Global Health</td>
<td>ICW, GP, DAC</td>
<td>This course is an overview and will focus on the developing world from a population and prevention perspective.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-403</td>
<td>Department Workshop in Community Health</td>
<td>GP, DAC</td>
<td>The subject matter of this course will be reflective of the changing issues within the field of community health.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-390</td>
<td>Environmental Health</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Examination of the issues affecting the environment and their impact on individual and global health.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-400</td>
<td>Departmental Workshop</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Current issues in Health.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-102</td>
<td>World Civilization I</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Surveys economic, social, political and intellectual developments of world civilizations and their inter-relationship from ancient times to 1500.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-104</td>
<td>World Civilization II</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Surveys economic, social, political, and intellectual development of world civilizations and their inter-relationship from 1500 to 1914.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-105</td>
<td>World Civilization III</td>
<td>GP</td>
<td>Surveys economic, social, political, and intellectual development of world civilizations and their inter-relationship from 1914 to the present.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-112</td>
<td>US History II</td>
<td>CON, USW</td>
<td>From the Civil War era to the present. Topics include politics, society, economy, diplomacy, and culture in Modern America.</td>
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<td>GL/GC-193</td>
<td>Special Topics in History for First Year Students</td>
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<td>Introductory level course covering topics of special interest to first year students. Offered only as a First Year Seminar.</td>
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GL/HI-201 International Relations I
LASC Categories: USW, GP, WAC
Prerequisites: PO-101, or HI-103, or HI-104, and EN-102. Theory and practice of international security (realism and internationalism) and international political economy (liberalism and protectionism) in their historical context. 3 Credits

GL/HI-202 International Relations II
LASC Categories: USW, GP, WAC
Prerequisites: one of the following: PO-101, or HI-103, or HI-104, and EN-102. The promise and problems of globalization (spread of free market capitalism and political democracy). 3 Credits

GL/HI-204 History of Science and Technology
Progress of science from the Enlightenment, including applied science or technology from the 19th century. Complements History of Mathematics. 3 Credits

GL/HI-205 Native America
This survey covers the broad sweep of native American history and focuses on the encounter between American and European civilizations and how Native culture has adapted through the centuries. 3 Credits

GL/HI-208 American Immigrant History
Survey of immigration. Topics such as old-world background, impact on US, nativism, cultural pluralism, religion, mobility, family and politics. 3 Credits

GL/HI-213 Colonial Latin America
The People of Latin America from Pre-Columbian societies to the wars for independence, focusing on race, sex and power. 3 Credits

GL/HI-214 Modern Latin America
LASC Categories: TLC, GP, DAC
The people of Latin America from independence to the present, focusing on race, sex and power. 3 Credits

GL/HI-221 African-American History I
The people of African descent from the emergence of the slave trade to the Civil War, focusing on race, gender, and power. 3 Credits

GL/HI-224 English History I
Prerequisites: HI-103 or HI-104
English history from earliest settlement to the reign of Elizabeth I. Origins of the Common Law, Parliament, and English liberty. 3 Credits

GL/HI-225 English History II
Prerequisites: HI-224
English history through the English Revolution, the Industrial Revolution, the British Empire, the World Wars, and decline. 3 Credits

GL/HI-226 Latin American History Through Film
This course will explore how filmmakers have portrayed Latin American History in their movies. 3 Credits

GL/HI-230 Nicaragua, the US and the World
LASC Categories: USW, DAC, TLC
This course will examine the impact of globalization and imperialism on the lives of Nicaraguans at home and in their diasporic communities. 3 Credits

GL/HI-237 Modern Far East History II
Civilizations dramatically different from our own. focusing upon China, Japan, and Southeast Asia since 1600. 3 Credits

GL/HI-247 Central America and the Caribbean
This survey examines the political, cultural and social history of Central America and the Caribbean from pre-Columbian times to the present with an emphasis on the 20th century. 3 Credits

GL/HI-248 Seminar on Globalization and Human Rights
LASC Categories: USW, GP, DAC
A.I.D. program participants in their sophomore year will explore globalization and human rights and issues of personal growth and academic development. 3 Credits

GL/HI-251 The Roots of China's Rise: Reform, Revolution, and Reinvention
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
Examines the modern historical roots of China's rise as an international power, from the decline of its last imperial dynasty through the tumults of 20th century social movements to its recent emergence as a global economic power. 3 Credits

GL/HI-261 Middle East History I
LASC Categories: TLC, GP
The rise and expansion of Islam; the Caliphate; Muslim religion, civilization and its impact on the West, decline of medieval Islam. 3 Credits

GL/HI-267 US-Latin American Relations
LASC Categories: USW, WAC, DAC
This course will analyze the political, economic, social, and cultural impact of the interactions between and among governments and people of the US and Latin America. 3 Credits

GL/HI-280 Europe in the Age of Revolution and Nationalism: 1789-1870
Prerequisites: HI-103 or HI-104
The French Revolution, Napoleonic, Congress of Vienna; nationalism, liberalism, socialism; Second French Empire; German and Italian unification. 3 Credits

GL/HI-314 Twentieth Century Middle East History
Prerequisites: HI-103 or HI-104 or HI-111 or HI-112 or HI-261
The Young Turk Revolution, division of Ottoman Empire in World War I; rise of new states; the Arab-Israeli conflict. 3 Credits
GL/HI-330 Politics of the Middle East I  
**Prerequisites:** one of the following: HI-104, or HI-105, or HI-111, or HI-112, or PO-101, or HI-261, or HI-314.  
Discusses governments and politics of eastern Arab countries, Turkey, Iran, and Israel. International rivalries in the area are also discussed.  
[Cross listed as HI330.]  
3 Credits

GL/HI-335 Imperial Crossroads of Modern East Asia  
**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP  
Examines East Asian history at the crossroads of Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Korean colonial and nationalist movements in a region called Manchuria, presently China’s northeast border with Russia, Korea, and Mongolia.  
3 Credits

GL/HI-337 Travels in Asia  
**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP  
Travels in Asia examines modern East Asian history through the lens of Chinese, Japanese, European, and American travel narratives from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries.  
3 Credits

GL/HI-450 Special Topics in History  
3 Credits

GL/MU-140 World Music  
**LASC Categories:** CA  
An introduction to music of various cultures and continents including music of Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and India.  
3 Credits

GL/OT-411 Occupational Therapy International Service Learning Experience  
Instruction in occupational therapy methods with an experiential component providing intervention to an underserved population in a foreign country.  
2 Credits

GL/PH-241 Genocide and Human Rights  
**LASC Categories:** GP, USW  
This course treats the ethical, political, and other dimensions of systematic mass violence through case studies and general theoretical analyses.  
3 Credits

GL/PH-250 Global Feminism  
**LASC Categories:** TLC, GP  
Investigates the theoretical underpinnings of women’s movements for equal rights around the globe.  
3 Credits

GL/PH-251 Mass Violence Against Women  
**LASC Categories:** USW, GP  
A philosophy-based, interdisciplinary course examining historical and contemporary mass violence against women.  
3 Credits

GL/PH-290 Advanced Special Topics in Philosophy  
A treatment of current or special topics for students beyond the introductory level.  
Every year. 3 Credits

GL/PO-201 International Relations I  
**LASC Categories:** USW, GP WAC  
**Prerequisites:** PO-101 HI-103 or HI-104 and EN-102  
Theory and practice of international security (realism and internationalism) and international political economy (liberalism and protectionism) in their historical context.  
3 Credits

GL/PO-202 International Relations II  
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The promise and problems of globalization (spread of free market capitalism and political democracy).  
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GL/PO-330 Politics of the Middle East I  
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Discusses governments and politics of eastern Arab countries, Turkey, Iran, and Israel. International rivalries in the area are also discussed.  
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3 Credits

GL/PS-365 Cultural Psychology  
**LASC Categories:** TLC, HBS, WAC  
**Prerequisites:** PS-101 EN-102 PS-210  
This course addresses the role culture plays in human psychological processes and approaches to researching cultural aspects of human action.  
3 Credits

GL/SO-110 Cultural Anthropology  
Cross cultural analysis of the human capacity, for adaptation and technological and ideological development. Significant field studies will be examined.  
3 Credits

GL/SO-199 Special Topics  
**Prerequisites:** SO-100  
Introductory level topics. Topic announced at pre-registration.  
3 Credits
GL/SO-270 Social Theory I
Prerequisites: SO-100
Fundamental concepts and intellectual traditions, especially the contributions of Comte, Spencer, Marx, Toennes, Durkheim, and Simmel.
3 Credits

GL/SO-299 Special Topics: Sociology
Prerequisites: SO-100.
Intermediate level topics. Topic announced at pre-registration.
3 Credits

GL/SO-420 Seminar in Sociology
Advanced study topics in selected areas of sociology; announcement made at pre-registration time.
1-3 Credits

GL/SO-425 Global Development
LASC Categories: GP, HBS, WAC
Prerequisites: EN-102
This course gives an overview of the field of development and processes of development and underdevelopment in developing countries.
3 Credits

GL/SP-191 Special Topics in Spanish
An introductory level course in Spanish or in current or specialized topics.
3 Credits

GL/SP-193 Special Topics in Spanish for First Year Students
Introductory level course covering topics of special interest to first year students. Offered only as a First Year Seminar.
3 Credits

GL/SP-323 Spanish Conversation I
LASC Categories: TLC
Prerequisites: two SP-200 level courses or higher.
Intensive conversational practice for improving intonation, pronunciation, fluency, review of language usage. This course is for non-native speakers only.
3 Credits

GL/SP-324 Advanced Spanish Conversation II
LASC Categories: TLC
Prerequisites: SP-323 or equivalent.
Continuation of SP 323.
3 Credits

GL/SP-332 The Hispanic World Today
LASC Categories: DAC, GP
Prerequisites: two SP 200 level courses or higher.
3 Credits

GL/SP-349 Spanish-American Literature
Prerequisites: SP 321, SP 323, SP 324.
Representative works from South and Central American authors from the colonial period to the present.
3 Credits

GL/SP-401 Advanced Study: Special Topics
Special topics in language, literature, civilization or field work of mutual interest to student and instructor.
3 Credits

GL/UR-201 Analysis of Urban Systems
LASC Categories: HBS
3 Credits

GL/UR-213 Human Identity and Urban Environment
Prerequisites: UR-101.
Study of factors affecting identity in contemporary urban settings including race, ethnicity, class, age, and sex categories and roles.
3 Credits

GL/UR-290 Gender and the City
LASC Categories: WAC, GP, HBS
Prerequisites: EN-102
Exploration of ways in which gender, both male and female, structures responses of individuals to urban life and spaces.
3 Credits

GL/UR-353 Aging in a Global Society
LASC Categories: GP, DAC
Explores the ramification of unrelenting Global Aging, focusing on the questions, what are old people for and the connections across generations.
3 Credits

GL/UR-421 Selected Topics: Urban Studies
Prerequisites: UR-101
In-depth examination of topical issues challenging the intellectual and creative interests of advanced students in urban studies.
3 Credits

GL/UR-422 Selected Topics: Gerontology
In-depth examination of topical issues in gerontology which afford the advanced student the opportunity to pursue gerontological research.
3 Credits

GL/UR-440 Practicum in Urban Studies
Prerequisites: UR-101
Directed experiential study for advanced students.
1-3 Credits