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. For more information, students may contact the Director of Global Studies:

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Required Course
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