

Department of Economics and Global Studies

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Department of Economics and Global Studies seeks to educate students about economic, social, and cultural relationships in an increasingly interdependent world. The department provides students with opportunities to acquire disciplinary knowledge in the areas of economics and geography, while encouraging the pursuit of a multi-disciplinary education. Our programs emphasize the development of critical intelligence and an appreciation for diverse, evidence-based perspectives in order to prepare students for a lifetime of engaged citizenship.

Through exposure to the theoretical and empirical methods of economics and geography, students develop a greater understanding of the complex world in which they live, and are able to critically evaluate options available for improving that world. Upon graduation, our students are prepared for careers in a wide array of fields in the private sector (such as banking and other financial services, business administration, marketing, sales, journalism, consulting, or entrepreneurship) or the public sector (government or non-profit analyst/researcher, etc.). In addition, our graduates are prepared to succeed in graduate school in a variety of disciplines, including economics, geography, foreign affairs, law, political science, finance, and business.

LEARNING GOALS

The Department of Economics and Global Studies has identified the following specific learning goals for our students:

- 1) To develop an understanding of the basic principles, concepts, and theories of the disciplines that we teach.
- 2) To develop an ability to retrieve economic and geographic information.
- 3) To develop an ability to use economic and geographic data using appropriate disciplinary methodology.
- 4) To develop an ability to apply economic and geographic knowledge to critically analyze problems and their potential solutions.
- 5) To develop effective written and oral communication skills.

MINOR IN GLOBAL STUDIES (6)

A minor in Global Studies allows a student to add a global dimension to their program of study. By combining courses in geography, economics, history, politics, and anthropology students choosing to minor in Global Studies acquire an understanding of contemporary global issues that can complement many majors.

Minor in Global Studies (6 courses)

GLS 100 Introduction to Global Studies
GEO 100 Human and Physical Geography
ANT 131 Cultural Anthropology
ECO 110 Principles of Microeconomics
ECO 252 Economic Development

One of the following:

GEO 106, 108, 134, 251
HIS 242, 251, 282, 283, 291
POL 207, 332, 345, 371, 376, 377

Course Descriptions

GLOBAL STUDIES (GLS)

GLS 100 INTRODUCTION TO GLOBAL STUDIES

The course introduces students to several of today's most pressing global issues and demonstrates how they are interconnected. It explores, subject to various perspectives, the issues of ethnic violence, world water concerns, climate change, the spread of tropical diseases, development basics, and current international status of HIV/AIDS. Attention is devoted to the debate over globalization and the development of international institutions. Available to freshmen/sophomores or by permission. Counts in the core as an additional scientific and quantitative reasoning course or as a social science. Also double counts as a global awareness course in the core. (Fall)

Kantarelis, Hickey/*Three credits*