

GLOBAL STUDIES - B.A.

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Description

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies offer an interdisciplinary curriculum that allows students to explore how migration, repression, development, marginalization and resistance, among other processes, are affected by transnational forces. Those forces include capital, labor, ideologies and colonial structures. Students investigate how they can have an impact on these and other global issues.

Coursework in the major is offered from across the social sciences and humanities. Courses are clustered into three areas of research and offer students the chance to learn about several regions of the world, including the Caribbean, Africa, Latin America, Europe, Russia, the Middle East, Southeast Asia and East Asia. Students are also exposed to advanced foreign language and encouraged to study abroad.

Fully Offered At:

- Kent Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students on the Kent Campus: The freshman admission policy on the Kent Campus is selective. Admission decisions are based upon the following: cumulative grade point average, ACT and/or SAT scores, strength of high school college preparatory curriculum and grade trends. The Admissions Office at the Kent Campus may defer the admission of students who do not meet admissions criteria but who demonstrate areas of promise for successful college study. Deferred applicants may begin their college coursework at one of seven regional campuses of Kent State University. For more information on admissions, including additional requirements for some academic programs, visit the admissions website for new freshmen.

Freshman Students on the Regional Campuses: Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, as well as the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score, or by completing the ESL level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on

international admission, visit the Office of Global Education’s admission website.

Transfer, Transitioning and Former Students: For more information about admission criteria for transfer, transitioning and former students, please visit the admissions website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of global economics, politics, geography, literature and societies.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of at least one foreign language through intermediate II.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor’s degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor’s degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
ECON 22060	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
or HIST 11051	WORLD HISTORY: MODERN (DIVG) (KHUM)	
GEOG 22061	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
POL 10504	THE NEW PANGAEA: YOUR ROLE IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY	3
Foreign Language ¹		6-8
Global Economics Elective, choose from the following: 3		
ECON 22061	PRINCIPLES OF MACROECONOMICS (KSS)	
ECON 32084	ECONOMICS OF THE ENVIRONMENT	
ECON 42075	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS	
ECON 42076	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	
ECON 42079	EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ISSUES	
GEOG 31070	POPULATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT	
GEOG 41066	GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE	
GEOG 44010	GEOGRAPHY OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY (WIC) ²	
POL 30003	POLITICAL ECONOMY	
POL 30810	POLITICS OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMY	
POL 40540	POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT (DIVG)	
Global Politics Elective, choose from the following: 3		
GEOG 17063	WORLD GEOGRAPHY (DIVG) (KSS)	
GEOG 32080	POLITICS AND PLACE (DIVG)	
HIST 31030	NATO:THE ENDURING ALLIANCE	
HIST 31035	THE GLOBAL COLD WAR	
HIST 31071	US FOREIGN RELATIONS THROUGH 1898	
HIST 31072	US FOREIGN RELATIONS, 1898-1945	
HIST 31073	US FOREIGN RELATIONS SINCE 1945	
HIST 31119	THE SIXTIES: A THIRD WORLD VIEW	
HIST 31120	COMPARATIVE THIRD WORLD REVOLUTIONS	
HIST 31124	HIGHLIFE HISTORIES: MODERN AFRICAN URBAN EXPERIENCE	
HIST 41060	COMPARATIVE FASCISM	
PACS 31003	NONVIOLENCE: THEORY AND PRACTICE	
PACS 32030	INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION (DIVG)	
PACS 32040	CROSS-CULTURAL CONFLICT MANAGEMENT (DIVG)	
PACS 41010	RECONCILIATION VERSUS REVENGE: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (DIVG) (WIC) ²	
PAS 33130	GENDER AND SEXUALITY IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	
PAS 37020	THE MODEL AFRICAN UNION (ELR)	
POL 10500	WORLD POLITICS (DIVG) (KSS)	
POL 30500	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY	
POL 30511	PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION	
POL 30820	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW	
POL 30840	NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS	
POL 39592	GENEVA INTERNSHIP (ELR)	
POL 40112	POLITICS AND THE MASS MEDIA	
POL 40530	POLITICS OF WAR	
POL 40560	HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE (DIVG)	
POL 40591	SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS-COMPARATIVE POLITICS (WIC) ²	
POL 40620	POLITICS OF SOCIAL MOVEMENTS (DIVD)	
POL 40840	COMPARATIVE FOREIGN POLICY	
POL 40930	U.S. FOREIGN POLICY	
Global Societies Elective, choose from the following: 3		
ENG 31006	WORLD ENGLISHES (DIVG) (WIC) ²	
ENG 33013	PAN-AFRICAN WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVG)	
or PAS 37100	PAN-AFRICAN WOMEN'S LITERATURE (DIVG)	
ENG 33015	AFRICAN LITERATURES (DIVG)	
or PAS 32050	AFRICAN LITERATURES (DIVG)	
ENG 34005	BRITISH AND IRISH LITERATURE, 1900-PRESENT	
ENG 34011	WORLD LITERATURE IN ENGLISH (DIVG)	
GEOG 37040	GEOGRAPHY OF AFRICA (DIVG)	
GEOG 37045	GEOGRAPHY OF THE MIDDLE EAST	
GEOG 37066	GEOGRAPHY OF EUROPE (DIVG)	
GEOG 37070	GEOGRAPHY OF EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA (DIVG)	
GEOG 37072	GEOGRAPHY OF CHINA	
GEOG 37084	GEOGRAPHY OF SOUTH AMERICA (DIVG)	
GEOG 37085	GEOGRAPHY OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (DIVG)	
HIST 31055	POLITICS, CULTURE AND SOCIETY OF 20TH-CENTURY EUROPE	
HIST 31112	CHINESE CIVILIZATION	
HIST 31113	HISTORY OF JAPAN	
HIST 31114	TRADITION AND REVOLUTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA	
HIST 31115	INDIA SINCE 1526	
HIST 31118	VIETNAM WAR	
HIST 31123	HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY AFRICA	
HIST 31130	HISTORY OF AFRICAN CIVILIZATION	
HIST 31140	MODERN LATIN AMERICA (DIVG)	
HIST 31141	EARLY LATIN AMERICA	
HIST 41020	NINETEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE	
HIST 41024	MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY, 1914-1945	
HIST 41025	MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY:1945-PRESENT	
HIST 41041	HISTORY OF GERMANY, 1871-PRESENT	
HIST 41044	IMPERIAL RUSSIA, 1689-1917	
HIST 41045	MODERN RUSSIA, 1917-PRESENT	
HIST 41129	THE HOLOCAUST:THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPEAN JEWRY, 1938-1945	
HIST 41132	HISTORY OF AFRICA, 1880-PRESENT	
HIST 42142	AFRO-LATIN AMERICA	
PAS 15200	INTRODUCTION TO WEST AFRICAN CULTURES	
PAS 22200	INTRODUCTION TO THE AFRICAN ARTS	
PAS 23310	NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES	
PAS 24407	CARIBBEAN STUDIES (DIVG)	
PAS 33310	LATINOS, THE AFRICAN DIASPORA AND AMERICAN SOCIETY (DIVD)	
PAS 34000	INTRODUCTION TO AFRICAN WORLD VIEW (DIVG)	
PAS 34100	ISLAMIC WEST AFRICA	
PAS 35200	AFRICAN SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS	
POL 10004	COMPARATIVE POLITICS (DIVG) (KSS)	
POL 30002	POLITICAL THOUGHT	
POL 30520	EUROPEAN POLITICS (DIVG)	

POL 30530	ASIAN POLITICS (DIVG)	
POL 30540	AFRICAN POLITICS (DIVG)	
POL 30550	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS (DIVG)	
POL 30560	MIDDLE EAST POLITICS (DIVG)	
POL 30570	PALESTINE AND ISRAEL	
REL 11020	INTRODUCTION TO WORLD RELIGIONS (DIVG) (ELR) (KHUM)	
Global Economics, Global Politics and Global Societies Upper-Division Electives (30000 and 40000 level) ³		12
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language (see Foreign Language College Requirement below)		14-16
College General Requirement (must be from Kent Core Basic Sciences) ⁴		3
College General Requirements (must be from Kent Core Social Sciences) ⁵		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) ⁶		6-9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) ⁶		0-3
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 42 upper-division credit hours)		33
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

¹ Students must complete a foreign language offered at Kent State (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish) at the Intermediate II level (or equivalent). This also will satisfy the college's foreign language requirement (see Foreign Language College Requirement below for additional information). In addition, students must either complete two upper-division courses in the same language or complete a second language at the Elementary II level (or equivalent). With approval of the political science undergraduate coordinator, students may apply courses taken in a foreign language abroad and/or by a proficiency exam (e.g., ACTFL) to satisfy all or part of the language requirement.

² A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

³ Maximum three courses in one subject area from the four elective groups (Global Economics, Global Politics and/or Global Societies electives lists above)

⁴ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Basic Science courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Biological Sciences (BSCI), Chemistry (CHEM), Geography (GEOG), Geology (GEOL) or Physics (PHY). The course may not be from the student's major.

⁵ One additional course taken from the Kent Core Social Sciences courses in the following Arts and Sciences disciplines: Anthropology (ANTH), Geography (GEOG), Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM), Peace and Conflict Studies (PACS), Political Science (POL), Psychology (PSYC) or Sociology (SOC). The course may not be from the student's major.

⁶ The credit hours depends on if the student completes major requirement ECON 22060 (Social Sciences) or HIST 11051 (Humanities).

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Foreign Language College Requirement

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 14-16 credit hours of foreign language.¹ To complete the requirement, students have the equivalent of Elementary I and II in any language, plus one of the following options:

- Intermediate I and II of the same language²
- Elementary I and II of a second language
- Any combination of two courses from the following list:
 - Intermediate I of the same language
 - MCLS 10001 INTRODUCTION TO STRUCTURAL CONCEPTS FOR LANGUAGE STUDENTS
 - MCLS 20091 VARIABLE CONTENT SEMINAR IN GLOBAL LITERACY: CASE STUDIES
 - MCLS 21417 MULTICULTURALISM IN TODAY'S GERMANY (DIVG)
 - MCLS 28404 THE LATIN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (DIVG)

¹ All students with prior foreign language experience should take the foreign language placement test to determine the appropriate level at which to start. Some students may begin beyond the Elementary I level and will complete the requirement with fewer credit hours and fewer courses. This may be accomplished by (1) passing a course beyond Elementary I through Intermediate II level; (2) receiving credit through Credit by Exam (CBE), Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Program (CLEP); or (3) being designated a "native speaker" of a non-English language (consult with the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office for additional information). When students complete the requirement with fewer than 14 credit hours and four courses, they will complete remaining credit hours with general electives.

² Certain majors, concentrations and minors may require specific languages, limit the languages from which a student may choose or require coursework through Intermediate II. Students who plan to pursue graduate study may need particular language coursework.

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
GEOG 22061	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
or	or THE NEW PANGAEA: YOUR ROLE IN OUR	
POL 10504	GLOBAL COMMUNITY	
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
GEOG 22061	HUMAN GEOGRAPHY (DIVG) (KSS)	3
or	or THE NEW PANGAEA: YOUR ROLE IN OUR	
POL 10504	GLOBAL COMMUNITY	
Foreign Language		4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
ECON 22060	PRINCIPLES OF MICROECONOMICS (KSS)	3
or	or WORLD HISTORY: MODERN (DIVG) (KHUM)	
HIST 11051		
Foreign Language		3-4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
Global Societies Elective		3
Foreign Language		3-4
College General Requirement (Basic Sciences)		3
College General Requirement (Social Sciences)		3
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Five		
Global Economics Elective		3
Global Politics Elective		3
Global Economics, Politics and Societies Upper-Division Electives (30000 and 40000 level) (30000 and 40000 level)		3
Foreign Language		3-4
General Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
Note: Students are encouraged to undertake a study abroad experience in junior or senior year.		
General Electives		15
Credit Hours		15
Semester Seven		
Global Economics, Politics and Societies Upper-Division Electives (30000 and 40000 level)		9
Foreign Language		3-4

General Elective	3
Credit Hours	15
Semester Eight	
Note: Students are encouraged to undertake a study abroad experience in junior or senior year.	
General Electives	15
Credit Hours	15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:	120