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Careers In...Global Studies

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The Field

Students in the Global Studies major study the complexity of modern human patterns by looking at the environments, histories and traditions of particular populations. These studies not only range from ethnic groups to nation-states but also encompass the interactions among these groups and the consequences of those interactions. This major emphasizes a variety of topics, including basic Global Studies and courses in Anthropology, History, Political Science, Economics and Business, Art, Literature, Communications, Philosophy and Religion. Although there are a variety of concentrations within the subject of Global Studies, the general focus is on the world as a whole and how its inhabitants interact and affect that world. Global Studies fosters global awareness, proficiencies in modern languages and provides the opportunity for a variety of careers in areas like journalism, international relations, government services and many more.

Sample Job Titles

- Peace Corps
- Foreign Service
- Direct Relief International worker
- CARE
- UNICEF
- Journalist
- Teacher
- Global Project Director
- Political advisor
- Language instructor
- International developer
- Translator/interpreter
- Activist
- Import/export coordinator
- International banker
- Ambassador
- Historian
- Foreign Student Advisor
- Government consultant
- Director of International Programs
- Archivist
- FBI agent
- International commerce: trade, business, economics, marketing
- Treasurer
- Defense and National Security advisor

A major in Global Studies can lead to higher education in areas like...

- African Studies
- African-American Studies
- Middle Eastern Studies
- Latin American Studies
- Linguistics
- Asian Studies

- International Business
- International and Comparative Education
- Teaching English as a Second Language/Foreign Language
- International Relations & Affairs
- Demography/Population Studies Language Interpretation & Translation

At Universities such as...

- Cornell University
- American University
- Brown University
- Georgia State University
- Harvard
- Yale
- And many more...

Get experience on campus

Try to get involved on campus in service, activities or organizations related to your area of interest. For example, if your goal is to influence global policy after you graduate, then consider becoming active with a number of politically-oriented organizations. Some campus organizations, clubs, or offices through which you can gain relevant experience include:

- Political/Social change organizations: Women's Issues Coalition, Habitat for Humanity, APO (Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity), Students for Social Change, Student Volunteers for Community Action, SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management), Political Science Society, College Democrats/College Republicans, Students Acting for Equality
- Cultural organizations: Poder Latino, Circle of Indigenous Nations, Umoja, Shades, Spectrum, the Caribbean Club, German Club, Pacific Rim Organization, and many more
- Join the Student Senate
- Conduct undergraduate research or assist a faculty member with a project of interest to you
- Visit the study abroad office in Allen Hall to plan your international study
- Work with the CDC to plan an international internship

Where to go from here?

- Individual career counseling for anything from choosing a major to getting a job
- Saxon JobLink web services (www.alfred.edu/cdc) to view jobs and internships, post a resume and more
- Saxon Career Volunteer network – speak to alumni in your career field
- Choices CT computerized program for searching graduate schools
- Web resources: we recommend www.bunac.org, www.culturelink.com, www.state.gov/m/dghr/hr or ask at the CDC for more recommendations