School of Global Studies and Partnerships

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Mission
In keeping with OSU's commitment as a land-grant institution, the School of Global Studies and Partnerships is committed to leading the university in both creating knowledge and sharing it with the global community.

Academic Programs
The School of Global Studies and Partnerships offers an interdisciplinary Master of Science degree in Global Studies and an undergraduate, interdisciplinary minor in International Studies.

The Master of Science degree in Global Studies is designed to prepare students to cope with international responsibilities and address world problems that confront individuals working in the public and private sectors around the world. The curriculum is designed to educate students in the challenges and issues facing local and global communities, with an emphasis on understanding the economic, political, environmental, social, and cultural contexts that drive contemporary society. This interdisciplinary structure allows our students to draw from the best courses that Oklahoma State University has to offer, as well as to develop globalized, multi-skilled talents that will influence the world in a variety of career paths.

The graduate program in global studies is designed to prepare students for internationally-oriented degrees in a number of professional contexts including business, trade development, cultural industries, nonprofit organizations, media, and public and international policy. The program at OSU emphasizes the real challenges that face developing and developed nations alike, and seeks to bring a global problem-solving perspective to address those challenges. Students have opportunities to participate in research or internships abroad, tailor coursework to meet their educational needs, and to gain skills necessary to compete and thrive in an ever-growing global society. Graduates of the program work in numerous industries around the world including business, non-profit organizations, or government service around the world.

There are two tracks within the program: thesis and non-thesis.

Thesis Track: 30 hours of coursework including 6 hours of thesis
Non-thesis Track: 33 hours of coursework

This interdisciplinary program allows students to choose from one of five focus areas. Additionally, students are required to take an introductory course (INTL 5013 – Contemporary Issues) and a graduate-level research course. Candidates for the master’s degree must also demonstrate foreign language proficiency and complete an international experience.

Depending on whether the student chooses the thesis or non-thesis track, the number of focus area courses will vary from 9-12 hours chosen from a list that are offered by departments across campus.

Focus Areas Include:
- International Business and Economic Relations
- International Trade and Development
- International Human Development, Society and Education
- Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development
- Preservation of Environmental and Ecological Resources

Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies
The IPGS unit offers seminars, visiting speakers, workshops, courses and other programs that allow OSU faculty and students to better understand Iran, its history, society and current challenges, and its relationship to the US and other nations. The IPGS also administers the Farzaneh Professorships in Iranian Studies, which allow OSU faculty to develop specific research areas related to Iran and its region.

Global Briefing Series
SGSP brings in noteworthy speakers from around the nation and the world to provide background and commentary on important global issues, whether economic, geopolitical, social or other. The speakers add significant international perspective for the OSU community, and allow students and faculty access to top global thought leaders and insight into trends that are facing the world.

Admissions
Application to the School of Global Studies Graduate Program is made through a central online application process (http://www.applyweb.com/apply/oksugrad) administered by the Oklahoma State University Graduate College.

The School of Global Studies has floating deadlines for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The priority deadline is November 1st for Spring and April 1st for Fall. Applying by the priority deadline will allow applicants to receive priority consideration for graduate assistantships available for the term.

To apply, students must provide their transcripts, resume, statement of purpose and the names and email addresses for three people who can provide a recommendation for them. The School of Global Studies does not require students to take the GRE or GMAT for admission.

English Proficiency Requirement
The School of Global Studies does not have English proficiency requirements beyond those required by the OSU Graduate College (https://admissions.okstate.edu/information/international/admission-requirements.html).

Foreign Language Requirement
The foreign language requirement is designed to ensure that all students who graduate from the School of Global Studies Graduate Program have language skills to successfully embark upon global careers.

To fulfill the foreign language requirement, native speakers of English must have accomplished:
1. Complete 9 semester hours of a second language or 3 semester hours of intermediate or advanced modern foreign language courses with a minimum grade of "C."

2. Obtain an intermediate level rating on the ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). For more information on the OPI, see the website at www.actfl.org (http://www.actfl.org).

This requirement must be completed prior to graduation from the School of Global Studies Graduate Program. Language courses may be completed at OSU or outside institutions during your time in the program. We also accept previous coursework in foreign language but may ask for proof of completion.

No waivers of foreign language requirement will be permitted, and any undergraduate hours of language courses cannot be counted toward the hours necessary to complete the master's degree.

International Experience Requirement

Students from the U.S. must have an international experience to qualify for the Master of Science in Global Studies degree. The time outside the U.S. must be a minimum of 3 weeks, involve a structured program of coursework or internship, and have occurred during the student's undergraduate or graduate programs. Due to the great variety of opportunities available, the international experience must be approved by the SGSP Director of Academic Programs.

Student Clubs and Honor Societies

Student Association of Global Affairs (SAGA)

Sigma Iota Rho Honor Society for International Studies

Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars

Scholarships

The School of Global Studies Graduate Program offers six fellowships and scholarships to students every year. To apply, students will submit one application, which will consider them for all six scholarships and fellowships. Applications must be submitted to i-study@okstate.edu or in person to 204 Wes Watkins Center.

- The Lawrence L. Boger Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
- The Wes And Lou Watkins Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
- The Dr. James G. Hromas Distinguished Graduate Fellowship
- Hugh Rouk Fellowship
- Jud and Vera Milburn Fellowship
- Raymond Sidwell Family Endowment for International Outreach Scholarship

Undergraduate Minor in International Studies

The minor in international studies provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to include an international dimension to any academic major. This interdisciplinary minor offers flexible course selection outside of the major and encourages students to understand social, political, economic and cultural contrasts throughout the world. The minor is designed to give students a background in global studies to supplement their chosen career path. Students should contact their undergraduate adviser to declare the minor. The minor must be declared prior to the semester of graduation.

Students structure the minor from three clusters of courses and learning experiences encompassing International Decision Making (6 credit hours), International Environment (9 credit hours) and International Experience (3 credit hours). No more than 6 hours of coursework may be taken in any single discipline (course prefix). In addition, each student must complete 6 credit hours of a foreign language or provide proof of foreign language competency. A minimum grade-point average of 2.0 is required in coursework to complete the minor.

Courses

INTL 4020 Independent Study
Prerequisites: Instructor permission.
Description: Directed study in student's area of interest. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 3 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Global Studies & Partnerships

INTL 4110 Internship in International Studies
Prerequisites: Instructor permission.
Description: Internship in International Studies. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Global Studies & Partnerships

INTL 4200 Study Abroad
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor and consent of SIS Director of Academic Programs.
Description: Academic work abroad on either a group or individual basis. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
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INTL 5000 Master's Thesis
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of advisor.
Description: For students studying for a master's degree in international studies under the thesis option. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Global Studies & Partnerships
INTL 5013 Contemporary Issues in International Studies
Prerequisites: Enrollment in MS program in International Studies or enrollment in an OSU graduate program and consent of instructor.
Description: Examination of major transnational issues and associated problems of international cooperation, including ethnic conflicts, environmental degradation, global standards for human rights, and economic globalization. Previously offered as INTL 5010.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Global Studies & Partnerships

INTL 5020 Independent Study
Prerequisites: Consent of supervising faculty member.
Description: Readings and directed study in student's focus area. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-3
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
Department/School: Global Studies & Partnerships

INTL 5043 Politics of the Global Economy
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: Theory and practice of international political economics. The patterns and associations between political and market-based processes among nation states. Emphasis on interactions among advanced industrial states, transnational phenomena, and opportunities and pitfalls in north-south relations. Same course as POLS 4043. Previously offered as INTL 5213.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
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INTL 5100 Research in International Studies
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: Individually supervised research on topic within the student’s focus area for the International Studies Program. Offered for variable credit, 3-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 3-6
Contact hours: Other: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Independent Study
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INTL 5110 International Studies in Internship
Prerequisites: Graduate standing and consent of Director.
Description: Individually supervised internships in international career areas. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.
Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
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Credit hours: 1-6
Contact hours: Other: 1
Levels: Graduate
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INTL 5223 Culture, History and World Systems
Prerequisites: Graduate standing.
Description: Study of the impact and influence of culture and history on the development of contemporary world systems with future projections. Same course as SOC 5223.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
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INTL 5233 Global Competitive Environment
Description: Development of a global business strategy for the organization. Issues of highly diversified markets and business environments, global competition, financial markets, and complex organizational relationships. Same course as MKTG 5233.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
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INTL 5333 Certified Global Business Professional
Description: This course deals with the practicalities of international trade. Topics include finding appropriate partners, international pricing, legal considerations, tax and accounting issues. International marketing and cultural issues are also addressed. The course is designed to prepare students to successfully complete certification as a Global Business Professional (CGBP certification).
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3
Levels: Graduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Global Studies & Partnerships

Minors
- International Studies (INTS), Minor (http://catalog.okstate.edu/global-studies-partnerships/international-studies-minor)

Graduate Programs
Global Studies, MS
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