

Global Studies Minor (Minor Code GLOBST-MIN)

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As the world becomes more interconnected, Queens College is committed to infusing the curriculum with global perspective and preparing students to become leading citizens of our global society. The Queens College Global Studies Minor offers a unique interdisciplinary program designed to develop global competency in students by integrating global courses, language acquisition, an intercultural experience, and research into the traditional academic curriculum of the student's degree program. It will provide students with diverse perspectives and practical skills necessary to thrive as active, engaged citizens in today's dynamic international landscape. It can complement all academic majors, and help students become more successful graduates as they choose professions in our increasingly globalized economy.

Student benefits:

Knowledge:

Students gain Discipline-specific knowledge of global issues, processes, trends, and systems
Students demonstrate knowledge of their own culture as well as other cultures, countries, and regions

Skills:

Students can successfully navigate cultural and linguistic differences
Students are engaged in global issues, and play an active role as leaders on campus, in their communities, and beyond

Dispositions:

Students gain greater awareness of their own cultural identity and place in the world
Students gain understanding of social responsibility and what it means to serve others

Requirements:

Please contact the Director for more information and to discuss appropriate courses and activities for satisfying the Minor.

1. Six courses (18 credits) with a predominantly global focus chosen from a list of qualified courses, but no more than two courses can come from one discipline or department. General Education courses designated as Flexible Core in World Cultures and Global Issues (WCGI) are qualified.
2. Transfer students minoring in Global Studies must take a minimum of 4 courses (12 credits) at Queens College.

3. One additional language course that is beyond what is required by the General Education Common Core Language requirement. This can be taken in residence or abroad.
4. Attendance at five international campus events with 1-page reflection papers.
5. One intercultural credit or non-credit bearing experience.
 - a. Study abroad
 - b. Internship or work abroad program
 - c. A local internship in a company or organization with major global elements
6. Senior Thesis (12-15 pages)

* Students are eligible for Queens College Study Abroad scholarships