

# BA in Globalization Studies and International Relations

Globalization has brought a new level of complexity to the interactions of human groups, cultural models, environmental issues, and the intersection of political, economic and technological trends. In response to these new challenges, Stony Brook University introduced a new program in Globalization Studies and International Relations (GLI) to create experts in areas such as global flows of commodities, cultural traditions, health policies, media and technologies and mobility.

We also offer a minor in Globalization Studies and International Relations.



## What it is:

The BA in **Globalization Studies and International Relations (GLI)** is an interdisciplinary major that combines academic expertise from the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences and engineering. The central objects of study are the ongoing processes of globalization and their impact on human ecosystems, political institutions, economic markets and the environment.

The Major in Globalization Studies trains students to become professionals in global issues, international service, diplomacy, and non-profit organizations.

## Who it's for:

The BA in Globalization Studies and International Relations is designed for students who wish to acquire cultural and professional competency in a Global Interaction Area, with regards to a set of political, economic or environmental topics of interest.

While completing their GLI curriculum, students will have the opportunity to participate in a semester of study abroad, or complete a semester-long internship in an institution, business or governmental agency that engages directly with the student's area and track of specialization. They will also acquire language competency in a language other than English.

Incoming first year students interested in the BA in GLI should enroll in **GLI 211: Perspectives in Globalization Studies and International Relations**; there are no prerequisites for the course and it will satisfy both the Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) and the Speaking (SPK) requirements of the Stony Brook University core curriculum (SBC). Additional GLI core courses that will address globalized environmental, political and economic processes will be offered in Spring 2021.





## How to Customize the GLI Major:

### Example A

A student focusing on the **Pacific Rim** and issues relating to **Development & Sustainability** in that area, with knowledge of Chinese, could also complete a **Minor in China Studies**, be affiliated with the Undergraduate College for Science & Society, and spend **one semester studying abroad in China**.

### Example B

A student focusing on **Global Africa** and issues relating to **Cultural & Political Representations**, with knowledge of **French**, could also complete a **double major in Africana Studies**, be affiliated with the Undergraduate College for **Leadership & Service**, and spend **one semester interning for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**.

### Example C

A student focusing on the **Larger Middle East** and issues relating to **Global Cities**, with knowledge of **Hebrew**, could also complete a **minor in Business**, be affiliated with the Undergraduate College for **Information and Technology Studies**, and spend **one semester interning for a startup company in Tel Aviv**.

## What you'll learn:

As part of this major, students will complete a series of interdisciplinary courses. Each student will select a geographic area of Global Interaction, and a track focusing on a Specialized Global Issue, such as climate change and migration, public health, or sustainable development. For example:

1. Choose a specific **Global Interaction Area** of your choice, such as:
  - the Pacific Rim
  - the Indian Ocean world
  - the Transatlantic area
  - the Mediterranean area
  - Eurasia
  - the Americas
  - Global Africa
2. Pick a **Specialized Global Issues Track**, such as:
  - Global Cities
  - Human, Cultural and Biological Migration
  - Global Development and Sustainability
  - Cultural and Political Representation
  - Transnational Corporations, Trans-regional Institutions
  - Inequalities

## Skills you'll acquire:

- analytical skills leading to the understanding of the institutional changes and the socio-economic processes that have shaped today's world
- knowledge of cross-cultural interactions and mediations
- a comprehensive view of the interconnected nature of sustainable development
- strong verbal and written communication skills

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## Ask us about this exciting new program!

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