

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 the BA 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 refugee law, public policy, 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 geographic area of Global Interaction 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 will address globalized environmental, political and economic processes, among other related topics.





Kristina Mlynarova graduated December '23 with a BA in Globalization Studies and International Relations, and minor in History. As a senior, her research project examined the challenges of legislation prohibiting female genital mutilation/circumcision in East Africa. It emphasized the crucial role grassroots organizations play in its complete eradication. Kristina plans to pursue a Master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy.

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WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

As part of this major, students will complete a series of interdisciplinary courses. Each student will select a Global Interaction Area, and 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 their choice, such as:
 - Africa and African diaspora
 - Asia
 - Europe
 - The Americas
 - Middle East, North Africa and Southwest Asia
2. Pick a Specialized Global Issues Track, such as:
 - Human, Cultural and Biological Migration: Global diasporas and Ethnicities
 - Global Development and Sustainability: Environment, Well-being, Economy, and Policy
 - Cultural and Political Representation: Art and Media in a Global Context
 - Transnational Corporations and Transregional Institutions: Markets, Institutions, and Policies
 - Inequalities: Gender, race, and class in a global context

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

