

# BA in Globalization Studies and International Relations

## FAST FACTS:

- Launched in Fall 2020, the BA in GLI is one of the fastest growing programs in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- The BA in GLI operates under the Institute for Globalization Studies.
- We host events focused on international relations and global issues, including climate change, migration, refugee law, and human rights.
- Department of State representatives join us annually to discuss job opportunities and the selection process for entering the foreign service.
- We also offer a minor in GLI.
- Recent grads have pursued professional careers or graduate programs including law schools, MA in Public Policy, and MA in International Relations.



## WHAT IT IS:

The BA in **Globalization Studies and International Relations (GLI)** is an interdisciplinary major that involves faculty from various departments such as Political Science, Sociology, History, Africana Studies, Hispanic Languages and Literature, Ecology and Evolution.

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:

- Designed for students desiring cultural and professional competency in a geographic area of Global Interaction with regards to a set of political, economic or environmental topics of interest.
- GLI 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 their track of specialization.
- 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 SBU core curriculum (SBC). Additional GLI core courses will address globalized environmental, political and economic processes, among other related topics.





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and learn if a BA in GLI  
is right for you!**

## 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
- Language competency in a language other than English



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