

About the Department

Our department offers a very wide variety of courses that lead to a B.A. in global studies or a B.A. in geography (or a dual major). Our courses are aimed at enhancing our students' ability to understand and interpret today's constantly changing world. They also allow students to explore critical issues that affect all our lives (such as immigration, urbanization, global warming, the changing global economy, poverty, and child labor).

Our programs prepare students for a wealth of rewarding careers. Students who have completed courses in geographic information systems (GIS) are particularly sought-after in fields such as marketing, computer mapping, local government, education, law enforcement and the military. We work with students to help them find rewarding internships where they can earn credits toward their degree. Our graduates have found employment in a wide variety of occupations, and many students have gone on to graduate school or entered service-oriented job programs such as the Peace Corps and Teach for America.

The Department of Global Studies and Geography works closely with students to tailor a program that meets their interests and needs, and helps shape a rewarding post-Hofstra career.



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Global Studies

The B.A. in Global Studies is an interdisciplinary program that provides students with the theoretical and practical tools to critically analyze the ongoing processes of economic, political and cultural change that have collectively become known as “globalization.”

Global studies examines the multiple ways in which people across the globe are affected daily by a complex web of interactions that transcend geographic and political boundaries. This includes the increasingly important use of geographical information systems (GIS) to map and interpret these changes.

The key tenet of global studies is that the multifaceted process of globalization cannot be captured by any single academic discipline. Global Studies is thus an interdisciplinary program that draws on theoretical and practical insights from disciplines and programs across the social sciences, humanities and international business, providing students with the theoretical tools and knowledge to interpret our interconnected and constantly changing world and to excel in today’s global marketplace.

B.A. Specialization in Global Studies

The **B.A. Specialization in Global Studies** requires a minimum of 33 semester hours in global studies courses. (For full requirements, see the department Web site or Hofstra’s *Undergraduate Bulletin*.)

Required Courses:

GS 001 *Introduction to Global Studies (IS)*

GS 002 *Cultural Globalization (IS)*

GS 180 *Senior Seminar in Global Studies and Research Methodology*

GEOG 1 *World Regional Geography*

A minor in Global Studies requires successful completion of 18 semester hours, including **GS 001**, **GS 002** and **GEOG 001**.

Students may also choose from a large selection of electives offered in other departments at Hofstra.

Please see the Hofstra *Undergraduate Bulletin* or visit hofstra.edu/globalstudies for detailed information about the B.A. Specialization in Global Studies.

Full-Time Faculty

CHAIR:

Grant Saff, Ph.D., Rutgers University: *The Global Economy, Urban Geography, Urban Planning, Economic Geography*

Zilkia Janer, Ph.D., Duke University: *Cultural Globalization, Global Food Culture*

Kari Jensen, Ph.D., Penn State: *Cultural Geography, South Asia, Children’s Geographies, Child Labor*

Linda Longmire, Ph.D., CUNY: *Global Studies, International Politics, European Politics, Women’s Studies*

Jean-Paul Rodrigue, Ph.D., University of Montreal: *Transport Geography, Global Economy, Logistics, Geographic Information Systems*

James Wiley, Ph.D., Rutgers University: *Economic Geography, Latin America and the Caribbean*

Affiliated Faculty

Veronica Ouma, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: *Medical Geography, Sub-Saharan Africa, International Development*

Judith Tabron, Ph.D., Brandeis University: *Adjunct Assistant Professor of Global Studies*

