



University Center for International Studies  
**GLOBAL STUDIES**  
**CERTIFICATE AND BPHIL-IAS**

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The Global Studies Center, a National Recourse Center, as designated by the U.S. Department of Education, fosters interdisciplinary, comparative and cross-cultural learning and research on global issues at Pitt. Through the program students are better able to: appreciate differences in cultures and institutional conditions; develop an understanding of global forces bearing on societies and how forces emerged; develop skills in comparative analysis; and attain a level of comfort in working with non Americans and in non American contexts.

GSP offers certificate programs, Bachelor of Philosophy in collaboration with the University Honors College; academic colloquia, seminars and events; and funding for research and language study. The program is designed around six critical global themes that form the basis of student concentrations:

Changing identities in a global world  
 Communication , technology and society  
 Conflict and conflict resolution  
 Global economy and global governance  
 Global health  
 Sustainable development

**Global Studies Certificate:**

The GSP certificate is an additional academic credential requiring foreign language competence and a cohesive study that unites the study of global issues and their regional applications. Students in any school of the University of Pittsburgh can pursue an undergraduate certificate in Global Studies to compliment their departmental major.

**Requirements:**

Six Global Studies Courses

Introduction to Global Studies (A&S 0150, PUBSERV 0150)

Two courses in one regional concentration (Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Russia, Central Asia, and Eastern Europe, and Western Europe)

Three courses in a global concentration (changing identities; communication, technology and society; conflict and conflict resolution; global economy and global governance; global health, and sustainable development)

Two years (four terms) of college level language appropriate to the regional concentration selected.

Capstone Research Paper relating to the student's global and regional concentrations.

Participation in annual poster presentation.

**Bachelor of Philosophy degree in International and Area Studies (BPhil-IAS)- Global Studies Track**

The Bachelor of Philosophy degree in International and Area Studies (BPhil-IAS) is offered by the University of Pittsburgh Honors College in cooperation with the Global Studies Program. The BPhil-IAS is an interdisciplinary degree that emphasizes rigorous independent scholarship. It appeals to those who are attracted to the challenge of serious research focusing on a world region or on transnational global trends. The BPhil can only

be taken as a second major program; students in the program must complete the requirements of a disciplinary degree and major in addition to the BPhil-IAS requirements. Students attempting a BPhil-IAS must complete an approved program of study involving coursework, foreign language, and study abroad, and must complete and publicly defend a research thesis before a faculty examining board.

#### **How do students benefit by enrolling in the Global Studies Certificate or BPhil-IAS?**

- 1) Students gain a distinct interdisciplinary perspective.
- 2) Cross-cultural experience combined with foreign language proficiency greatly enhances marketability and competitiveness in job market.
- 3) Individual advising from the Global Studies academic advisor on internationalizing their tenure at Pitt through course selection, participation in campus activities, internships and career exploration.
- 4) Opportunities to meet and interact with scholars, senior government officials, artists and others from the world region of their interest as well as meeting other students with similar interests.
- 5) Up-to-date information on scholarships and international educational opportunities on and off campus.

#### **Study Abroad**

Undergraduate students enrolled in the Global Studies program are encouraged to enroll in a study abroad program as part of their international academic experience. Scholarships are available from the Global Studies through their Foreign Language and Area studies Fellowships (FLAS) for undergraduate students, the Nationality Rooms, the Study Abroad Office, and other sources.

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