Global Studies

Learning Objectives

Global Studies is a new interdisciplinary major at USC. It is an emerging field that brings together anthropology, political science, international relations, history, foreign languages and religion.

It offers students the opportunity to learn about the world from a variety of academic perspectives and to make connections among them, with the goal of producing active global citizens, who understand the links between human rights, human duties, and cosmopolitan beliefs. They study the complex connections between the local and the global to understand the webs that link local actions (such as consumption patterns) to international outcomes (such as resource-based conflicts).

The following learning objectives have been established for majors in the Global Studies (BA):

- Understand the various methods of research used to study cultural and social differences
- Earn the research skills necessary to conduct a course of study across geographical, ethnic, or ideological boundaries
- Gain extensive firsthand experience of the global issues of a city, country, or region from studying abroad
• Be able to conduct an independent project in a selected field of interest
• Ability to demonstrate the complexity of political, religious, and economic considerations in the comparative study of globalization
• Train for careers in government, healthcare, NGOs, climate change, energy policy, law, journalism, and business