Proposal for Capstone Project or Honors Thesis

GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR – updated 1/5/24

# Student Information

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| CAPSTONE SEMESTER | EMAIL | PHONE |

# Project Proposal

The capstone project is the final requirement for the Global Studies major, and it is completed through enrollment in ANTH 485 Global Studies Capstone Seminar (4 units), or an alternative 4-unit capstone course, in accordance with the requirements for the major (see the USC Course Catalogue for details). The Global Studies capstone is a research-based project that builds on what you have learned about the thematic focus you have chosen for the Global Studies major, both by researching it in the specific way that you have devised, and by applying the concepts and analytical tools you have learned through your Global Studies coursework.

Attach to this cover sheet your 2-3 page (double-spaced) capstone project proposal, which should include:

A brief description of your capstone project, and what you hope to learn from it,

How the coursework you have completed so far informs your project,

The research methods you will use for the research component of your project,

A brief bibliography of readings, screenings, and materials relevant to your research,

Names of any faculty with whom you have discussed the research component of your project,

The genre you will use to present your research (most students complete a written thesis/research paper, but creative or multi-modal projects may also be completed for the capstone, with departmental approval)

A temporary working title for your capstone project.

In the final weeks of your capstone semester, you will make a public presentation of your research and the insights you have gained from it. You will be able to change your title and description prior to the public presentation.

**Formatting guidelines for the proposal**: 2-3 pages, double-spaced, Times New Roman, size 12 font

## All Global Studies majors must submit a capstone project proposal for departmental review prior to undertaking the capstone requirement for the major, following the instructions at the end of this document.

# Experiential Learning

In addition to specific coursework, students in the Global Studies major are expected to engage in curricular experiential learning, such as by completing one intensive internship (for example, 4 credits or more of ANTH 393) or one semester of study abroad. Ideally, a student will spend one summer and one semester engaged in experiential learning prior to the senior year*. Briefly describe the curricular experiential learning you have completed for the Global Studies Major:*

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| WHERE? | WHEN? | WHAT DID YOU DO THERE? |
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# Language Requirement

Language proficiency is an important foundation for cross-cultural learning. For this reason, Global Studies majors are required to pursue at least intermediate conversational proficiency in a secondary language; or if they are already multi-lingual, to continue improving their language skills. *Briefly describe what you have done to fulfill the language requirement for the Global Studies Major:*

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| LANGUAGE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION |
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# Course History

For each course you have taken to meet a requirement in your Global Studies major, record your instructor, semester, and final grade (or “**IP**” for “in progress”). Global Studies majors are expected to complete at least 16 units of elective course work in the humanities and social sciences, selected to support the chosen thematic or regional focus.

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| CATEGORY | COURSE DEPT. | COURSE # | UNITS | INSTRUCTOR NAME | SEMESTER | GRADE |
| - | ANTH | 205 |  |  |  |  |
| - | ANTH | 415 |  |  |  |  |
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# Honors Program

Global Studies majors who have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.5 are encouraged to explore the Honors Program in Global Studies. The full requirements can be found on USC Anthropology website.

If you would like to be considered for the Honors Program in Global Studies, please review the above requirements and briefly indicate your interest and summarize your qualifications here:

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# Comments

Anything else we should know? *For example, if you would like to take a course besides ANTH 485 Global Studies Capstone to fulfill the capstone requirement, please explain why.*

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| What happens next? Please email this document to the 3 email addresses to the right.  Your proposal will be reviewed by faculty in the Anthropology Department. If revisions to your proposal are required, you will be contacted and given time to make any necessary revisions.  You'll begin work on your capstone project starting the first week of your capstone semester.  Keep an eye out for information about the capstone presentations, to which you'll be able to invite your peers, faculty, and family. All Global Studies students are invited to present their capstone projects at the end of the Spring semester. | **Department of Anthropology**  Kaprielian Hall (KAP) Suite 352  Main: (213) 740-1900‬  **ANTH 485 Capstone Seminar Instructor and Thesis Advisor:**  Prof. Nancy Lutkehaus, [lutkehau@usc.edu](mailto:lutkehau@usc.edu)  **Global Studies Academic Advisor:**  Kim Vinson, [vinson@usc.edu](mailto:vinson@usc.edu)  **Director of Undergraduate Studies:**  Dr. Emily Zeamer, [zeamer@usc.edu](mailto:zeamer@usc.edu) |

1. A course in research methods: ANTH 325, ANTH 410, ANTH 375, or equivalent. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)