

GLOBAL STUDIES CAPSTONE PROJECT: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH IN GLOBALIZATION  
Faculty Advisor Role

**General Program Information**

The Global Studies major is designed for motivated students, who complete their studies by conducting their own independent research. The capstone project is required of all majors, and while it can take various forms; the default is a substantive work of scholarship, of 8-12k words. The designation of honors in Global Studies is awarded based not only on length, but also on the quality of the argument and research.

Two courses, ANTH 415 and ANTH 485, provide programmatic support to students in this endeavor. For substantive mentoring relevant to their specific topic, students are asked to choose an advisor (or advisors) with relevant expertise. During the spring semester, the instructor for ANTH 485 and the students' faculty mentor will jointly guide them through the various phases of their chosen research project.

**Research topic**

The research topic of the senior thesis is of the student's choosing, but should relate to an aspect of contemporary global experience and/or its historical antecedents, e.g. transnational culture, technology and media, migration and refugees, global governance, global health and international markets.

**Expectations of Faculty Advisors**

The role of the faculty advisor is not intended to be burdensome. Faculty advisors should have some expertise and interest in the chosen topic, be in residence for the semester that the project will be undertaken, and be able to meet regularly with the student to provide feedback and direction. Students are expected to complete a rough draft of their project before the end of March, and a revised version by the beginning of May. The instructor of record will assign a recommended final grade for ANTH 485 in consultation with the faculty advisor.

Your signature below indicates that you agree to serve as a faculty advisor

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Name of Faculty Advisor (please print) and Faculty Advisor's Signature & Date

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Faculty Advisor's Home Department

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Name of Global Studies Student (please print)