A doctoral minor in global studies will be of interest to doctoral students who plan for careers in public policy, research, and academia, as well as those interested in careers in government, media, and the private and nonprofit sectors. The minor emphasizes systemic approaches to globalization in an interdisciplinary context, thereby distinguishing itself from existing graduate coursework in international studies that emphasize specialization in particular areas of the world (e.g., East Asian studies or African studies) or specific aspects of globalization (e.g., global health or global legal studies). The minor is intended to provide doctoral students with an institutional setting to pursue the study of globalization as a complement to their major degree program.

Admissions

All Graduate School students must utilize the Graduate Student Portal in MyUW to add, change, or discontinue any doctoral minor. To apply to this minor, please log in to MyUW, click on Graduate Student Portal, and then click on Add/Change Programs. The minor coordinator will review your application for admittance, and reach out to you if there are any further questions.

Funding

Graduate School Resources

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

Program Resources

The IRIS Awards Office manages its own funding opportunities (Scott Kloeck-Jenson Fellowships, IRIS Graduate Fieldwork Awards, Incubator Grants), coordinates the campus component of a number of external programs (Boren Fellowships, Fulbright US Student Program, Fulbright-Hays DDRA, Luce Scholars Program), coordinates IRIS regional center awards such as the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships, assists students, faculty, and staff in exploring funding options, and much more.

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Requirements

The minor in Global Studies is 12 credits total. Students who minor in global studies will be required to take the core Global Studies Graduate Seminar (INTL ST 720 Global Studies Seminar) and related coursework. In addition to the 3-credit Global Studies Graduate Seminar, students must take 9 credits from a list of approved courses. Students must take one course from three of the four categories:

1. Global Culture and Humanity
2. Global Commons
3. World Affairs and the Global Economy
4. Human Security and Global Citizenship

Students should consult with an IRIS advisor (https://iris.wisc.edu/advising/) for course listings within these categories.