GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR (B.S.)

Students majoring in Global Studies will be well-equipped for international engagement. They will learn the skills necessary to thrive, build relationships, and establish healthy careers in other cultures while developing an understanding of the particular dynamics that are associated with living and working abroad. To help accomplish this goal, the B.S. in Global Studies program requires students to either double-major or minor in another area.

Purpose

The B.S. in Global Studies seeks to provide students with a thorough foundation for effective engagement in intercultural careers and service. The program combines a comprehensive theory of global engagement with practical experience, culminating in a semester-long cultural immersion internship.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

1. Analyze essential principles of effective global engagement.
2. Demonstrate competency in cultural adaptation, research, and communication.
3. Employ critical thinking skills in addressing current issues in global engagement.

Program of Study

Delivery Format: Residential Only

- Global Studies (B.S.) - Resident

Career Opportunities

- Global mobilizer with a church or nonprofit organization
- Para-church Ministries
- Humanitarian aid work
- Refugee work
- Church Leadership
- Evangelism
- Graduate Studies
- Christian Educator

Courses

GLST 200 Introduction to Global Studies  3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is an introduction to understanding the history, principles and foundations of global engagement. Additionally, this course lays the groundwork for an intercultural career and provides principles for engaging the current global environment.
Offered: Resident and Online

GLST 220 Intercultural Communication and Engagement  3 Credit Hour(s)
This course will take a close look at behaviors and core values of the North American culture, identify areas where these values are barriers to effective intercultural communication and explore principles for effective engagement in another culture.
Offered: Resident and Online

GLST 290 Cultural Anthropology  3 Credit Hour(s)
This course will study systems of human behavior and thought for the purpose of improving understanding of people and their relationships. Several case studies will be used to illustrate these systems. (Formerly ICST 300)
Offered: Resident and Online

GLST 301 Global Exposure  1-3 Credit Hour(s)
This experiential learning course provides exposure to the needs, realities, opportunities and cultures found in major cities and global contexts. Students will engage in cross-cultural training, travel exposure, social interaction, and guided reflection of their experiences.
Registration Restrictions: A student must be approved by LU Send OR have received written approval from the Global Studies Department Chair to register for this course.
Offered: Resident

GLST 380 Global Studies Practicum  1,3 Credit Hour(s)
An elective seminar that exposes the student to the needs, duties, conflicts and cultural barriers of working as a career professional in a selected area of the world. The seminar requires on-site involvement and engagement in a country outside the United States and is accompanied with reading, lectures and interaction with expatriate workers and nationals of the host country.
Registration Restrictions: A student must have been accepted through LU Send and the Department of Global Studies for the Global Experience class OR have received written approval from the professor of GLST 380 for an alternative international experience. It is the student's responsibility to make up any prerequisite deficiencies, as stated in the Liberty University Catalog, which would prevent the successful completion of this course.
Offered: Resident and Online

GLST 385 Career Preparation for Global Workers  3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: (ICST 200 or GLST 200) and GLST 220 and (GLST 290 or ICST 300)
Online Prerequisite: GLST 200 and GLST 220 and GLST 290
This course will help guide potential global workers through the process of pursuing an intercultural career. (Formerly GLST 441)
Offered: Resident and Online

GLST 387 Living Abroad  3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (ICST 200 or GLST 200) and GLST 220 and (GLST 290 or ICST 300) and (GLST 441 or ICST 441 or GLST 385)
This course, taken concurrently with the field internship, will teach individuals how to thrive, and not simply survive, in another culture. (Formerly GLST 480)
Offered: Resident
GLST 388 Ethnographic Research 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (ICST 200 or GLST 200) and GLST 220 and (GLST 290 or ICST 300) and (ICST 441 or GLST 441 or GLST 385) and (RSCH 201 or Inquiry Research with a score of 80 or Research (prior to 2017-2018) with a score of 80 or Research with a score of 80)
This course is a research project that is taken concurrently with the field internship experience. Primarily building on the principles learned in GLST 290, but integrating everything learned to this point, individuals will do extensive ethnographic mapping of the culture in which they are completing the field internship. (Formerly GLST 488)
Offered: Resident

GLST 389 Barefoot Language Learning 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (ICST 200 or GLST 200) and GLST 220 and (GLST 290 or ICST 300) and (ICST 441 or GLST 441 or GLST 385)
This course is an on-site language study that is taken concurrently with the field internship experience. Specific emphasis is given to learning the heart language of the host culture by seeking conversational aptitude. (Formerly GLST 489)
Offered: Resident

GLST 390 Engaging Oral Communicators 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is an in-depth study of oral learners, those who prefer the spoken word as a primary form of communicating thoughts, observations and experiences. Skills will be developed in communicating, guiding the growth of oral communicators and fostering community development through the telling of stories.
Offered: Resident

GLST 421 Roman Catholicism 3 Credit Hour(s)
This is a study of the historical development, global influence and major doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church.
Offered: Resident

GLST 425 Animism 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is a survey of the phenomena of Animism, its underlying worldview and expressions in various cultures.
Offered: Resident

GLST 431 Introduction to Islam 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course explores the historic rise and expansion of Islam as well as basic Muslim beliefs and practices. Attention is also given to the diversity within the world of Islam. (Crosslisted with APOL 431)
Offered: Resident

GLST 461 Becoming a Global Facilitator 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course trains leaders how to be effective global catalysts in their current roles in their home cultures.
Offered: Resident

GLST 485 Engaging Tribal Cultures 3 Credit Hour(s)
A practical experience of learning intercultural concepts, survival skills and cultural adjustments through simulated jungle or tribal contexts.
Offered: Resident

GLST 490 Trends and Issues in Global Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is taken the semester following the internship experience. Individuals will reflect upon current trends and issues in global studies based on their experiences abroad. (Formerly ICST 338)
Offered: Resident and Online

GLST 491 Global Studies Capstone 1 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: GLST 499
This capstone course prepares seniors for their next steps after graduation by helping them to synthesize, refine, and articulate their knowledge and experience, build a professional and academic portfolio, and develop a plan for future global engagement.
Registration Restrictions: Senior status and in last semester of study
Offered: Resident

GLST 495 Directed Research 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is an individual study of advanced topics in Global Studies that includes periodic meetings with the instructor.
Registration Restrictions: Junior or senior status and permission of the department chair
Offered: Resident

GLST 497 Special Topics in Global Studies 3 Credit Hour(s)
Selected topics in various areas of Global Studies. This course may be repeated for credit when the topic varies.
Offered: Resident

GLST 499 Global Studies Internship 3-9 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: (GLST 200 or ICST 200) and GLST 220 and (GLST 290 or ICST 300) and (GLST 441 or GLST 385 or ICST 441)
This course is a field experience under the supervision of a qualified individual currently working in an intercultural career. It is a required experience for Global Studies majors and is available to Global Studies minors and students in other courses of study. Students should apply through the Department of Global Studies at least two semesters prior to the internship.
Offered: Resident and Online