

# GLOBAL AFFAIRS (GLOA)

## 100 Level Courses

**GLOA 101:** *Introduction to Global Affairs*. 3 credits.

Surveys wide range of global topics: previous periods of globalization, international organizations and law, transnational corporations and global economy, immigration and refugees, world environmental concerns, world culture, war and peace, paradoxical presence of nationalism and fundamentalism in global world, and antiglobalization movement. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Global Understanding

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

## 300 Level Courses

**GLOA 305:** *Global Affairs College-to-Career*. 1 credit.

Focuses on career choices and effective self-presentation for soon-to-be graduating students with majors in Global Affairs. Explores how skills typically learned in humanities majors can be leveraged for a successful transition to post-graduation employment. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

## 400 Level Courses

**GLOA 400:** *Global Affairs Capstone*. 3 credits.

Students draw from interdisciplinary core and concentration coursework in order to synthesize, compare and consolidate the various approaches and theories explored throughout the major through a focus on a pressing global issue. Additionally, course is designed to further develop research, writing, presentation, and organizational skills. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Mason Core:** Capstone

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of GLOA 101 or SOCI 120 and 18 credits in major.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**GLOA 450:** *Topics in Global Affairs*. 1-3 credits.

Selected topics in global affairs. Content varies. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 9 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** GLOA 101 or SOCI 120.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**GLOA 480:** *Study Abroad*. 1-6 credits.

Study abroad under supervision of Mason faculty. Course topics, content, and locations vary. Notes: May be repeated with permission of department. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**GLOA 490:** *Independent Study in Global Affairs*. 1-6 credits.

Reading or research on specific topic related to globalization, under direction of faculty member. Notes: At least one written paper required. Course may involve combination of reading assignments, tutorials,

presentations, or off-campus activities. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 6 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Global Affairs majors with 90 credits, GLOA 101, and permission of instructor.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

**GLOA 491:** *Honors Seminar in Global Affairs*. 3 credits.

Emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to the study of global affairs. Covers a variety of topics, including consideration of economic, political, and cultural forces at work in the complex interactions among global processes. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Admission to Global Affairs honors in the major.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**GLOA 492:** *Honors Research Project in Global Affairs*. 3 credits.

Honors-level research on specialized topic in Global Affairs culminating in substantial paper and oral presentation. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Completion of GLOA 491 with minimum grade of B.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**GLOA 495:** *Global Experiential Learning*. 1-18 credits.

On-the-job training in transnational or international fields through approved internship programs. Notes: Enrollment and credits controlled by Global Affairs Program. Contact Global Affairs Program one semester before planned enrollment. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the term.

**Schedule Type:** Internship

**GLOA 498:** *Global Politics Fellow*. 0 credits.

The Global Politics Fellows program is a 15 credit academic program for selected students majoring in Global Affairs or Government and International Politics and Public Administration. This course indicates participation in the program. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 0 credits.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** Acceptance into Global Policy Fellows Program.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Global Affairs.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

## 500 Level Courses

**GLOA 599:** *Issues in Global Affairs*. 3 credits.

Studies current issues and debates in global affairs. Notes: May be repeated for credit when topic is different. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the term for a maximum 12 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

## 600 Level Courses

**GLOA 600:** *Global Competencies*. 3 credits.

Explores the nature of globalization. Students will understand the characteristics of the current global system; be familiar with key global issues and debates; have an advanced understanding of and appreciation for organizations, languages, cultures in many global contexts; and be better habituated to thinking across disciplinary lines. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**GLOA 605:** *Interdisciplinary Research Methods*. 3 credits.

Designed to provide students with an overview of basic techniques in quantitative and qualitative methods with special attention to epistemological and ethical concerns in global studies research. Course includes a discussion of the theoretical assumptions that shape research questions and design, practical exercises in research techniques, and analysis of methodology in practice. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Lecture

**GLOA 610:** *Economic Globalization and Development*. 3 credits.

Focuses on the intersection of countries and firms in the arenas of international trade, investment and finance, as the lenses into understanding better today's "global" economy: countries of differing levels of economic development and economic system structure, factors of monetary union and currency disequilibria, trade liberalization or protectionism, market entry, cross-border variables, risk and relations. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**GLOA 620:** *Human Systems*. 3 credits.

Examines the human dimensions relative to international educational systems and their relationship to basic education and higher education policy, research policy, science and technology, culture, language, social justice, equity, conflict and peace, human resources and national development. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**GLOA 690:** *Independent Study*. 3 credits.

Reading or research on specific topic related to globalization, under directions of faculty member. Notes: At least one written paper required. Course may involve combination of reading assignments, tutorials, presentations, or off-campus activities. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May not be repeated for credit.

**Recommended Prerequisite:** 12 MA credits and permission of instructor.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment limited to students with a class of Advanced to Candidacy, Graduate, Non Degree or Senior Plus.

Enrollment limited to students in the MA Global Affairs program.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate, Non-Degree or Undergraduate level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Independent Study

## 700 Level Courses

**GLOA 710:** *Seminar Abroad*. 3 credits.

Intensive program in a foreign setting focusing on a deep overview of the research specialization of the supervising faculty member. Required pre-departure component to set the intellectual, logistical and culture terms of the abroad period. Locations vary from year to year. Notes: May be repeated with permission of program. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar

**GLOA 720:** *Capstone Research Seminar*. 3 credits.

Provides students with the opportunity to engage in significant original research an analysis of a topic in global affairs. Topics vary from year to year. Offered by Humanities & Social Sciences. May be repeated within the degree for a maximum 6 credits.

**Registration Restrictions:**

Enrollment is limited to Graduate or Non-Degree level students.

Students in a Non-Degree Undergraduate degree may **not** enroll.

**Schedule Type:** Seminar