

# GLOBAL SYSTEMS MINOR

**Banner Code:** GLOS

## Academic Advising

359 Research Hall  
Fairfax Campus

Global systems have become increasingly important to the way we live and work, and a global perspective makes us more aware of how we are connected to others around the world and to the whole of nature.

The interdisciplinary minor in global systems is designed to complement virtually any undergraduate major. It works well for majors in business disciplines, economics, languages, geography, government and international politics, history, and other disciplines that take a global view. Students in professional programs learn to connect their professional concerns to global issues of health care, trade and finance, or technology. Students in the liberal arts gain insights into their disciplines as they learn how the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences are affected by global issues such as demographic change, telecommunications, and environmental protection.

Other globally oriented courses may also fulfill or substitute for the requirements of this program with written permission of the coordinator prior to registration.

This is an interdisciplinary minor offered by the Schar School of Policy and Government (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/archives/2020-2021/colleges-schools/policy-government/>) and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/archives/2020-2021/colleges-schools/humanities-social-sciences/>).

## Faculty

Lopez-Santana (minor advisor)

## Admissions & Policies

## Policies

Students must complete all coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.00. At least 9 credits must be at the 300 level or above. Eight credits of coursework must be unique to the minor.

For policies governing all minors, see AP5.3.4 Minors (<http://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic/undergraduate-policies/#ap-5-3-4>).

## Requirements

## Minor Requirements

Total credits: 18

### Required Course

Code	Title	Credits
Select one course from the following: 3		
GLOA 101	Introduction to Global Affairs (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )	

GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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HIST 125	Introduction to World History (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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Total Credits	3
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## Electives

Code	Title	Credits
Select five electives from at least two of the following fields: <sup>1</sup> 15		

### Field A: Government, geography, and administration of justice

GOVT 132	Introduction to International Politics (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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GOVT 444	Issues in International Studies
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CRIM 405	Law and Justice around the World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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GGG 101	Major World Regions (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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GGG 301	Political Geography
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GGG 303	Geography of Resource Conservation (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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GGG 304	Population Geography (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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GGG 305	Economic Geography
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### Field B: Economics, anthropology, marketing, history, and sociology

ANTH 300	Civilizations
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ANTH 312	Political Anthropology (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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ANTH 331	Refugees (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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ANTH 375	Culture, Power, History
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ECON 360	Economics of Developing Areas (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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ECON 361	Economic Development of Latin America (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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ECON 380	Economies in Transition (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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ECON 390	International Economics
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HIST 387	Topics in Global History (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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MKTG 407	Global Marketing
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SOCI 332	The Urban World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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### Field C: Environmental science, global health, systems engineering, urban and suburban studies, civil and infrastructure engineering

BIOL 377	Applied Ecology
CEIE 100	Environmental Engineering around the World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
CEIE 450	Environmental Engineering Systems
GCH 543	Global Health
USST 301	Urban Growth in a Shrinking World
<b>Field D: Modes of communication</b>	
COMM 305	Foundations of Intercultural Communication (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
COMM 456	Comparative Mass Media (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
DANC 118	World Dance (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
MUSI 103	Musics of the World (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
MUSI 431	Music History in Society III (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
THR 359	World Stages (Mason Core) ( <a href="http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/">http://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/</a> )
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Total Credits	15

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