

Department of International and Global Studies

Learning Outcomes for Majors & Minor Programs

1) Communication: Students develop oral, written, and visual means of communicating. They will also be able to communicate during group work and demonstrate their ability to use various technologies to share ideas and convey information.

2) Critical thinking: Students will demonstrate their ability to analyze readings and to synthesize major ideas in writing. In addition, they will manifest intellectual curiosity, gain the ability to frame thoughtful questions, use reason to question existing beliefs, and appropriately place new information into context.

3) Intercultural competence: Students will show an appreciation of and respect for cultural diversity. They will also demonstrate their understanding of how culture defines differing perspectives of the world.

4) Interdisciplinary and a comparative perspective: Students will be able to integrate frameworks from various disciplines to analyze issues. They will acquire skills to put topics into context at either a cross-national or a global level.

5) Media and Information literacy: Students will gain the ability to evaluate information and the contexts under which it is created, disseminated, and acquired. Students will master rigorous research skills as well as critically assess when key information is missing.

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Learning Outcomes for Certificate Programs

African Studies

Learning outcomes:

1. Drawing on a wide range of courses in the humanities and the social sciences, students will become familiar with significant aspects of the history, languages, and culture of Africa and appreciate the range of historical and contemporary diverse experiences.
2. Students should be able to make connections between the legacies of colonialism, imperialism, and contemporary events in local, regional, national, and international politics.
3. Students will become aware of global disparities and the challenges facing the African continent, including unequal development, environmental degradation, and inequity in access to democratic rights, and how social movements are confronting these challenges.

Asian Studies

Learning Outcomes:

1. Drawing on a wide range of courses in the humanities and the social sciences, students will gain insight into the histories, languages, and diverse societies of East, South, and Southeast Asia.
1. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how non-western religions and cultures, legacies of colonialism, and capitalist development have produced Modern Asia.
2. Students will learn about the challenges facing the Asian continent, including, unequal development, environmental degradation, and inequity in access to democratic rights, and how social movements are confronting these challenges.

European Studies

Learning outcomes:

1. Drawing on a wide range of courses in the humanities and the social sciences, students will identify crucial events, actors, and trends with significant impact in Europe.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of the range of diverse historical, political, economic, and cultural experiences and values that shape European identity.
3. Students will gain an ability to critically evaluate various consequences of Europe's interaction with the rest of the world as well as sources of tensions that are causing political upheavals in Europe.

Global Studies Certificate

Learning outcomes:

1. Drawing on a wide range of courses in the humanities and the social sciences, students will demonstrate an understanding of world cultures, politics, and economies within the context of globalization, as well as develop the skills and attitudes to function as global citizens.
2. Students will learn about the significant developments in the world today, including the threats of global warming, poverty, and the escalation of armed conflict.
3. Students will be able to draw on multiple perspectives to gain a critical insight into the role states and regions play within the global system, including various inter-dependencies amongst nations.

Latin American Studies

Learning outcomes:

1. Students will gain insight into the histories, languages, and diverse societies of Latin America, including indigenous peoples and experiences.
2. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how legacies of colonialism, imperialism, and capitalist development have produced Modern Latin America.
3. Students will learn about the challenges facing Latin America, including social and economic inequality, environmental degradation, and democratic governance, and how social movements are confronting these challenges.

Middle East Studies

Learning outcomes:

1. Students will draw upon multiple perspectives to analyze the diverse historical, political, economic, linguistic, and cultural experiences and values that exist in the Middle East.
2. Students should understand the legacy of colonialism and imperialism within the region and how it continues to shape conflicts, crises, and social issues.
3. Students will learn about the challenges facing the region, including unequal development, environmental degradation, and inequity in access to democratic rights, and how social movements are confronting these challenges.

Contemporary Turkish Studies

Learning outcomes:

1. Students will identify crucial events, actors, and trends that have shaped Turkey's past and present.
2. Students will be able to situate Turkey in the 21st century narrative of economic and political globalization. This will include Turkey's complex position between East and West, and relations with the European Union, NATO, and other actors.