



Southern Methodist University  
**MASTER OF LIBERAL STUDIES**  
Curricular Field Concentrations

## Global Studies

### Curriculum Description

The Global Studies concentration prompts students to explore the responsibility of global citizenship and world affairs from an economic, political and cultural interdisciplinary perspective. Students will investigate the interrelationships between nations and peoples within the global society. Students will study politics, economics, culture, ethnicity, race, environmental sustainability, media, and human rights in order to understand the complexities of globalization. Students concentrating in this area must have a balance of western and non-western courses to satisfy the concentration. This should include at least 2-3 non-western MLS courses.

Courses from departments at SMU other than Liberal Studies may be selected with the permission of both departments on a space-available basis (maximum of 6 credit hours). Non-GLS courses must be “in the spirit” of the Liberal Studies Degree Program with the approval of the Program Director and Department Chair. Independent Study courses may also be designed with designated faculty members (maximum of 6 credit hours) to supplement MLS course offerings, with the approval of the Program Director and Department Chair. The self-designed concentration will appear on the final transcript of record.

Students may participate in appropriate study abroad experiences, such as those offered in France and Italy and other sites through the Master of Liberal Studies program. A study tour may count toward the concentration electives.

### Format

Students who select a Global Studies concentration must complete the following:

- 36 credit hours (required for overall MLS degree)
- The 3 credit hour introductory required course: The Human Experience
- 3 credit hour designated writing intensive course (not part of the concentration)
- 6 elective courses related to the designated concentration (determined by the student and faculty member)
- 6 plus credit hour thesis or 3 credit hour capstone project
- 2-3 courses or 6-9 credit hours need to be earned in courses with a non-western focus/foundation



## **COURSES, *Global Studies***

- BHSC 6307** The Rise of Complex Societies
- BHSC 6314** Native American Heritage
- BHSC 6324** Language, Culture and Beliefs
- BHSC 6363** The Immigrant Experience
- FNAR 6201** Art and Architecture in Hispanic New Mexico
- FNAR 6313** Contemporary Art
- FNAR 6335** History of Prints and Printmaking
- FNAR 6380** Music, Society and Politics in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- FNAR 6311** Etruscan Art and Archeology in Italy
- FNAR 6323** Modern Painting in France
- HUMN 6201** Sacred Places and Spiritual Practices
- HUMN 6305** Women and the Southwest
- HUMN 6311** Ethics and War
- HUMN 6312** The History of God
- HUMN 6322** Making Sense of the American Spiritual Landscape
- HUMN 6326** Indigenous Peoples' Rights in a Global Economy
- HUMN 6328** German Literature
- HUMN 6328** The Muse in Arms: War and the Literary Imagination
- HUMN 6335** The Bible and Literary Creation
- HUMN 6338** The Fire of Transformation: Exploring the Mystical Life
- HUMN 6349** King Arthur's Britain: Landscapes, Legends and Literature
- HUMN 6354** Monuments of Medieval Art
- HUMN 6354** Remembering the 60s Culture and Change
- HUMN 6358** Trances and Dances: Investigations into Aboriginal Religious Life
- HUMN 6359** Etruscan Art and Archeology in Italy
- HUMN 6361** The Literature of Religious Expression
- HUMN 6383** News Media in Contemporary Society
- HUMN 7304** Middle Eastern American Literature
- HUMN 7312** Islam State and Society
- HUMN 7315** Religions of the East
- HUMN 7345** How the People of the Book Read It
- SCCL 6202** Challenges for Sustainable and Secure Water Supply
- SCCL 6305** Genetics and Ethics
- SCCL 6349** Biology of Nutrition
- SCCL 6389** The Origins and Evolution of Life
- SCCI 6395** Environmental Sustainability: Current Issues
- SCCL 7206** Biotic Communities of the Southwest
- SOSC 6201** The Inca Empire: The Rise and Fall of a Native Andean Civilization
- SOSC 6301** Terrorism and Torture
- SOSC 6302** Democracy and Development in SE Asia
- SOSC 6303** The Development of Democracy in Southeast Asia
- SOSC 6311** Dignitas and Decadence: The Society and Culture of Imperial Rome
- SOSC 6329** The American Presidency
- SOSC 6327** American Citizenship
- SOSC 6330** Politics and Film
- SOSC 6331** Presidential Elections and American Politics
- SOSC 6336** History of Near East and Egypt
- SOSC 6338** Contemporary France
- SOSC 6337** Texas and Tejanos: Seminar on Mexican-American History
- SOSC 6341** Culture, History, and Business: The New Challenge of Globalism
- SOSC 6346** Queen Victoria's England
- SOSC 6348** The Changing Landscape of Political Thought
- SOSC 6359** The Use (and Misuse) of Power in Politics
- SOSC 6367** Comparative Revolutions
- SOSC 6374** Social and Cultural History of Spanish-Speaking Peoples
- SOSC 6376** Cultural and Intellectual History of Modern Europe: Renaissance to Enlightenment
- SOSC 6377** Cultural and Intellectual History of Modern Europe: Romanticism to Present
- SOSC 6389** The Spanish Civil War
- SOSC 6399** The History of Mexico
- SOSC 7302** Studies at Oxford University: War and Diplomacy in Europe, 1815 – Present
- SOSC 7303** In the Camps: Historical Field Trip to Poland
- SOSC 7305** Special Topics in Human Rights: The Holocaust
- SOSC 7308** The Great Encounter: How Indians and Europeans Met