

# GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR

## SENIOR THESIS: INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH IN GLOBALIZATION

### General Program Information

The Global Studies major is designed for highly motivated students who wish to complete their required studies by conducting their own independent research on the issue of globalization during their senior year. This is to be done under the guidance of a faculty advisor, arranged for by the student, who should be able to help direct them through the various phases of their research.

Note that the Global Studies senior thesis, which students will submit to their faculty advisor for final review, is intended to be quite substantial in its scholarship— between 35-50 pages in length of text, double spaced (in addition to title page, bibliography, appendices, etc.).

During the senior year, Global Studies majors will take the following courses, consisting of a topical seminar and research seminar in the Fall, followed by two quarters of independent research, culminating in the production of the senior thesis.

### Quarterly Guidelines-Senior Year

## FALL QUARTER

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Global Studies majors will enroll in Gbl St 191, a variable topic 4-unit senior seminar, during the Fall Quarter of their senior year.

Global Studies majors will also enroll in Gbl St 194, a 2-unit research seminar which will cover general themes concerning the conduct of scholarly research, during the Fall Quarter of their senior year.

- **Global Studies 194.** Research Group Seminars: Global Studies (2) Seminar, two hours. Requisites: courses 110A, 110B. Limited to senior Global Studies majors. Discussion of research methods regarding various approaches to analysis and evaluation of globalization and current literature in field in preparation for senior thesis. Letter grading.

Although the actual coursework for the individual research does not commence until Winter Quarter (Gbl St 199A), it is very important for students to 1) have already written out a research proposal and 2) have secured a faculty advisor well before then.

### Research proposal:

During Fall Quarter of their senior year, Global Studies majors will narrow down the topic for their research project and write up a preliminary research proposal for their senior thesis. The specific research topic of the Global Studies senior thesis is of the student's choosing, but must be clearly related to one or more of the core thematic pillars of globalization: transnational culture, global governance, and international markets. To help determine if their selected topic is suitable for the 35-50 page thesis, students are encouraged to discuss their research proposal with the instructor of Gbl St 194 and with the Chair of Global Studies no later than the middle of Fall Quarter. The research proposal will be important in the selection of an appropriate faculty advisor; therefore students are encouraged to provide sufficient detail so that a determination of the scope and appropriateness of the research topic can be made.

### Faculty advisor:

Once students have produced the research proposal, the next step is to secure a faculty advisor. Potential advisors can be selected from the **Global Studies Faculty Roster** (select the "Faculty" link from the Global Studies homepage, <http://international.ucla.edu/idps/globalstudies>).

Other faculty members may be suitable, as long as they are willing to support the student's research interests. Good places to look for potential advisors across campus are the following databases:

- **UCLA Faculty Research Interests Database**, <http://www.research.ucla.edu/faculty/>
- **UCLA Faculty Experts Directory**, <http://www.newsroom.ucla.edu/portal/ucla/faculty-experts.aspx>

- **CSA Illumina**, <http://uclibs.org/PID/44514> (enter University of California, Los Angeles in first box and code as Affiliation, AF= then enter keywords in the box below using Boolean operators. Select Specific Databases (mark all), then Continue to Search to get back to the main page, then select Search. Either scroll through the listings, or select "Scholars" for specific names!).

After you have identified potential faculty advisors whose research interests broadly match your own, you should arrange to meet with the faculty members to discuss your research proposal. Present both the research proposal and the "Faculty Advisor Responsibilities" sheet (the last page of this document) to the potential advisor.

Tips for Success in Finding a Faculty Sponsor:

- *Start Early.* Don't wait until your Senior year to make initial contacts with faculty. Do so early on in your academic career.
- *Be Bold.* Make direct contact with faculty members, especially during their office hours. Also, build a large network of potential mentors, not just those who have been your instructors. With many different contacts, you're more likely to find someone to serve as your thesis sponsor.
- *Don't Give Up!* Don't get discouraged; the mentor relationship has to work for both professor and student, so it may take some time to find the right match.

Note that faculty advisors must be in residence at UCLA, during the two-quarter Gbl St 199A/199B sequence (Winter and Spring Quarters).

## WINTER QUARTER

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Winter Quarter is to be devoted to detailed planning of the senior thesis, research investigation, and data collection. At the end of Winter Quarter, students are expected to have produced a 10-15 page outline of the thesis, to include a brief introduction, major arguments, and discussion of the evidence or data.

During the Winter Quarter, students will enroll in Gbl St 199A, which is a 2-unit independent research course that will be supervised by your faculty advisor who should help you refine your research project and aid you in conducting your research. Note that you are expected to set up a regular meeting schedule with your faculty advisor at frequent intervals (weekly) to review your progress.

- **Global Studies 199A.** Directed Individual Research in Global Studies. (2 units) Tutorial, one hour. Prerequisite: courses 191, 194. Limited to senior Global Studies majors. Supervised individual research or investigation under guidance of faculty mentor. Research, discussion, and planning of senior thesis. Individual contract required. In Progress grading (grade credit to be given only upon completion of course 199B).

Before being allowed to enroll in Gbl St 199A (Winter Quarter), students must have fulfilled the following prerequisites:

- Be a Global Studies Major
- Have taken Gbl St 1, 100A, 100B, 110A, 110B, 191, and 194
- Have secured a Faculty Advisor who has signed the "Faculty Advisor Responsibilities" sheet
- Have received approval on the research proposal from the Faculty Advisor and the Chair of Global Studies, as evidence by obtaining signatures from both on the Gbl St 199A Contract for Winter.

### Gbl St 199A Contract:

Once the faculty member agrees to be the advisor for your independent research (and is in residence during Winter and Spring terms), the next step is for you to log into [MyUCLA](#) and select the "Contract Courses" link. From there, you'll select the term (generally Winter Quarter), and then Directed Research (199). Select Global Studies and then **Global Studies 199A**. You'll then need to indicate your faculty advisor. Note that only faculty who are listed on the dropdown menu when setting up the course are allowed to be thesis advisors. If the faculty member does not appear on the list, please have them contact their home department ASAP!

In filling out the contract, you will be asked to provide a short description of your research project. \*\*In addition, please add the following: "The Faculty Advisor will be in residence at UCLA and will be available to meet in person regularly to discuss progress on the thesis."\*\*

Also in filling out the contract, you will also be asked to indicate the tangible evidence you will provide as proof of the work completed. \*\*In this section, please state the following: "At the completion of the term, I will produce a 10-15 page outline of the thesis."

Print out the Gbl St 199A contract for Winter and ask your faculty sponsor to sign it. Also ask them to sign the "Faculty Advisor Responsibilities" sheet. Be sure to give them an unsigned copy for their records. Once signatures have been obtained, submit the approved Contact Course petition along with the signed "Faculty Advisor Responsibilities" sheet to the Office of Academic Advising for Global Studies, 10375 Bunche for enrollment processing. It is highly recommended that you do so before the end of Fall Quarter to ensure that the course can be set up during normal enrollment periods, <http://www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/counseling/regulations/adding.htm>. **After submission, be sure to check your studylist to verify that you are actually enrolled in the course!** Students who attempt to submit their application once the Winter Quarter begins may have to petition for a late add of the course through the UCLA College and pay any associated late fee.

\*\*\*Note that the grading for Gbl St 199A is in progress (IP) only, and will remain that way on your records indefinitely.\*\*\* The 2 units associated with Gbl St 199A will, however, eventually be part of the graded units upon completion of Gbl St 199B.

## SPRING QUARTER

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Spring Quarter culminates in a submitted thesis of 35-50 pages of text (in addition to the title page, bibliography, appendices, etc.).

Senior Global Studies majors will take Gbl St 199B, which is a 4-unit independent research class in which the student will continue to work with the faculty advisor in the writing of the thesis.

- **Global Studies 199B.** Directed Individual Research in Global Studies. (4 units) Tutorial, one hour. Prerequisite: course 199A. Limited to senior Global Studies majors. Supervised individual research or investigation under guidance of faculty mentor. Final drafting and submission of senior thesis. Culminating paper of 35 to 50 pages required. Individual contract required. Letter grading.

Enrollment in Gbl St 199B depends on demonstrating satisfactory progress towards the senior thesis during the first quarter of coursework (Gbl St 199A). To enroll in Gbl St 199B (Spring Quarter), students must submit a Contract Course petition for Gbl St 199B, signed and approved by the Chair of Global Studies and the faculty advisor. In addition, students will need to include a 10-15 page outline of the thesis along with the signed Gbl St 199B contract.

### Gbl St 199B Contract:

To enroll in Gbl St 199B for Spring, you will once again log into [MyUCLA](#) and select the "Contract Courses" link. From there, you'll select the term (generally Spring Quarter), and then Directed Research (199). Select Global Studies and then **Global Studies 199B**. You'll then need to indicate your faculty advisor.

In filling out the contract, you will be asked to provide a short description of your research project. \*\*In addition, please add the following: "The Faculty Advisor will be in residence at UCLA and will be available to meet in person regularly to discuss progress on the thesis."\*\*

Also in filling out the contract, you will be asked to indicate the tangible evidence you will provide as proof of the work completed. \*\*In this section, please state the following: "At the completion of the term, I will produce a 35-50 page thesis."

Print out the Gbl St 199B contract for Spring and ask your faculty sponsor to sign it. Be sure to attach a copy of the 10-15 page outline of the thesis to the contract. Once the signature have been obtained, submit the approved Gbl St 199B Contract along with the thesis outline to the Office of Academic Advising for Global Studies, 10375 Bunche for enrollment processing. It is highly recommended that you do so before the end of Winter Quarter to ensure that the course can be set up during normal enrollment periods, <http://www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/counseling/regulations/adding.htm>. **After submission, be sure to check your studylist to verify that you are actually enrolled in the course!** Students who attempt to submit their application once the Spring Quarter begins may have to petition for a late add of the course through the UCLA College and pay any associated late fee.

As with Gbl St 199A, students enrolled in Gbl St 199B are expected to set up a regular meeting schedule with their faculty advisor (weekly). It is highly recommended that drafts of the thesis are submitted several times throughout the Spring Quarter, each receiving feedback from the faculty advisor that will guide subsequent revisions.

### Final Copy of Senior Thesis

Unless otherwise specified by your faculty advisor, the last day to submit a final copy of the thesis is Friday of the 10th week of Spring Quarter. Your faculty advisor may be willing to accept a final copy during Finals Week, instead, so please do confirm the deadline with him/her.

Your faculty advisor will be responsible for assigning you a grade for Glbl St 199B, which will signify the completion of your thesis. Note that students receive a total of 6 graded units of credit for the senior thesis (2 units from Glbl St 199A and 4 units from Glbl St 199B combined). Recall, though, that grading for Glbl St 199A is in progress (IP) only, and will remain that way on your records indefinitely. The 2 units associated with Glbl St 199A will, however, eventually be part of the graded units upon completion of Glbl St 199B.

While signatures are not required, you are encouraged to get your thesis signed by both your faculty advisor and the Chair of Global Studies on your personal copy of your senior thesis. When you send a copy off to graduate schools with your application, for example, your thesis will look more like the important piece of work it is, rather than a regular research paper! A sample signature page is included in this document.

As mentioned previously, the Global Studies senior thesis is intended to be quite substantial in its scholarship— between 35-50 pages in length of text (in addition to title page, bibliography, appendices, etc.). The grade for Glbl St 199B (for 6 units from Glbl St 199A and 199B combined) will be based on the quality of the final version of the senior thesis. Please confer early on with your faculty advisor as to preferred style (MLA, Chicano, APA) of the final version.

As a courtesy, you should provide your faculty advisor with their own copy of your thesis if they would like one.

After you have submitted a hard copy to your faculty advisor, you are highly encouraged to post your senior thesis on the Global Studies website, and you can do so via the Alumni & Current Student Directory, [www.international.ucla.edu/idps/alumni/](http://www.international.ucla.edu/idps/alumni/).

## Departmental Honors

Outstanding Global Studies majors are eligible to receive department honors. To qualify for graduation with **departmental honors**, students must (1) complete all requirements for the major, (2) have a cumulative grade-point average of **3.50** or better in upper division courses in the major and an overall GPA of **3.25** or better, and (3) complete Glbl St 199B with a grade of **A-** or better on the resulting thesis.

To qualify for graduation with **departmental highest honors**, students must (1) complete all requirements for the major, (2) have a cumulative GPA of **3.75** or better in upper division courses in the major and an overall GPA of **3.50** or better, and (3) complete Glbl St 199B with a grade of **A** or better on the resulting thesis.

Any departmental honors designation will be automatically awarded upon graduation. No application is necessary.

(Sample Signature Page for Final Version of Senior Thesis)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
Los Angeles

Territoriality and Conflict  
in an Era of Globalization

A thesis submitted in partial satisfaction  
of the requirements for the major in  
Global Studies

By

Josephine Bruin

June 2015

The thesis of Josephine Bruin is approved.

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Nate Poe, Chair of Global Studies

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Kate Doe, Faculty Advisor

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(Signed copy to be submitted along with Glbl St 199A Contract)

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- Glbl St 199B (4 units) is to be taken in Spring Quarter, unless otherwise agreed upon by the faculty advisor, and result in the production of the 35-50 page senior thesis. The grade for the Glbl St 199A/B sequence (6 units combined), given by the faculty advisor, will be based on the strength of the thesis itself.

### Research topic:

The research topic of the Glbl St 199A/199B senior thesis is of the student's choosing, but should clearly relate to one or more of the core thematic pillars of globalization: transnational culture, global governance, and international markets. Students are asked to provide potential faculty advisors, who can come from any department at UCLA, with a research proposal, which should include sufficient detail so that a determination of the scope and appropriateness of the research topic can be made.

### Expectations of Faculty Advisors:

- Faculty advisors must be in residence for the two terms that the thesis will be undertaken. If you will not be at UCLA during either of these terms, please direct the student to another faculty member who might serve as their senior thesis advisor.
- Glbl St 199A & Glbl St 199B are not designed to give credit to students acting as research assistants on faculty projects. These courses are to give credit for independent research only.
- It is highly encouraged that advisors meet weekly with the student during the Winter and Spring terms in order to give frequent feedback on progress towards the senior thesis. It is recommended that the faculty advisor require submission of preliminary drafts of the thesis several times throughout the Spring Quarter, and offer comments that will guide subsequent revisions.
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*Your signature below indicates that you agree to abide by the faculty advisor responsibilities, outlined above. Note that your signature will also be required on the Glbl St 199A (Winter) and Glbl St 199B (Spring) Contracts.*

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Name of Faculty Advisor (please print)

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Faculty Advisor's Signature

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Faculty Advisor's Home Department

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Name of Global Studies Student (please print)

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**Faculty Advisor: Please retain this copy for your records**