Global and Transnational Studies Major

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Global and Transnational Studies major focuses on the pressing international problems facing today's world. These issues are not simply about interplay of nations, national perspectives, or the study of different regions of the world. Instead, the issues revolve around problems such as the environment, economic development, social justice, global conflict, immigration, and cross-cultural connectivity – all of which are interdisciplinary, interconnected, and involve international cooperation.

Requirements (36 hours):

- Core courses (18 hours): GTS 201, GOG 101, HIS 110, PHL/REL 102, GTS 401, and one of the following: a third semester of foreign language (FLG 203), approved study abroad course, POL/GTS 350
- 3 Global Regions electives (9 hours)
- 3 Transnational Themes electives (9 hours)
- 15 hours of the total major hours must be at the 300-level or above
- A grade-point average of 2.0 or higher in courses counted toward the major
- Students may substitute experimental courses numbered 200 or 300 for electives listed in the worksheet with permission of the program coordinator.

Students with an interest in advanced study of a foreign language may choose to count an additional 200-level or 300-level language course toward their 9 hours of regional coursework.

It is strongly recommended that students majoring in Global and Transnational Studies spend at least one semester in an approved off-campus program.

Honors Thesis: Students majoring in Global & Transnational Studies who have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher in the major may elect to write a senior thesis for honors recognition. "Graduate with Honors" will be noted on their transcript provided they complete the thesis with a grade of B or better. Students writing the thesis will complete GTS 401 Research Seminar and GTS 402 Senior Thesis during their junior and/or senior year.

Students who complete a thesis may substitute GTS 402 for one of their Global Regions or Transnational Themes course requirements.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY SHEET **ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

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Student's Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Advisor Date Major Declared

Course Code	Course Title	Hours	Semester	Grade
Required Core Courses (18 hours)				
GTS 201	Introduction to Global & Transnational Studies	3		
GOG 101	Introduction to Geography	3		
HIS 110	World History II	3		
PHL/REL 102	World Religions	3		
GTS 401	Research Seminar	3		
Choose one of the following courses (3 hours)				
FLG 203	Intermediate Level 1: 3rd Semester of Foreign Language	3		
	Approved Study Abroad Course	3		
POL/GTS 350	Politics of Language	3		
Global Regions Courses (Choose three courses from the following list: 9 hours)				
ENG 345	African Diasporic Literature	3		
ENG 345	Caribbean Literature	3		
HUM 277	Spanish Civilization	3		
HUM 278	Latin American Civilization	3		
PHL/REL 333	Asian Philosophy & Religion	3		
POL/GTS 306	West European Government and Politics	3		
POL/GTS 308	Post-Soviet Politics	3		
POL/GTS 325	Middle East and North African Politics	3		
POL/SEC 335	Politics and Security of Developing Nations	3		
POL/GTS 346	Chinese Politics & Influence	3		
Transnational Theme Courses (Choose three courses from the following list: 9 hours)				
HES/GTS 240	Introduction to Global Public Health	3		
PHL 246	Environmental Ethics	3		
GTS 300	Global Problem-Solving	3		
WGS/HES 355	Women's Health Issues	3		
POL 212	Introduction to International Relations	3		
POL 305	International Law & Organizations	3		
POL/SEC 337	Human Rights and Security	3		
POL 362	American Foreign Policy	3		
EDU 385	Diversity in Education	3		
ENG 315	Literary Modes and Genres	3		
ENG 330	Visions and Revisions	3		
HIS 360	Topics in Modern World History	3		
SEC/POL 334	Intelligence at Home and Abroad	3		
	Total Hours	**36***		
*Note: Fifteen (15) of the 36 hours must be at the 300-level or above.				
Optional Honors Thesis Course				
GTS 402	Honors Thesis	3		