

Cultural Studies Major (GIS)

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About

The Department of Global Interdisciplinary Studies (GIS) provides students with a tripartite of skills, knowledge, and values that foster critical thinking, problem solving, and preparation for responsible global citizenship. Students gain an understanding of global studies, acquiring the know-how in global and digital literacy, cultural diversity and intercultural competences, interdisciplinary research, and a passion for social justice, nurtured in experiential learning.

Program: Global Interdisciplinary Studies

Type: Bachelor of Arts

MAJOR (31-34 credits)

Cultural Studies is an interdisciplinary academic field that seeks to understand, critique, and transform cultural phenomena. It draws on a number of disciplines in the humanities and social sciences to scrutinize questions of identity, race, gender, class, and community as well as to examine how these areas manifest themselves in different cultural practices; also addressed is the meaning assigned to these variables. By examining the link between power and discourse, cultural studies deals with the representation of these identities, for representation is the vehicle through which knowledge of cultures is acquired. Cultural Studies is considered the next generation of area studies for those who - instead of focusing on a specific geographical area-- wish to study the global cultural phenomena with a set of theoretical tools.

Program Notes:

- For GIS 5011, Team-taught Topics Student takes two different topics, the first of which counts as the Junior Research Seminar for the Major (6 credits).
- Courses taken as part of a study abroad may be counted.
- One internship course may be counted.

Required Major Courses:

Six courses with the CST attribute for a minimum of 18 credits.

Item #	Title	Credits
GIS 2000	Intro to Global Interd Studies	3
GIS 5011	GIS Select	3
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GIS 6500	Capstone I: Research	3
GIS 6600	Capstone 2:Thesis	3
GIS 5000	Special Topics	1
CST 2100	Intro. to Cultural Studies	3
	GCST Core Courses	9
	Study Abroad	

Category Descriptions

GCST Core Courses

Credits: 9

Choose three core courses, one from each of the following three categories:

Representation

Item #	Title	Credits
CST 4100	Capstone Sem of Cultural Stud	3
PHI 2170	Mass Media Ethics	3
PHI 2760	Philosophy & Literature	3
PHI 4140	Phil of Contemporary Music	3
PHI 4150	Philosophy & Film	3

Gender

Item #	Title	Credits
PHI 2410	Philosophy of Sex & Love	3
PHI 2420	Philosophy of Women	3
PHI 2430	Eco-Feminism	3
PHI 4900	Feminist Theories	3

Race

Item #	Title	Credits
PJ 2800	Race, Class, & Gender	3
PHI 3160	History of Islamic Phil	3
ENG 4646	Race & Ethnicity: Amer Novel	3

Study Abroad

One semester of Study Abroad.