

## **Global and International Studies Writing Plan**

The Global and International Studies major is designed to provide students with significant writing experience. Students graduating with a degree in GLS should be able to write research reports, position papers on specific issues, and make arguments analyzing theoretical questions. They are also expected to do a comprehensive capstone project which combines research, critical thinking, and argumentation. We also expect facility with on-line research and web applications relevant to global issues and analysis.

With this in mind, substantial writing has been incorporated into all of the major's core courses. GLS 200 introduces students to basic research sources in global studies and includes practice in using them in writing assignments. Both GLS 300 (Global Economy) and 301 (Global Culture) involve middle length essays, which combine independent research and arguments. GLS 400 (Seminar in Global Studies) and 401 (Internship in Global Studies), the capstone courses, require substantial independent research projects culminating in a significant research essay. GLS 401 requires a substantial research paper linking the student's internship experience to academic work they have done in the major. In addition, many of the upper division elective courses in all concentrations require assignments in which students write either mid-length or longer research and argument papers. Students are encouraged to do more than one of these. These courses are designated as writing courses on the major website.

Finally, the Global and International Studies major requires intermediate level competence in a foreign language relevant to the student's concentration. For students working in particular area studies concentrations, we encourage an upper division course in which students write papers in the language.

### The GLS Writing Program (5 courses)

1. GLS 200 (required)
2. GLS 300 (required)
3. GLS 301 (required)
4. GLS 400 or GLS 401 (required)
5. At least one additional upper division writing elective  
(as designated on the list of approved GLS courses)