

GLOBAL AND REGIONAL STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Our world is defined by its connections and separations: divided by national borders, distinct regional identities, and different economic systems among other barriers, yet linked by global exchanges of information, money, and people. The objective of the Certificate in Global and Regional Studies is to introduce you to a wide variety of analytical approaches and conceptual frames that will help you understand the forces that shape culture, commerce, conflict, and other international relations worldwide.

Few aspects of our lives are untouched by global connections: consider pressing global concerns such as post-pandemic inflation, climate change, and Russian expansion. Alongside these large-scale events, we see globalization in our own lives in the growing need to foster virtual collaboration and inclusive environments at work and in economically significant cultural phenomena like the World Cup soccer tournament and the international sensation of K-pop music. Ideas travel broadly, bypassing borders as if they were not there; money, commerce, and trade flow at global and international as well as local and regional scales.

The Certificate in Global and Regional Studies combines several approaches to explore these facets of our interconnected world. While an international studies curriculum might focus on the relationships between nations, global studies captures the complexity of how people, trade, and culture move worldwide, and regional studies focuses more closely on the governance and economies of particular geographic areas and cultural formations. With global and regional studies courses, you gain greater competence in understanding and mastering the impact of the connections, forces, and inclusions that define the world today. In addition, you develop analytical, writing, and communication skills around these issues.

Global and Regional Studies Certificate Requirements

- The Certificate in Global and Regional Studies is a 4-course, 4 c.u. credit program of study taught by University of Pennsylvania faculty.
- To earn a certificate, students complete four courses offered (two in global studies and two in regional studies), in any order. See courses below.
- Students who complete the basic certificate may pursue an Advanced Certificate in Global and Regional Studies (6-course, 6 c.u.) by adding two additional courses (one in global studies and one in regional studies).

Flexible Course Schedule

Penn LPS Online courses in the Certificate in Global and Regional Studies are offered on an accelerated (8-week) schedule. Courses in the online certificate program are largely asynchronous with some synchronous sessions to be scheduled by the instructors. All Penn LPS Online courses are taught at the undergraduate level by Penn instructors.

You have the option to enroll in individual global and regional studies courses without committing to the entire online certificate, enjoying the flexibility and expertise offered by Penn LPS Online to suit your schedule and interests.

Read more about the Certificate in Global and Regional Studies. (<https://lpsonline.sas.upenn.edu/academics/certificates/global-and-regional-studies/>)

The Certificate in Global and Regional Studies prepares you to:

- Gain command of key concepts and theories to support your analysis of global and regional issues in the world of work
- Think critically about global commerce, international relations, and culture over time in different places
- Develop a broad understanding of global movements of people, goods, money, and ideas across regions and in different historical moments, with knowledge based on specific regions supporting a global view
- Identify and have a good understanding of current trends and historical transformations, and thus be better able to analyze change in the future
- Gain confidence addressing global and regional issues because you have learned ways to approach new and different material
- Manage the challenges of a multinational workforce and leadership in global careers

Curriculum

Certificate students who complete two global studies and two regional studies courses listed below earn a Certificate in Global and Regional Studies. Those students are then eligible to pursue an Advanced Certificate in Global and Regional Studies by taking two additional courses (one in global studies and one in regional studies).

Code	Title	Course Units
Global Studies		
For the Basic Certificate, select 2 courses:		2
GLBS 1000	Introduction to Global Studies	
GLBS 2000	Globalization: Social, Economic, and Political Aspects	
GLBS 2200	Global Human Rights	
GLBS 2800	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	
GLBS 3900	Applied Economics in Global Contexts	
CLCH 3100	Global Environmental Issues	
Regional Studies		
For the Basic Certificate, select 2 courses:		2
GLBS 3200	Latin America and the Caribbean: Themes, Trajectories and Disruptions	
GLBS 3800	Portraits of Contemporary Russia: Politics, Culture, and Conflict	
ICOM 1000	Intercultural Communication	
MODM 3000	Rlgs Trads Mid East	
MUSI 2000	Contemporary African Music	
RELC 2500	Asian Religions	
Any course with Attribute = BCGR (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/bcgr/)		
Total Course Units		4

Advanced Certificate

Code	Title	Course Units
Global Studies courses		
<i>For the Advanced Certificate, select 1 course outside of the 2 chosen for the Basic Certificate</i>		1
GLBS 1000	Introduction to Global Studies	
GLBS 2000	Globalization: Social, Economic, and Political Aspects	
GLBS 2200	Global Human Rights	
GLBS 2800	Contemporary Issues in Global Health	
GLBS 3900	Applied Economics in Global Contexts	
CLCH 3100	Global Environmental Issues	
Regional Studies courses		
<i>For the Advanced Certificate, select 1 course outside of the 2 chosen for the Basic Certificate</i>		1
GLBS 3200	Latin America and the Caribbean: Themes, Trajectories and Disruptions	
GLBS 3800	Portraits of Contemporary Russia: Politics, Culture, and Conflict	
ICOM 1000	Intercultural Communication	
MODM 3000	Rlgs Trads Mid East	
MUSI 2000	Contemporary African Music	
RELC 2500	Asian Religions	
Any course with Attribute = BCGR (http://catalog.upenn.edu/attributes/bcgr/)		
Total Course Units		2

The degree and major requirements displayed are intended as a guide for students entering in the Fall of 2025 and later. Students should consult with their academic program regarding final certifications and requirements for graduation.
