GLOBAL AFFAIRS

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The Global Affairs major, administered by the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, prepares Yale students for global citizenship and service by enhancing their understanding of the world around them. Students in this interdisciplinary major develop expertise in contemporary global affairs that is strongly grounded in the social sciences.

Students in the Global Affairs major concentrate their course work in one of two tracks. The International Development track focuses on economic development and poverty, including global public health, in all but the world’s wealthiest countries. The International Security track focuses on international relations, foreign policy, and diplomacy, and includes topics relevant to national and human security. All majors are required to take a core course in each track and complete at least five additional courses in a single track.

COURSES FOR NONMAJORS

Most Global Affairs courses are open to both majors and nonmajors. If a Global Affairs course requires an application, the application will be posted on the Jackson Institute Website.

PREREQUISITES

There are no prerequisites for the Global Affairs major. However, students interested in applying to the major are encouraged to complete the introductory economics sequence and work toward the foreign language requirement early in their course planning.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

Requirements of the major for the Class of 2018

With DUS approval, the following changes to the requirements of the major may be fulfilled by students who declared their major under previous requirements.

Requirements of the major for the Class of 2019 and subsequent classes

Twelve term courses are required for the major in addition to a foreign language requirement. Introductory courses in microeconomics (ECON 108, 110, or 115) and macroeconomics (ECON 111 or 116) are required for both tracks. All majors must take the core courses GLBL 225 and 275, and they must complete GLBL 121 prior to taking GLBL 225. Majors also take one research design course approved by the director of undergraduate studies and GLBL 499 Senior Capstone Project.

Majors in the International Development track take intermediate microeconomics (ECON 121 or 125) and four electives in their area of concentration. Those in the International Security track take a designated game theory course (such as GLBL 180) and four electives in their area of concentration. Game theory courses will not fill the research design requirement. Electives must be chosen from an approved group of courses in Global Affairs, History, Political Science, Economics, and other social science departments. For information about which courses qualify as electives within each track, see the Jackson Institute Website and the course listings in this bulletin.

Language requirement

Global Affairs majors are required to take a course designated L5 in a modern language other than English. In exceptional cases, a demonstration of proficiency can fulfill this requirement.

Credit/D/Fail

Courses taken Credit/D/Fail may not be applied to the requirements of the major, with the exception that a grade of Credit in an L5 language course may be used to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language.

SENIOR REQUIREMENT

In the fall term of the senior year, majors must complete a capstone project in GLBL 499. Small groups of students are each assigned to a policy task force in which they apply their academic training in the social sciences to a specific problem relevant to global affairs. Each task force presents its findings and recommendations to a real-world client such as a government agency, a nongovernmental organization or nonprofit group, or a private-sector organization in the United States or abroad.

ADVISING AND APPLICATION TO THE MAJOR

Students apply to the Global Affairs major in the fall of the sophomore year. The number of students accepted into the major is limited, and selection is competitive. The call for applications is posted each year on the Jackson Institute Website, circulated through the residential college deans’ offices, and noted on the Advising Resources for Freshmen and Sophomores Website. For application information, visit the Jackson Institute Website.

Internships

Students in the major are encouraged to take a summer internship in the field of global affairs after their junior year. The Jackson Institute’s Career Services Office can help students find appropriate internships.

STUDY ABROAD

Global Affairs majors who plan to study abroad should consult the director of student affairs, Lily Sutton (lily.sutton@yale.edu), to devise a course of study prior to the term abroad.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE MAJOR

Prerequisites None
Number of courses 12 (incl senior req; excluding lang req)
Specific courses required Both tracks—ECON 108, 110, or 115; ECON 111 or 116; GLBL 121, 225, 275; International Development track—ECON 121 or 125; International Security track—GLBL 180, or alternate game theory course approved by DUS
Distribution of courses Both tracks—1 course in research design and 4 approved electives
Language requirement Advanced ability (L5) in 1 modern lang other than English
Senior requirement Senior capstone project in GLBL 499

FACULTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS

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