

Master's Degree in Global Studies



ABOUT

The Master of Arts (MA) in Global Studies is a terminal two-year degree, which provides an interdisciplinary academic foundation for students who wish to engage in or study global civil society, development, and governance. Students become familiar with global studies debates, learn research skills, and define questions. The summer/fall quarter after the first year is typically spent abroad completing field research and/or an internship.

FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships and paid teaching and research opportunities are offered each year to support students. Students are typically admitted with teaching or fellowship support that covers 5 of the 6 quarters of enrollment. Research and internship funding is also supported by a generous gift from the Orfalea Foundation.

DEADLINES

The online application for the upcoming academic year is available in early September. The application deadline is December 15 (by 11:59pm PST).

Julia Denny (right)
MA Cohort 2021
Fieldwork in Cape Town,
South Africa



AREAS OF CONCENTRATION:

Global Culture, Ideology, and Religion

Global Political Economy, Development, and Environment

Global Governance, Human Rights, and Civil Society



MA Roadmap at a Glance:



Testimonials from Recent Grads



"Completing the MA in global studies at UCSB is a decision I will never regret. This program provides students the opportunity to work with renowned faculty, gain teaching experience, and gain practical experience through research in the field. I would never have had the opportunity to live in Jordan or intern for several organizations including the United Nations had it not been for the global studies program. Not only did this program help me improve as a researcher and writer, it also provided a great deal of insight into what further graduate studies may look like. This program provided the funding, flexibility, and care that made my time at UCSB some of the greatest years of my career."

Majed Altaian, MA 2022

"I am honestly so thankful for all of the support I received in this department. The diversity in faculty specializations and backgrounds make this department very appealing to students interested in a wide array of subjects. The funding was extremely generous, and I don't think I would have pursued a masters if it wasn't for this support. And, the flexibility that this program offers in taking coursework from different disciplines certainly helps give us a well-rounded education. Overall, I am so happy with my choice to pursue this program and am very grateful to the faculty and staff who made things run so smoothly."

Genesis Herrera, MA 2023



Global Studies MA graduates have gone on to work in companies and organizations such as Direct Relief, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Greengrants Fund, Connect Humanity, Earthjustice, The Freedom Initiative, World Wildlife Fund, the Asia Foundation, and more. Others have pursued a career in law, the State Department, academia, and the private sector.

Admissions Requirements:

- Online application: www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp
- Statement of Purpose
Personal History & Diversity Statement
Resume or CV
- Three letters of recommendation
- TOEFL Scores (if applicable)
- Writing Sample
- Official Transcripts

Deadline:
December 15
11:59pm PST

Contact us!

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