

GLOBAL AFFAIRS
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Name and description of the field

The B.A. in Global Affairs is an interdisciplinary major that introduces students to the global processes affecting all societies. Drawing on the broad international expertise of George Mason University faculty, the B.A. in Global Affairs incorporates courses from across the university. Global Affairs majors examine transnational and international processes in a wide range of areas: politics, economics, culture, peace and conflict, the environment, and much more. Students also study specific regions and languages, and investigate the ways particular parts of the world experience global processes.

Global Affairs majors start with a common set of core courses, after which they choose a concentration. Students choose to focus either on a part of the world (such as the Middle East and North Africa, Europe, Asia, or Latin America) or a theme (such as Global Governance, Global Economy and Management, International Development, or The Environment). The majors also emphasizes foreign language study. Study abroad is encouraged, and the major advisor will help students work overseas experiences and study credits into the program of study. Global Affairs additionally offers course credit for internships undertaken locally in the Washington, DC area or abroad. Students can complement their Global Affairs major with a second major or a minor in, for example, Government and International Politics, Foreign Languages, Business, or Art and Visual Technology. With a truly interdisciplinary understanding of global trends, advanced foreign language skills, and possible study abroad, Global Affairs majors will be strong candidates for international careers and advanced graduate study.

Is a Minor available? Yes, see <http://globalaffairs.gmu.edu/academics/minor.shtml>

What special skills are needed to succeed in this major?

Those with an interest in global and international topics, foreign languages, international development, international business and trade, world arts and literatures, the social and political consequences of globalization, international mass media, or specific regions of the world would be well suited for this major.

Organizations employing recent graduates include:

Department of State	U.S. Army	SAIC
Afghan-American Chamber of Commerce	BAE	FBI
Woodrow Wilson Center	Women for Women International	American Systems

Students will also be in a strong position to enter graduate school in law, social science, international studies, and many other programs.

Printed Resources – Go to <http://careers.gmu.edu/careerlibrary/wheretostart/intl.pdf> to see resources located in the Career Services Library, 348 Student Union I.

Online Resources – Go to <http://careers.gmu.edu/onlineresources/intl.htm>

EXPLORING MAJORS

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