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Waipapa Taumata Rau  
NEW ZEALAND

# Global Studies

## Undergraduate Prospectus 2024



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New Zealand  
University<sup>1</sup>



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**1st**  
Global Studies  
programme in  
New Zealand<sup>3</sup>

Ko Waipapa Taumata Rau mātou, e mihi  
nei, e karanga nei ki te marea e hiahia ana  
ki te kai i te mātauranga

Nau mai, haere mai, herea mai tōu waka  
ki te whare whakairo o Tāne-nui-a-rangi

We are Waipapa Taumata Rau, we greet, we call to the many who desire the sustenance of knowledge.

Welcome, come forth and fasten to the carved meeting house, Tāne-nui-a-rangi.

# *Nau mai, haere mai*

## *A warm welcome to New Zealand's highest- ranked university*

Be different. Make a difference. Go global.

If you seek a world-class education that will stimulate you both intellectually and culturally, then you're in good company.

Our "Global" students, as we affectionately call them, are part of the most exciting transdisciplinary programme at the University. Our mission is simple: to create the next generation of leaders who are placed to shape the intersection of global trends and local issues.

The Bachelor of Global Studies is inspiring to me and I wish it had been available when I was an undergraduate student in the US. My travels have taken me to Switzerland for exchange, Vietnam as a Fulbright awardee, Singapore as a geography professor, and now I'm working with you in Aotearoa New Zealand. All of this started with the simple desire of wanting to read the daily newspaper with my parents before school when I was a kid.

Your path through Global Studies will prepare you for a range of career opportunities throughout the world. I look forward to welcoming you on campus and working alongside you to discover and solve the world's prospects and challenges together.



**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JAMIE GILLEN**

Director, Bachelor of Global Studies  
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*“The Bachelor of Global Studies is unique; it encourages me to view the world from the perspective of others. The ability to relate and communicate with people from different cultural, political, and economic backgrounds is crucial in today’s globalised world.”*

*“I’m currently interning at New Zealand Trade and Enterprise (NZTE), which allows me to use what I’ve learnt from Global Studies and apply it in a “real-world” situation. My role focuses on improving NZTE’s cultural intelligence, and one of the projects I’m working on involves the development of content for a Te Tiriti o Waitangi learning module for NZTE staff. I’ve also had the opportunity to intern in the Māori-focused Investment team, where I learnt the importance of manaakitanga in the workplace.*

*“Once I graduate, I plan to work somewhere within the social justice and foreign affairs field. Policy, politics, and legal systems play a massive role in the development of people. I especially have a soft spot for youth development, particularly concerning marginalised and indigenous children. With the Bachelor of Global Studies and Laws conjoint, I can go into advocacy, diplomacy, NGOs, education – the opportunities are countless.”*

## George Gray

Mulifanua, AeLe Fou

**Student:** Bachelor of Global Studies,  
majoring in Global Politics and Human  
Rights / Bachelor of Laws

**Summer Intern** at NZ Trade and Enterprise



# Ngā take akoako – Mātai Ao Whānui

## Why Global Studies?

The Bachelor of Global Studies addresses the growing need for people who understand current global issues and are prepared to tackle them in our complex, fast-changing world.

### Choose from four majors

The Bachelor of Global Studies is designed for students who want to make a difference by applying their world knowledge to the big issues in our increasingly globalised society. Gain an in-depth understanding of contemporary global issues and challenge your assumptions about the way the world works. You will have the opportunity to take courses across a broad range of disciplines in one of four diverse majors:

- Global Politics and Human Rights
- Global Environment and Sustainable Development
- International Relations and Business
- Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

### Become a global graduate

The Bachelor of Global Studies will deepen your understanding of the links between local experience and global issues. You'll gain competency in another language and insights into a region where your chosen language is most commonly spoken. This will cultivate your cross-cultural understanding and communication skills.

Internships, workshops and research projects will help you develop leadership skills and critical thinking. There may be opportunities for you to spend time overseas with one of our 130+ renowned partners during your degree, through short courses, study abroad programmes, internships or virtual exchanges. By the end of your programme, you'll have various lenses through which you can examine the world.

### Future-proof your career

Through interdisciplinary, global and practical approaches, the Bachelor of Global Studies helps you look at the world in new ways. You'll be encouraged to question, adapt and grow, becoming flexible and resilient for a wide range of career possibilities both in New Zealand and overseas. These include international organisations in the public or private sector, international development, the creative sector, local and national government, NGOs and not-for-profits, foreign affairs and diplomacy, the environmental sector, and international media.

Global Studies graduate jobs include:

- Foreign correspondents
- Human rights advocates
- International trade consultants
- Journalists
- Policy analysts
- Professionals in the cultural sector

Those are just a few of many career possibilities. As part of the Global Studies programme, you'll have many opportunities to develop practical employment skills and "on the job" experience.

### Conjoint degrees

Pursue your interests in two different fields by combining a Bachelor of Global Studies with another degree. Conjoint degrees are a great way to increase your versatility and breadth of skills. You can study in two different fields and finish in less time than it would take to complete two separate degrees. Keep in mind that conjoint programmes involve a heavier workload, and you're expected to maintain an average grade of B- or higher.

### Study overseas

With global citizenship at its core, completing study or experiential learning overseas should be an integral part of your Global Studies degree. You'll have access to more than 130 partner universities and have the option of studying abroad through the 360 International programme.

These experiential opportunities allow you to gain course credit while enhancing your career opportunities and broadening your mind. You can also consider going overseas to complete your language, major or area study requirement.



### Postgraduate study

We offer a Master of Global Studies (MGlobalSt) programme and a Postgraduate Diploma in Global Studies (PGDipGlobalSt). You can engage with contemporary global issues such as human rights, environmental sustainability, global business, Māori, Pacific and Indigenous sovereignty, and cultural industries.

Depending on your major, you could also go on to a postgraduate qualification in relevant areas such as Politics and International Relations, Conflict and Terrorism Studies, Public Policy, and Museums and Cultural Heritage.

**Meet our  
Global Studies  
community**

**Find out more**  
[auckland.ac.nz/meet-global-studies](http://auckland.ac.nz/meet-global-studies)



# Meet our Global Studies students

## *Mikayla Carter*

FIRST YEAR CONJOINT  
Major: International  
Relations and Business  
Area study: French  
Language: Europe

## *Anya Christiansen*

SECOND YEAR CONJOINT  
Major: Global  
Environment and  
Sustainable Development  
Area study: New Zealand  
Language: Māori

## *Leah Kampkes*

SECOND YEAR CONJOINT  
Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights  
Area study: New Zealand  
Language: Māori

## *Alex King*

FIFTH YEAR CONJOINT  
Major: Global  
Environment and  
Sustainable Development  
Area study: Europe  
Language: Spanish

## *Angeline Sila*

THIRD YEAR CONJOINT  
Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights  
Area study: Europe  
Language: French

*“Global Studies to me is diversity and doing something I love with others. Global Studies is being able to be interdisciplinary.”*

– Anya

*“What I enjoy about the Global Studies degree is that it doesn’t delve too much into unusable theory but mostly looks at more pragmatic solutions for problems.” – Alex*





**Josh Ellwood**

FOURTH YEAR CONJOINT

Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights

Area study: Latin America  
Language: Spanish

**Tabby Al-Jebouri**

FOURTH YEAR CONJOINT

Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights

Area study: Europe  
Language: French

**Ofa Soakimi**

THIRD YEAR CONJOINT

Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights

Area study: The Pacific  
Language: Tongan

**Ben Christy**

FIFTH YEAR CONJOINT

Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights

Area study: Europe  
Language: Spanish

**Lisa Cwetler**

THIRD YEAR CONJOINT

Major: Global Politics  
and Human Rights

Area study: Europe  
Language: French

*“Global Studies is a really tight community. Everyone I’ve met has been friendly and welcoming, and I enjoy talking to people and seeing how they see the world.”*

– Angeline

*“Do Global Studies because there are so many things that you can get from the degree, and the people you meet along the way? These are people you’ll be seeing as the future leaders of New Zealand.”* – Ofa





# Mātai Ao Whānui

## Bachelor of Global Studies

The University of Auckland was the first university in New Zealand to offer a Bachelor of Global Studies.

### Quick facts – BGlobalSt

**Full-time:** 3 years (Part-time study is also available.)

**Points per degree:** 360 (24 x 15-point courses.)

**Taught at:** City Campus

**Application closing date:** 8 December 2023  
(Late applications will be considered if places are available.)

**Classes start:** 26 February 2024

**Conjoint combinations:** Advanced Science (Honours), Arts, Commerce, Communication, Design, Engineering (Honours), Fine Arts, Health Sciences, Law (including Honours), Music, Property and Science

### Highlights

- Embrace a wide perspective with a cross-university programme that brings together courses from the Faculties of Arts, Business, Creative Arts and Industries, Engineering, Law, Science, and Medicine and Health Sciences.
- Deepen your cultural understanding by studying another language and the region in which it is most commonly spoken.
- Develop skills in leadership, teamwork, public speaking, critical thinking, research and intercultural communication.
- Prepare yourself for workplace contexts through practical learning and engagement with professionals in Auckland and throughout Aotearoa.

### Programme overview

Learn to better understand and navigate the increasingly complex political, economic, scientific and cultural issues of our world.

Your study of contemporary global challenges and your intercultural communication skills will enable you to critically challenge assumptions about how the world operates.

In line with best practice in overseas universities, you'll also complete language training and study an area of the world where your chosen language is most commonly spoken.

### Callum Tokorangi

**Graduate:** Bachelor of Global Studies, majoring in Global Politics and Human Rights

*"Global Studies explores so many ways of thinking, learning and knowledge, while having a central focus. It's massively expanded my thinking and worldview."*

### Pratibha Singh

**Graduate:** Bachelor of Global Studies, majoring in Global Environment and Sustainable Development

*"I always wanted to do something interdisciplinary with global citizenship at its heart. I've loved that Global Studies is issue centred, rather than divided by faculty or subject area, and I have learned a lot from that approach."*



## Programme structure

You'll choose from one of four majors when you start the programme:

- Global Environment and Sustainable Development
- Global Politics and Human Rights
- International Relations and Business
- Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

You'll supplement your major with core courses in Global Studies, courses in a language, area studies in a region related to your chosen language, elective courses and General Education.

## Planning your first year

In the first year of your standalone BGlobalSt, you'll probably take eight courses. These will be a mix of courses for your chosen major and courses for your chosen language. You will also take a compulsory course, GLOBAL 102, which is an introduction to Global Studies and explores the four major streams. You'll also take one General Education course. Check out our interactive degree planner on the Bachelor of Global Studies webpage.

Our conjoint pages also have specialised degree planners for different Global Studies conjoint paths, and we recommend you email us for advice for structuring your first year.

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[auckland.ac.nz/global-studies](https://auckland.ac.nz/global-studies)***

## Sample Global Studies programme structure

Below is an example of how you might structure a stand-alone degree using Global Politics and Human Rights as a major, Spanish as a language and Latin America as an Area Study.

YEAR ONE	SEMESTER ONE	GLOBAL 102 Introduction to Global Studies	POLITICS 106 Global Politics	MĀORI 130G Te Ao Māori: The Māori World	SPANISH 104 Beginners' Spanish 1
	SEMESTER TWO	HISTORY 103 Global History	PHIL 104 Ethics and Justice	GLOBAL 101 Global Issues, Sustainable Futures	SPANISH 105 Beginners' Spanish 2
YEAR TWO	SEMESTER ONE	COMMS 208 Digital Communication	POLITICS 201 Globalisation and International Organisations	LATINAM 201 Latin American History and Culture through Film	SPANISH 200 Intermediate Spanish 1
	SEMESTER TWO	GLOBAL 200 Global Challenges	POLITICS 222 Public Policy: Actors, Processes and Politics	POLITICS 210 Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice	SPANISH 201 Intermediate Spanish 2
YEAR THREE	SEMESTER ONE	GLOBAL 300 Research Project	POLITICS 320 Social Justice	ECON 151G Understanding the Global Economy	LATINAM 216 Music, Politics and Social Change
	SEMESTER TWO	PHIL 310 Political Philosophy 3	LAWPUBL 402 International Law	LATINAM 325 First Nations in Latin America	SPANISH 323 Spanish Translation Practice

Compulsory Core Course
  Major
  Language /Area Studies Course
  General Education Course
  Elective Subjects

*This information is provisional and subject to change.*



# Global Studies majors

## Global Environment and Sustainable Development

Explore the links between global environmental change and human wellbeing. You'll learn about the connections between environmental and developmental challenges. You'll also analyse the cultural practices and the legal and policy structures that shape and respond to these challenges.



## Global Politics and Human Rights

Develop a strong understanding of global politics, law and human security. You'll become familiar with the complex and connected challenges that the world faces today. Through exposure to Politics and International Relations, Law, Economics, and History you'll be able to assess the global goals and strategies adopted by entities including governments and NGOs.

## International Relations and Business

Gain a specialist knowledge of international affairs and global business. You'll develop a knowledge of international politics, analyse the theories and practices of international economic relations, and consider how these relate to global challenges. You'll learn how to respond to these issues within a business or organisational environment.

## Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

Discover and analyse cultural expressions of what it means to live in a transnational world. Transnationalism refers to the increasing interconnectedness between people and organisations that transcends national boundaries. You'll be able to choose from a range of arts, including architecture, painting, cinema, literature, music and dance, or build your own areas of focus.



## Core courses

### GLOBAL 102 Introduction to Global Studies

In Semester One of your first year, you will take GLOBAL 102. This is an introduction to the field of Global Studies and an exploration of the four majors available. You'll learn to locate yourself and your interests within Global Studies. This will also be a chance to meet your fellow students.

### GLOBAL 200 Global Challenges

In Semester Two of your second year\*, you'll take GLOBAL 200. By this time, you'll have developed your language skills, gained an understanding of your chosen region and progressed your major. You'll learn to understand research methods in Global Studies and work in a team to develop a research response to a real-world challenge.

### GLOBAL 300 Research Project

In Semester Two of your third year\*, you'll complete your GLOBAL 300, where you'll draw on your reservoir of global knowledge and put it into action through exercises, projects, and writing that prepare you for the professional world.

*\*For students taking Global Studies as a stand-alone degree. Conjoint students take GLOBAL 200 in their penultimate year of study and GLOBAL 300 in their final year.*





*“The Māori and Tongan courses I have taken have allowed me to reconnect with my ancestry, which has helped me to learn more about myself, culture, and family.”*

*“There is no other degree like the Bachelor of Global Studies. Through studying a selected major, language and area study, this degree truly shapes you to be a competent and informed global citizen.”*

*“Once I graduate, I hope to work somewhere in Māori and Pacific health. I want to play a role in eradicating health disparities and inequities. Eventually, I hope to start a foundation or NGO where I can take Pacific Island doctors to treat patients in the Islands. If this is successful, I would love to run similar projects in Asia. With a conjoint Bachelor of Global Studies and Health Sciences, my opportunities are endless.”*

*“Study what you are passionate about! At the end of the day, it’s your degree and your career, so make sure that it is something that you love.”*

## **Alyssa Houma**

Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Maniapoto

**Student: Bachelor of Global Studies, majoring in Global Politics and Human Rights / Bachelor of Health Sciences conjoint**

*Alyssa is a recipient of a University of Auckland Pacific Academic Excellence Scholarship*



# Languages and Area Studies

Learning an additional language, and studying a region where your chosen language is spoken are essential components of the Bachelor of Global Studies. By learning another language you can expand your world-view and, by removing barriers to communication, open yourself up to endless new possibilities.

You can choose to study a language that you have not studied before, or if you have prior knowledge of a language, you may be placed in a more advanced class. If you speak English as an additional language, you can also take courses to develop your academic English.



## Asia

From the ancient origins of Chinese civilisation through to K-pop and the latest Japanese robots, Asia is a richly diverse continent with powerful histories and compelling modern cultures.

Asian nations comprise some of the world's fastest-growing and most powerful economies. Japan, China and South Korea are becoming increasingly important trading partners of New Zealand. Along with this comes a demand for people with proficiency in the region's languages and an understanding of the cultures.

**Chinese**  
**Japanese**  
**Korean**



## Europe

Europe is home to 740 million people in over 40 different countries. It is the birthplace of Western civilisation – having produced the ancient civilisations of Greece and Rome, the Renaissance, and the Industrial Revolution.

The European Union is the world's largest economic entity and New Zealand's third-largest trading partner. French and Spanish are also official languages of the United Nations. Discover new cultures, enrich your understanding of other subjects, connect with Europe's rich heritage, and enhance your understanding of modern Europe.

**French**  
**German**  
**Italian**  
**Spanish**



## Latin America

Latin America is a culturally rich region with substantial economic and political influence on the international stage.

The region has been shaped by a long history of social movements; some of the planet's most diverse and valuable ecosystems, and a shared heritage from indigenous, European, African, and Asian peoples.

Study influential writers, artists, and intellectuals, and learn about Latin America's vital role in world trade and culture.

**Spanish**

## The Pacific

From history and culture to art, performance, politics and sustainability – explore the many sides of Pacific life and develop your knowledge of the region. Studying New Zealand and its neighbours can enable you to make sense of our changing cultures, and our place in a globalised world.

**Cook Islands Māori**  
**Māori**  
**Samoan**  
**Tongan**



## Māori New Zealand

Māoritanga (Māori culture) is an integral part of life in New Zealand. A knowledge of te reo Māori will give you a deeper understanding of tangata whenua and a connection to New Zealand's Indigenous culture. Māori language speakers are sought after in the fields of research, public policy, education and licensed translation. You can study the language, history, culture, performance and arts of the Māori world and also look into contemporary issues.

**Māori**



*Enrich your  
cultural  
understanding*

If you would like to study two European, Asian or Pacific languages as a part of your Global Studies degree, contact the Global Studies Student and Programme Adviser to discuss your options.

# Additional information

## Entry requirements

To gain admission to the Bachelor of Global Studies, you need to meet the entry requirements and New Zealand University Entrance (UE) standard.

If you're a New Zealand or Australian citizen or permanent resident, then the standard rank scores for undergraduate entry in 2024 are:

- NCEA Level 3, 210. 16 credits in 3 NCEA approved subjects.
- Cambridge International, 230
- IB, 28

Calculate your rank score online at [rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz](https://rankscorecalculator.auckland.ac.nz)

Applicants with scores below these may still be considered, provided places are available.

Explore more information about specific entry requirements on our website.

[auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements](https://auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements)

## How to apply

[auckland.ac.nz/apply](https://auckland.ac.nz/apply)

## Scholarships

Each year we award scholarships and prizes worth over \$50 million to thousands of students like you. Regardless of your background or where you live, you may be eligible. Categories include academic potential, Māori and Pacific academic excellence, and financial hardship.

[auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](https://auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

## Need advice?

### Global Studies Student and Programme Adviser

Dr Lana Kostyrykina

Email: [globalstudies@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:globalstudies@auckland.ac.nz)

### Student Hub locations

The University's Student Hubs are open seven days a week and provide services, support and advice for all current and future students.

Email: [studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:studentinfo@auckland.ac.nz)

Phone: 0800 61 62 63

Web: [auckland.ac.nz/globalstudies](https://auckland.ac.nz/globalstudies)

## Mānawa Mai Info Evening and Open Day 2023

**Info Evening: Tuesday 27 June**

**Open Day: Saturday 26 August**

Open Day is all about experiencing our University. So haramai! Meet our awesome staff and students, get hands-on with our interactive activities and experience lectures. Open Day is a lot like student life itself. It's also a chance to take a look at all your study options.

There's a lot on. Enjoy loads of entertainment, scout out our City and Grafton campuses – and of course, see what your future might look like.

**Nau mai, haere mai! Register at:**  
[manawa-mai.ac.nz](https://manawa-mai.ac.nz)



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If you or your whānau would like to speak to someone from our team, drop in or contact one of our Student Hub locations.

**City Campus:**

General Library, Building 109,  
5 Alfred Street, Auckland

**Grafton Campus:**

Philson Library, Building 503, Level 1,  
85 Park Rd, Grafton (Entry via the Atrium)

**South Auckland Campus**

**Te Papa Ako o Tai Tonga:**

6 Osterley Way, Manukau

**Whangārei Campus**

**Te Papa Ako o Tai Tokerau:**

L Block, 13 Alexander Street, Whangārei

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