



Bachelor of Global Studies

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Why Global?

Elevate your knowledge and harness your passion to make a difference.

Develop crucial skills in areas of leadership, collaboration, and intercultural communication to build your career tackling the challenges we face today that matter most on a global scale.



Choose your focus

Choose a major:

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Analyse the connections between the environmental and developmental challenges we face today, and explore how different legal and policy processes, and cultural practices inform our responses to these challenges.

GLOBAL POLITICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Familiarise yourself with complex challenges across the globe, and learn how law, politics and other subjects can be used to assess the goals and strategies adopted by large entities like governments and NGOs to combat these issues.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND BUSINESS

Expand your knowledge of international politics and the theories and practices involved in international economic relations to learn how to respond to issues within business or organisational environments.

Choose an Area Study and a related language:

Learning an additional language, and studying a region where your chosen language is spoken, are essential components of the degree.*

ASIA – Chinese, Japanese, Korean

EUROPE – French, German, Italian, Spanish

LATIN AMERICA – Spanish

THE PACIFIC – Māori, Samoan, Tongan

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND – Māori



“Global Studies is the field that engages the most critical issues of our time, helping to build a more just, inclusive, tolerant and sustainable world. Students will embark upon a transformative journey, shaping their ability to think critically, collaborate across cultures, and contribute meaningfully to global discussions.”

CHRIS OGDEN
Associate Professor, Programme Director

**If you already have some ability in your chosen language, we will place you into a level which is right for you.*



Choose from one of three majors, accompanied by core courses each year. You will elevate your studies by gaining competency in another language, helping you to deepen your understanding of other cultures and perspectives. Hone your skills in critical thinking, research, public speaking and working in a team with like-minded peers.



STAGE 1 COURSE*

GLOBAL 102 – Introduction to Global Studies

Focuses on transdisciplinary frameworks underpinning the field and uses case studies to illustrate its key concepts. Explores global studies as a critical field of inquiry and covers transdisciplinary themes from the four major streams in global studies.

STAGE 2 COURSE*

SOCIOL 210 – Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice

Charts the political, economic, cultural and ecological consequences of imperialism, colonisation, globalisation, aid and development, up to and including the IMF/World Bank's neoliberalism and structural adjustment programme. It pays particular attention to violence (physical, psychological and ideological), environmental consequences and health impacts in these contexts.

STAGE 3 COURSE*

POLITICS 313 – Governing Planet Earth

Environmental problems play an increasingly important role in contemporary politics. This course examines the role of ideologies and institutions in shaping environmental governance challenges from climate change and land-use conflicts to air and water pollution. Drawing from examples in New Zealand and around the globe, topics include limits to growth, sustainable development, ecological modernisation, ecolocalism and environmental justice.



Get excited about your course options:

- Asian Cities: Growth and Transition
- Critical Theories of Capitalism
- Global Issues Through the European Arts
- Globalisation and International Organisations
- Global Issues, Sustainable Futures



Available conjoints:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Science

*Course availability may be subject to change. For a full list of courses and up-to-date information visit our website. Published June 2025.

Careers

Our graduates embark on exciting and vibrant career opportunities with a background in Global Studies. Combining skills with global knowledge to tackle these bigger challenges, we have graduates working in politics and government, environmental sectors, international development, foreign affairs and more.

“I had a keen interest in international trade and chose it as my major because of the broadness it offers. Studying economics, international trade and politics courses, you develop a wide range of skills, and I thought it would be a great combo to pair with my specialisation in Chinese.”

LEIF FERNANDEZ

Student: Bachelor of Global Studies / Bachelor of Commerce conjoint

Major: International Relations and Business

Area study: Asia

Language: Chinese

