

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN

GLOBAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies degree program enables students to develop a set of analytical and interpersonal skills that will prepare them for employment in a wide range of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and business and industry.

Gain Marketable Experience in College

Active and collaborative experiences including intensive study abroad and internship opportunities will give students the experiences that employers demand. Students enrolled in the major have studied in Argentina, Australia, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Italy, Kenya, New Zealand, Nicaragua, and Rwanda.

Graduate Education

The flexible and broad nature of the program will help students to prepare for graduate or professional school in business, law, or the social sciences. Students have enjoyed success in the following programs: M.A. in International Studies at Penn State University, M.P.S. in Humanitarian Services Administration at University of Connecticut, M.A. in Global Affairs and Management at Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University, M.A. of Public and International Affairs at University of Pittsburgh, M.S. in Global Affairs at Rutgers University, and M.A. in Political Science at Florida International University.

Academic Minors

Enhance your degree with one of the college's academic minors; the following are recommended for Global Studies majors.

- Business
- Communication Arts & Sciences
- Writing & Digital Media
- Security & Risk Analysis
- Spanish



Job Titles and Salaries

The following is a list of job titles and salaries, which was compiled from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics *Occupational Outlook Handbook*. This is only a partial list to provide you examples of the kinds of jobs available to graduates with a B.A. in Global Studies. Some positions require additional experience.

Title	2018 Median Pay
Community Service Manager	\$65,320
Foreign Service Officer	\$52,040*
Government Service Manager	\$117,570
Interpreter/Translator	\$49,930
Paralegal/Legal Assistant	\$50,940
Political Researcher	\$117,570
Secondary School Teacher	\$60,320
Study Abroad Adviser	\$56,310

*Data taken from the U.S. Department of State.



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Penn State Berks offers the only Global Studies degree program in the Penn State University system. While reflecting a traditional liberal arts education that emphasizes politics, history, foreign language study, and literature, the B.A. in Global Studies also promotes intercultural understanding and sensitivity to diversity, which are critical to navigating the twenty-first century global environment.

Global Studies Careers

Faculty emphasize strong research, analytical, and communication skills that can be applied in the workforce as graduates begin their careers. Graduates of the program have worked as researchers in international institutes, consultants in defense ministries, teachers in public schools, law enforcement officers, translators, business analysts in multinational corporations, operations assistants on U.S. development projects, service workers with marginalized populations, advisers at the United Nations, political researchers in state capitals, international studies coordinators, paralegals in migration law offices, and many other positions.

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Admission Process

Applying for degree admission to Penn State Berks is simple. Applications are available on the web at berks.psu.edu. Penn State reviews applications throughout the year. Students can expect a decision within four to six weeks after completing the process. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your questions at 610-396-6060.

Transfer Students

Penn State Berks welcomes students who began their education at other institutions. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your transfer questions at 610-396-6060.

Financial Aid

Eligibility for all financial aid is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available on the web at fafsa.ed.gov. Contact the financial aid coordinator at Berks or visit psu.edu/studentaid for a complete description of the types of available student aid and the application process at 610-396-6070.

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