



University of California, Santa Barbara  
Program Learning Outcomes

MA in Global Studies

***Upon graduation with a MA in Global Studies:***

*Core Knowledge*

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Graduate students will acquire a basic understanding of major ideas and writings that have influenced the definition of the field of global and international studies and acquire an in-depth knowledge of the kinds of subjects, issues, and problems that constitute the three broad interdisciplinary specializations that comprise our M.A. curriculum: global political economy, sustainability and the environment; global culture, ideology, and religion; global governance, civil society, and human rights. This learning will provide students with a general orientation to the field of global studies itself and an advanced introduction to three distinctive but diverse ways of addressing and analyzing particular, interlinked components of the field.

*Research Methods and Analysis*

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Graduate students will demonstrate skills in research methods drawn from the social sciences and the humanities in ways consistent with, and applicable to, the focus of the graduate program in Global & International Studies. That focus is centered around, but not restricted to, the study and engagement with global civil society.

*Pedagogy*

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Graduate students will experience and participate in pedagogy that is consistent with the undergraduate curriculum in Global & International Studies.

*Scholarly Communication*

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Students will display written skills in the preparation of a coherent and logical thesis that relates to existing bodies of academic literature and is supported by empirical evidence.

*Professionalism*

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Graduate students will be aware of, and participate in, the intellectual and professional aspects of Global & International Studies, including ethical conduct of research that is consistent with the social sciences and humanities.

*Independent Research*

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Graduate students will contribute to the field of global studies by conducting independent research that addresses a pressing global issue.