

2011-2012 Undergraduate Advising & Global Education Requirement Handbook

FOR MAJORS IN:

Anthropology, Communication, Economics, Environmental Design, Journalism,
Landscape Architecture, Legal Studies, Political Science, Social Thought &
Political Economy, and Sociology

COLLEGE OF



Sciences

Social and Behavioral

This handbook provides majors in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS) with detailed information regarding the Global Education Requirement for B.A. majors and academic advising services. It is also intended to inform students who are considering a major in the College.

Academic Advising

Regular academic advising is an extremely important component of your undergraduate education. To help you succeed as a student and prepare for your future, we strongly encourage you to meet with an academic adviser at least once every semester. Advisers assist students in making informed choices about your course selection and discuss your progress toward completing requirements. Advisers can also answer questions you may have about your major, and can refer you to other University or College offices if you need additional assistance. There are faculty and staff advisers in your department and in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Advising Center.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS AND ADVISING

If you have questions related to requirements for your major, or would like to talk with a faculty member in your department about internships, education abroad opportunities, tutoring or other issues, please contact the Undergraduate Office in your department:



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COLLEGE ADVISING

The Social and Behavioral Sciences Advising Center is an advising resource for all students in SBS. The College's Associate Dean for Undergraduate Advising is available to assist you with questions regarding degree requirements and academic progress and policies (e.g. repeat options, late withdrawal policies). The Global Education Coordinator is available to assist students with SBS Global Education requirements.

FOR DEGREE PROGRESS/POLICY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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SBS Advising Center
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FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, CONTACT:

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FOR ALL OTHER QUESTIONS:

Walk in between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. to meet with a Peer Adviser or Graduate Assistant.

Career Planning & Field Experience Services

As part of the Campus Career Network, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences has Career Planning and Field Experience Officers working exclusively for SBS



majors. A variety of career planning services help you make good career choices from your entering year to until after graduation. A computer-assisted guidance system, individual advising, and workshops are available to help in your career planning. An annual graduate school fair, a computerized alumni network, alumni career panels, and Career Library will help you explore occupations and graduate education.

CAREER PLANNING SERVICES

Pre-employment services for SBS students include the opportunity to interview with employers on-campus, a computer-assisted resumé referral program, and career fair, putting you in touch with employers throughout the state, across the country, and even the around the world. Skills workshops offer instruction in resumé writing, effective interviewing, and job search strategies.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Career Services
Goodell Building
Tel. 577-0417

FIELD EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

SBS strongly encourages all of its students to complete at minimum a 3-credit Internship or Community Service Learning course, or a non-credit cooperative education program.

These experiences help you explore academic and personal interests, acquire new skills, make professional contacts, and learn more about the world at large. Opportunities exist in Massachusetts, and throughout the U.S. Some offer salaries which can offset some of the cost of attending the University. Volunteer community service and service learning programs provide opportunities for you to contribute time and talent to the community.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Career Services
511 Goodell Building
Tel. 545-6267

Other Advising and Academic Support Services

EDUCATION ABROAD

467 Hills South
Tel. 545-2710

SBS majors are strongly encouraged to pursue education abroad for at least one semester. The Amherst campus offers a wide variety of international exchange and overseas programs. Contact the International Programs Office for specific information on education abroad opportunities.

FIVE COLLEGE INTERCHANGE AND DOMESTIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

615 Goodell
Tel. 545-5352

Please contact this office if you are interested in taking courses at another of the Five Colleges (Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges), or if you want to participate in a Domestic Student Exchange Program.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (LRC)

10th floor, W.E.B. Du Bois Library
Tel. 545-5334

LSS provides a full range of academic support services to all students, including tutoring, study skills, and mentoring.

DISABILITY SERVICES

231 Whitmore Building
Tel. 545-0892

Disability Services provides support services for students with physical and medical disabilities.

COUNSELING AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES (CAS)

123 Berkshire House
Tel. 545-0333

CAS provides psychological counseling and therapy, career development, bio-feedback and stress management.

CENTER FOR MULTICULTURAL ADVANCEMENT AND STUDENT SUCCESS (CMASS)

Wilder Hall, 221 Stockbridge Road
Tel. 545-2517

CMASS provides academic support, cultural enrichment, student development as well as support for institutional diversity on the UMass Amherst campus.

STUDENT ATHLETIC SERVICES

234 Boyden
Tel. 545-4379

Support services for student athletes at the University.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

The Global Education Requirement for the B.A.

The College curriculum for Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) students provides a framework for students to gain knowledge about individuals, societies and cultures. It will provide exposure to diverse cultural perspectives essential to the development of an understanding of contemporary society and oneself. Coursework is generally foreign language study combined with related cultural courses that have some focus on contemporary topics of the 20th and/or 21st century. For a list of courses, go to www.umass.edu/sbs/academics/undergraduate/global_ed_requirement.htm

All students in **Anthropology, Communication, Economics, Journalism, Legal Studies, Political Science, Sociology, and Social Thought and Political Economy** are required to satisfy the Global Education Requirement.

There are four options for completion of the requirement. **All options require at least 15 credits; all require that at least six of the 15 credits be in a foreign language** starting at a level above current ability.

IMPORTANT NOTES ON THE GLOBAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT:

Students *must declare an option* at the time they declare a major in the College by completing a “Requirement and Option Declaration Form.” The completed form must be submitted to the Social and Behavioral Sciences Advising Center. The option may be changed at any time, at the same office.

All credits earned to satisfy the Global Education requirement, except those credits taken to meet the Certificate Option, *must be in addition to credits earned to satisfy General Education and major requirements.*

All credits must be graded, they *cannot* be taken on a Pass/Fail basis. Students are encouraged to earn credits can be earned via education abroad, with the approval of the Global Education Coordinator in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Advising Center, or a Certificate Program Adviser (if the Certificate Option is chosen).

Students with documented learning disabilities that impair language acquisition, and students who are certified by Disability Services Office as having significant hearing impairment that seriously limits the auditory reception of language, may substitute non-language courses for language courses. The course substitutions must be approved by the Global Education Coordinator.

Whether foreign language courses *start at a level above current ability*, should be determined by high school coursework and University placement exams.

Credit earned through Advanced Placement, CLEP, an SAT II exam, or University foreign language placement testing may be applied to the Global Education requirement.

Double-major students will not be subject to the Global Education requirement if their *primary* major is in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, the College of Natural Sciences, the College of Engineering, the Isenberg School of Management, the School of Nursing, the School of Public Health and Health Sciences.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PLACEMENT

If you plan to continue studying the same language you studied in high school, you should take a foreign language placement exam during New Student Orientation. Discuss the test result with your adviser to determine the appropriate level of your foreign language course, and **enroll in that course your first semester**. Placement exams are offered during summer orientation for first year students. Transfer students should contact Admissions for more information about the availability of foreign language testing. *If you are beginning a new language no placement exam is necessary.*

THE GLOBAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT MAY BE SATISFIED BY COMPLETING EITHER THE FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTION, REGIONAL STUDY OPTION, THE EDUCATION ABROAD/ INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY OPTION, OR THE CERTIFICATE OPTION. Note: Students are encouraged to participate in Education Abroad as a means to satisfy all or part of these options.

_____ **OPTION ONE:**

FOREIGN LANGUAGE OPTION AT UMASS/FIVE COLLEGES

15 credits of one foreign language *starting at a level above current ability.*

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CHOSEN: _____

COURSES TAKEN TO COMPLETE 15 CREDITS OF ONE FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

_____ **OPTION TWO:**

REGIONAL STUDY OPTION AT UMASS/FIVE COLLEGES

A combination of at least 6 credits of one foreign language, and up to 9 credits of culture-related courses from a pre-approved list. These culture courses are drawn from the standard University course offerings, and relate to the region(s) and/or countries where the chosen foreign language is spoken.

The regions, and the associated languages and courses are listed on pages 11 - 16. The courses listed for this option focus on contemporary cultural understanding and are regularly offered. **Experimental, special topics and Five College courses are not included in this list, but may be used to fulfill this requirement with the approval of a college adviser. Additionally, ALL courses offered by the foreign language departments that are conducted in the foreign language may be applied to the regional study option as long as they are within the same regional area. (Even though these language courses are not individually listed on the Approved Course List, no special approval is required).**

OPTION TWO (CONTINUED)

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CHOSEN: _____

REGIONAL STUDY AREA CHOSEN: _____

COURSES TAKEN TO COMPLETE 6 CREDITS OF ONE FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

COURSES TAKEN TO COMPLETE 9 CREDITS IN REGIONAL AREA:

Any courses taken to satisfy this part of the requirement that are not on the approved course list must be approved by a college adviser.

EXAMPLES OF THE REGIONAL STUDY OPTION

If Spanish is the language you would like to study, you can choose the Latin American Studies Region or the Southern European Studies Region. If you choose the Latin American Studies Region your 15-credit Global Education requirement might look like this: Spanish 240 Intermediate Spanish II, Spanish 301 Conversational Spanish I, Spanish 311 Advanced Spanish Grammar, Spanish 308 Latin American Literature in Translation, Geography 320 Latin America.

If Hebrew is the language you would like to study, you must choose the Middle Eastern Studies Region, and your 15-credit Global Education requirement might look like this: Hebrew 110 Elementary Modern Hebrew I, Hebrew 120 Elementary Modern Hebrew II, History 131 Middle Eastern History II, Political Science 333 Government and Politics of the Mideast, Judaic Studies 366 Zionism and the State of Israel.

If you would like to study German, Dutch, and Swedish, you can choose the Northern European Studies Region, and your 15-credit Global Education requirement might look like this: German 126 Intensive Elementary German, Dutch 110 Elementary Dutch I, Dutch 120 Elementary Dutch II, Swedish 110 Elementary Swedish I.

OPTION THREE:

EDUCATION ABROAD/INDIVIDUALIZED OPTION

Students can create a regional or education abroad option different from the choices previously listed. This must include 6 credits of one foreign language *starting at a level above current ability*, and 9 credits, in any combination of additional foreign language courses, or courses that focus upon a region or country, or on international topics. The credits may be chosen from courses in a language department or in the departments of History, Political Science, Economics, Communication, Anthropology, the Isenberg School of Management, or another related department. The six credits of foreign language may be earned by completing six credits of foreign language taught at the University, or by completing four 1.5 credit courses of one language not offered at the University, using the Five College Self Instruction Language Program. This option requires that the student create a plan of study and receive prior approval from the Global Education Coordinator in the SBS Advising Center.

INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN APPROVED BY:

ADVISER NAME : _____

DATE: _____

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CHOSEN: _____

STUDY AREA CHOSEN: _____

COURSES TAKEN TO COMPLETE 6 CREDITS OF ONE FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

**COURSES TAKEN TO COMPLETE 9 CREDITS IN EDUCATION ABROAD/
INDIVIDUALIZED FOCUS:**

EXAMPLES OF THE INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY OPTION

If you would like to study French and focus on Canada as your regional area, your 15-credit Global Education requirement might look like this: French 230 Intermediate French I, French 240 Intermediate French II, History 344 History of Canada, Political Science 249 Canadian Politics, Geography 410 Arctic Regions.

If you would like to study Native American topics, your 15-credit Global Education requirement might look like this: French 110 Elementary French I, French 120 Elementary French II, Anthropology 197B Introduction to Native American Indian Studies, English 166 Native American Literature, History 170 Indian Peoples of North America.

OPTION FOUR:**CERTIFICATE OR MINOR OPTION (Note: as in the previous options, 6 credits of foreign Language are required.)**

This option requires successful completion of a UMass or Five College Area Studies Certificate, Modern European Studies Minor Program or Five College International Relations Certificate Program. Courses taken for this option may also be used to fulfill major or general education requirements. Please discuss requirements for this option with your Certificate Program Adviser. You can choose from the following certificate programs:

AFRICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Contact: Joye Bowman, 612 Herter Hall, 545-0098

ASIAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Contact: Department of Asian Languages and Literatures, 545-0886

(This certificate program will be accepted only if 6-credits of one Asian language is completed as part of the program).

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Contact: Gloria Bernabe-Ramos, 924 Thompson Hall, 545-0455

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CERTIFICATE

Contact: Laura Reed, 208 Thompson Hall, 545-6171

MODERN EUROPEAN STUDIES MINOR

Contact: Jacqueline Urla, 208 Machmer Hall, 545-2869

(This minor will be accepted only if 6-credits of one modern European language is taken as part of the program. These courses must be more advanced than the fourth semester language course (240-249), unless it is the student's second European foreign language, in which case it must be at or above the second semester level (120-129).

After you finish the requirements for the certificate or minor you must provide the SBS Advising Center with a SBS Certificate Option form that has been completed and signed by your Certificate Program adviser. Forms are available in the SBS Advising Center.

Global Education FAQ's

Q. When should I officially declare my Global Education Option (i.e complete the GER option declaration form)?

A. You must declare your GER option at the same time you officially declare a major in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Q. Do students who are applying to transfer into Communication or Journalism have to choose a Global Education Option?

A. No, but when they are officially accepted into Communication or Journalism, they must declare their option. However, it is wise to understand the Global Education Requirement, consider an option and begin completing appropriate courses that can be used to satisfy the requirement. Students should read the SBS Advising Handbook and talk to an adviser in the Pre-major Advising Office for more information.

Q. What is the best way to get started on the Global Education Requirement?

A. First, decide what option you will choose when you declare your major in SBS. Think about what foreign language you have studied in high school, what language you would like to study, or what area of the world interests you. Look at the different options and decide which one is best suited for you. After that you can start taking some coursework to complete your option.

Q. Can a student change their Global Education option as their academic interests change?

A. Yes, they can change it at any time by completing a new Option Declaration Form in the SBS Advising Center, Thompson Hall 128.

Q. If a student is a double-major, do all College requirements in each College have to be completed?

A. All students must complete the College requirements for their primary major. If the secondary major is in SBS, the Global Education Requirement will not need to be fulfilled; HOWEVER, if a student is in the double-degree program, meaning that s/ he is working toward two different degrees resulting in at least a total of 150 credits, the College requirements for each College must be completed. Additionally, students with a primary or secondary major in Humanities and Fine Arts must complete all of the HFA College requirements.

Q. If the student has taken 2 semesters of foreign language elsewhere, can those semesters be counted toward the Global Education Requirement?

A. Yes, if those courses were taken for college-level credit and are accepted by the University (it is the student's responsibility to have grades transferred from other schools to the University). Students who have taken 4 or more years of language in high school or are native speakers of certain languages may take a language test at UMass to see if they can be awarded credit for 230 and 240 level language courses.

Q. Can a student take more than 6 credits of foreign language under the Regional Studies Option?

A. Yes, under the Regional Studies Option a student can take either 6, 9, 12 or 15 credits of foreign language. 6 credits must be in one language, but the remaining 9 credits can be taken in any combination of additional courses in the same language, courses in a different foreign language within the regional area, or cultural courses from the regional course list.

Q. Can upper-level (300 or above) literature or cultural courses that are taught in a foreign language count towards fulfilling a Regional Studies Option, even though they are not on the Approved Course List?

A. Yes, any course taught in a foreign language that is part your chosen regional area can be used, even though they are not explicitly listed on the Approved Course List.

Examples:

Spanish 320 - Literature of Spain I can be used for either the Latin American Region OR the Southern European Region.

Hebrew 361 - Modern Hebrew Literature I can be used for the Middle Eastern Region.

French 388- Francophone Civilization Outside of France can be used for the Southern European Region OR the African Region

Q. Can a student "double-dip" by fulfilling Global Education requirements along with major or General Education requirements?

A. The only option that allows "double-dipping" is the Certificate Option. Students who complete an approved Certificate Program may use that program to meet their Global Education Requirement, and courses used for the Certificate may also be used for General Education or Major requirements. For all other options, courses taken to satisfy

the Global Education Requirement must be *in addition* to courses that meet General Education or Major requirements. Courses taken to satisfy the Global Education Requirement may also be used toward a student's minor (if the department approves the list of courses), and may be used to fulfill a certificate requirements.

Q. Can Global Education courses be taken pass/fail?

A. No. All courses used to satisfy the Global Education Requirement must be taken for a letter grade.

Q. What happens if a student does not complete a Global Education Option Declaration Form?

A. The College and the University cannot track a student's progress in completing the requirement, or clear the student for graduation.

Q. Is the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Global Education requirement the same or related to the University's General Education Global Diversity requirement?

A. No, the College requirement and University General Education requirement are completely different. Both must be satisfied by completion of different courses.

For a list of Global Education courses, go to www.umass.edu/sbs/academics/undergraduate/global_ed_requirement.htm