

## GLOBAL STUDIES & GOVERNANCE (GSG) Program

IUB's Global Studies & Governance (GSG) Program is the country's first global-level knowledge-mode. Its vision (analyzing cross-border governance), and mission (interpreting global diversities), are inter- and multi-disciplinary, pragmatic, and theoretical. By examining post-state policy-making and engaging non-governmental organizations, it promotes hands-on, holistic, and necessary front-seat assessments of sensitive issues, climate-change, demographic shifts, gender rebalancing, resource redistribution, and socio-cultural transformations.

A **GSG Major** needs 127 credits from 1 of 7 tracks: *International Relations & Comparative Politics; International Security & Strategic Studies; Public Policy & Governance; Global Media & International Communications; Socio-political Economy of Development; Ecological Governance; and Independent Study*. These break down into 14 foundation courses (from other disciplines), 11 core courses (on methods, issue-specific substance, and theories), 5 track-based courses, and 6 electives (deepening knowledge). Students choose between Internship and Thesis (or do both, as did the GSG's first graduates, in 2021, as Interns of Carnegie Endowment, BRAC's BIGD, and Summit Group, before the thesis). The 15-credit **GSG Minor** teaches how to: (a) build 'multi-tasking' skills; (b) replace materialism with sustainability; (c) absorb climate-change imperatives; and (d) navigate information pathways.

By modernizing International Relations, GSG skills streamline such 21st Century priorities as multi-tasking, networking, and workplace fluidity, armed with Third/Fourth Industrial Revolutions knowledge. Expected outcomes include governance of foreign relations, the ecology, business, society, politics, grassroots interests, and ICT/software fluency.

Come, cultivate your future with our well-weathered Faculty.

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## **COURSES FOR MAJORS**

### **11 Core Courses (11×3= 33 credits)**

1. GSG 101: Introduction to Global Studies
2. GSG 102: Introduction to Governance Studies
3. GSG 103: Theories and Methods of Interdisciplinary/Trans-disciplinary Studies
4. GSG 201: Theories of International Relations/International Political Economy
5. GSG 202: Global History: 20th Century and Beyond
6. GSG 203: Security Studies: Military, Economic, Political, Social, Human
7. GSG 304: Research Methodology: Qualitative & Quantitative
8. GSG 305: Politics and Government in Developing Countries with Special Reference to Bangladesh
9. GSG 306: Dynamics of International Organizations
10. GSG 402: Theories of Socio-political Economy of Development
11. GSG 403: Global Ecology: Culture, Communications, & Demography

### **7 Specialized Tracks**

(Students will select one of the following tracks, each containing 5 courses)

1. International Relations and Comparative Politics
2. International Security and Strategic Studies
3. Public Policy and Governance
4. Global Media and International Communications
5. Socio-political Economy of Development
6. Ecological Governance
7. Independent Track

#### **Track 1: International Relations and Comparative Politics**

1. GSG 210: Foreign Policy Analysis
2. GSG 211: Regional and International Organizations
3. GSG 310: Introduction to International Law
4. GSG 311: Political Ideologies
5. GSG 410: Political Institutions

#### **Track 2: International Security and Strategic Studies**

1. GSG 220: Theories of War and Conflict
2. GSG 221: Surveillance, Intelligence and National Security
3. GSG 320: Ethnic Conflict and Counterinsurgencies
4. GSG 321: International Terrorism and Counterterrorism
5. GSG 420: Strategic Studies & Human Security

#### **Track 3: Public Policy and Governance**

1. GSG 230: Comparative Public Policy
2. GSG 231: Cultural Governance and Soft power
3. GSG 330: Human Rights and Law
4. GSG 331: Public Policy Making in Bangladesh
5. GSG 430: Communication Policy and Planning

#### **Track 4: Global Media and International Communications**

1. GSG 240: International Journalism
2. GSG 241: Public Diplomacy and Communications
3. GSG 340: Communication and Cultural Politics
4. GSG 341: Media, Culture and Society
5. GSG 440: Global Communication and National Cultures

#### **Track 5: Socio-political Economy of Development**

1. GSG 250: Political Economy of Bangladesh
2. GSG 251: Gender, Equality and Development
3. GSG 350: Socio-political Economy of Resource Transfers, Media & Development
4. GSG 351: Regional Economic Integration & Rural Development
5. GSG 450: International Economic Institutions & Global Poverty

#### **Track 6: Ecological Governance**

1. GSG 260: Human Geography & Global Demography
2. GSG 261: Resource Governance
3. GSG 360: Environmental Consciousness-building
4. GSG 361: Environmental Platform-searching: Conferences
5. GSG 460: Climate Change Governance: Performance-monitoring

#### **Track 7: Independent Track**

Students of this track have the option to choose five courses from any two tracks. However, they must take at least two courses from any single track. The structure of the track will remain the same: two 200 level courses, two 300 level courses, and one 400-level course. A student of this track can also choose 'Directed Study' as a replacement of the 400-level course.

**Elective courses (6×3 = 18 credits) [Students will have to choose at least *two courses* from Elective A and *three courses* from specialized course list and one advanced language course from Elective C following on the primary module of foreign language done at the foundation level]**

#### **Elective A: [Any Two; at least one from 300-level] 2×3=6 credits)**

1. GSG 280: South Asian Politics
2. GSG 281: Indian Studies
3. GSG 282: China in International System
4. GSG 283: Asian Popular Culture
5. GSG 296: Special Topic
6. GSG 380: Middle Eastern Studies
7. GSG 381: North American Studies
8. GSG 382: East Asian Studies
9. GSG 383: European Studies
10. GSG 384: Central Asian Studies
11. GSG 385: African Studies
12. GSG 386: Latin American Studies

13. GSG 387: Southeast Asian Studies
14. GSG 388: Ethnicity and Indigenous People in Bangladesh and South Asia
15. GSG 389: Hydro diplomacy
16. GSG 390: Water-food-energy linkage
17. CGS 396: Special Topic

**Elective B: Specialized Course List (any three)**

18. GSG 480: Contemporary Bangladesh Society
19. GSG 481: Religion and Politics
20. GSG 482: Cinema and Cultural Identity
21. GSG 483: Peace and Conflict Studies
22. GSG 484: Mass Violence, Genocide and Social Memory
23. GSG 485: Ethics and Morality in Politics
24. GSG 486: Colonialism and Post-Colonialism
25. GSG 487: Subaltern Studies
26. GSG 488: Identity and Nationhood
27. GSG 489: Global Film Industries
28. GSG 490: Global Environmental Politics
29. GSG 491: Global Public Health
30. GSG 492: Citizenship, Statelessness and Refugee Crisis
31. GSG 493: Gender and Communication
32. GSG 494: Computer-mediated Communication
33. GSG 495: Advanced Statistics
34. GSG 496: Directed Study

**Elective C: Foreign Language: 3 Credits**

Students have to do advanced module of the language course of which the first module they have done at the foundation level):

GSG 497: Language Study

**Senior Projects/Internship (any one of the following): 3 credits**

GSG 498: Internship GSG 499: Senior Project

## COURSES FOR MINORS

The 15-credit GSG “minor” must fulfill the following:

(a)	The required course (GSG102)	3x1 = 3 Credit
(b)	2 courses from the 200-level listed below	3x2 =6 Credit
(c)	1 course from the 300-level listed below	3x1 = 3 Credit
(d)	1 course from the 400-level listed below	3x1 = 3 Credit
Total		15 Credit

The 300-level course fits a regional concentration. Choose from one of the regions covered. Courses at other levels will be compatible with this regional expertise being cultivated.

Among the courses that fit the above stipulations (descriptions attached to this proposal):

## **200-level:**

GSG 201: Theories of International Relations/International Political Economy  
GSG 203: Security Studies  
GSG 211: Regional and International Organizations  
GSG 220: Theories of War and Conflict  
GSG 230: Comparative Public Policy  
GSG 231: Cultural Governance and Soft Power  
GSG 241: Public Diplomacy and Communications  
GSG 251: Gender, Equality and Development  
GSG 260: Human Geography & Global Demography  
GSG 283: Asian Popular Culture

## **300-level:**

GSG 320: Ethnic Conflict & Counter-insurgencies  
GSG 321: International Terrorism & Counter-terrorism  
GSG 330: Human Rights and Law  
GSG 340: Communications & Cultural Politics  
GSG 341: Media, Culture & Society  
GSG 351: Regional Economic Integration & Rural Development  
GSG 380: Middle Eastern Studies  
GSG 381: North American Studies  
GSG 382: East Asian Studies  
GSG 383: European Studies  
GSG 384: Central Asian Studies  
GSG 385: African Studies  
GSG 386: Latin American Studies  
GSG 387: Southeast Asian Studies

## **400-level:**

GSG 403: Global Ecology: Culture, Communications and Demography  
GSG 430: Communications Policy & Planning  
GSG 440: Global Communications & National Cultures  
GSG 450: International Economic Institutions & Global Poverty  
GSG 460: Climate Change Governance: Performance Monitoring

As evident, students can strengthen their business major, with a geographical concentration (for example, if Asian Studies, then through GSG 280, GSG 281, GSG 282, GSG 283, GSG 382, GSG 387, & GSG 388), for instance; or an environmental major with an ecological concentration (GSG 260, GSG 460); or even a communications major with a cultural/diplomatic concentration (GSG 241, GSG 341, GSG 440). Similar concentrations can be built with any of the GSG tracks should the student so wish.

In discussion with the GSG Head, students should select their course-list with their job- market skills, preferences, and future in mind.

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