



## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (BSS) in **GLOBAL STUDIES & GOVERNANCE (GSG)**

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES (SLASS)  
INDEPENDENT UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH (IUB)



### What is GSG?

Envisioning cross-border analysis of sustainable governance and development, the Global Studies & Governance (GSG) Program interprets global diversities pragmatically and theoretically to influence socio-cultural, politic-economic, interactive, and ecological policies. By offering 7 specialized tracks, 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.

### MISSION



Interpreting global diversities through multidisciplinary/ inter-disciplinary lenses to prescribe socio-cultural, politico-economic, and ecological policies.

### VISION



Analyzing cross-border governance pragmatically and theoretically for a sustainable future.

### Learning Outcomes

1. Practicality & problem-solving
2. Capacity to play with and interpret numbers & ideas
3. Enhancing communication skills
4. International/Collaborative exchanges
5. Leadership, self-management, & personal development
6. Sustainable living
7. Command information to show intellectual skills
8. Policy-making/'Entrepreneurial' skills

### Curriculum Structure

(GSG Major: Total 127/128 Credits)

- 14 Foundation Courses (14 x 2/3 = 40/41 credits)
- 11 Core Courses (11 x 3 = 33 credits)
- 5 Specialized Track Courses (5 x 3 = 15 credits)
- 7 Elective Courses (7 x 3 = 21 credits)
- Senior Project/ Internship (3 x 1 = 3 credits)
- Minor (from any discipline, 5 x 3 = 15 credits)

### Why Study GSG at IUB?

1. Globally ranked university with special emphasis on social & liberal arts education
2. Faculty members trained at world renowned UK, US, Japanese, German universities
3. Gain real life experience (internship and placements)
4. Interactive discussions in seminars/tutorial class
5. Personalized one-to-one student-teacher interaction
6. Modern library with accessible online resources
7. Industry and research-oriented department

### GSG Major Specialized Tracks

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

\*For details please refer to [http://www.iub.edu.bd/files/](http://www.iub.edu.bd/files/GSG_Program.pdf)

*GSG\_Program.pdf.*

## GSG Minor (Total 15 Credits)

A GSG "Minor" aligns almost perfectly with existing IUB "Majors," or "Schools." Two "automatic" alignments illustrate: the School of Business's "International Business" segment not only fits into, but also profits from a GSG "minor": Corporate behavior and strategies taught under "International Business" also need knowledge of the cultural, political, social, or environmental nuances within target countries, especially as these arenas address "governance" issues, something a typical GSG curriculum offers. Both the breadth and depth of this Business School alignment speak equally for the departments of Environment Management and Environment Science: a GSG "Minor" adds governance-based skills to the technical information learned about environment protection and for climate-change strategies. A GSG "Minor" increasingly carries a "Special relationship" with the School of Engineering, Computer science, Pharmacy and Pubic Health.

## Curriculum Structure

(GSG Minor: Total 15 Credits)

- The required course, GSG 102 (3x1=3 credits)
- Any 2 Courses from the 200 level GSG course list (3x2=6 Credits)
- 1 course from the 300 level GSG course List (3x1=3 credits)
- 1 course from the 400 level GSG course list (3x1=3 credits)

\*For details please refer to <http://slass.iub.edu.bd/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/GSG-Minor.pdf>.

"Where have all the **GSG Interns** gone?"



CARNEGIE  
ENDOWMENT FOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
PEACE



5-year **GSG** tally...

Number of Faculty Publications	40+
Number of Student Publications	1+
Number of GSG sponsored Conferences	10+
Number of Conference Presentations	37+
(GSG) Books: Review Ceremonies	2+

## Full-time Faculty members

**Dr. Imtiaz A. Hussain**

Professor  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
University of Pennsylvania, USA

**Dr. Marufa Akter**

Assistant Professor  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
University of Bremen, Germany

**Dr. Md. Shanawez Hossain**

Assistant Professor  
Ph.D. International Studies  
Waseda University, Japan

**Jessica Tartila Suma**

Lecturer-A (on study leave)  
Ph.D. Candidate in The University  
of Texas at Arlington, USA

**Hossain Ahmed Taufiq**

Lecturer-A (on study leave)  
Ph.D. Candidate in Portland  
State University, Oregon, USA

**Md. Ohidujaman**

Lecturer-A  
MSS in Sociology, University of Dhaka

**Raian Hossain**

Lecturer-B  
M.A in International Relations  
University of Nottingham, UK

## GSG Graduate testimonials:

"With GSG training, I was able to intern in two world renowned research institutes. The guidance and support from my faculties made it possible for me to publish a book chapter by one of the most prestigious publishers, Palgrave Macmillan."

Subaita Fairouz  
(first graduate)

"Studying GSG has presented me with the opportunity to take a close look at world's events, analyse them, and most importantly, understand how this order will take shape in the future."

Toersa Samiha  
(first graduate)

"I am fluent in negotiations and critical analysis in the domain of foreign affairs and governance."

Asheer Shah  
(Center for Bay of Bengal Studies intern)

"... passionate to become a future policy-maker for Bangladesh in foreign policy arenas ... [I find] ... the GSG program has immensely helped to shape, cultivation, and prepare me into that direction."

Mohammad Joy  
(Carnegie Endowment for International Peace intern)

"A Minor in GSG has helped me complement my Major (Environmental Science) when studying multidisciplinary topics such as governance, gender, migration flows, and poverty."

Rahdi Hossain Raahi  
(GSG Minor)

"GSG prepares aspiring policy-makers like me for the real world."

Sharnila Nuzhat Kabir  
(GSG Minor)

## Job/Career Prospects:



**Public Service**  
Civil/Diplomatic



**Regional Specialist**  
(Africa, Europe, Latin America,  
North America, South/Southeast/  
Far-east Asia)



**Development**  
INGOs, NGOs,  
UN Agencies & all  
organizations  
demanding governance)



**Business**  
Inter/Multi/  
Transnational business



**Entrepreneurship**  
Innovation  
(Social-Business),  
Freelancing  
any/everywhere



**Journalism**  
(on global front);  
News-casting



**Public  
policy-making/  
shaping/advocating**



**Research**  
Think-tanks &  
research units



**Education**  
Teaching (up to  
tertiary level);  
project-based analysis



**Public Relations**  
Communications Speciality