Global Legal Studies (a Majors Abroad Program)

at Arcadia University

Global Perspectives…Personal Attention…Real-World Integrative Learning Experiences

Faculty

Professor
Finbarr O'Connor

Associate Professor
Dr. Joan Hulse Thompson (Co-Chair)
Dr. Robert R. Thompson (Co-Chair)

Assistant Professor
Dr. Angela Kachuyeuski

Adjunct Professors
Michael Archie, J.D.
Dr. Amy Cox
Charles Halpin, J.D.
Sandra Jones

Degree

Bachelor of Arts in Global Legal Studies

Related Fields of Study
Political Science
Pre-Law (minor)

Options
Secondary Education Certification (in Social Studies)
Minor in International Studies

Related Graduate Study at Arcadia University

Master of Arts in International Peace and Conflict Resolution (4+2 program)

Master of Arts in International Relations and Diplomacy (American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, France)

Master of Education with a Concentration in Secondary Education with Certification in Social Studies

Pathways to Study Abroad

This Majors Abroad Program (MAP) will require at least two semesters of study abroad, normally in the junior year, at one location where law is offered as an undergraduate major and Arcadia students can take at least two law school classes plus two other courses widely recognized as good preparation for law school. A distinctive and challenging international experience is attractive to law school admissions committees.

Suggested study abroad locations: London School of Economics and Political Science, England; Queen Mary College, University of London, England; University of Essex, England; University of Aberdeen, Scotland; University of Glasgow, Scotland; University of Limerick, Ireland; Queens University in Belfast, Ireland; Australia National University, Australia; University of Wollongong, Australia; Bonn University, Australia; and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Visit Pathways to Study Abroad (www.arcadia.edu/pathways) for more information and suggested course sequences.

About the B.A. in Global Legal Studies

- Preparation for law school or other graduate programs
- 4+2 with Arcadia's International Peace and Conflict Resolution master's program
- Preparation for careers in public service, education, management
- Preparation for secondary teaching
- Opportunities to travel with Model UN team
- Internships available in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C
- Parliamentary internships in England, Scotland, Australia and Ireland
- Senior Capstone seminar and thesis research project that integrate classroom learning with real-world experiences
- Opportunities to study at American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy in Paris, France
- Opportunities to study abroad at some of the top universities around the world

The Global Legal Studies major focuses on developing skills useful in the study and practice of law, understanding substantive areas of law and legal reasoning, and

exploring the place of law in both the United States and other societies.

Global Legal Studies is designed to provide undergraduate students with individual courses and study abroad experience that will enable them to better understand both U.S. and world legal issues. It is designed for students who are interested in careers in law and/or international relations.

Students who are unable to study abroad should realize that fact during their junior year and be able to graduate the following year with a Political Science major.

Students who major in Global Legal Studies can minor in any academic discipline, except Political Science or Pre-Law. Arcadia does not require that students have a minor to graduate and no course considered to be part of a student's Global Legal Studies major may be counted again for that student's minor.

This Majors Abroad Program (MAP) will require at least two semesters of study abroad, normally in the junior year, at one location where law is offered as an undergraduate major and Arcadia students can take at least two law school classes plus two other courses widely recognized as good preparation for law school. A distinctive and challenging international experience is attractive to law school admissions committees.

Suggested study abroad locations:

- London School of Economics and Political Science, England
- Queen Mary College, University of London, England
- University of Essex, England
- University of Aberdeen, Scotland
- University of Glasgow, Scotland
- University of Limerick, Ireland
- Queens University in Belfast, Ireland
- Australia National University, Australia
- University of Wollongong, Australia
- Bonn University, Australia
- Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

This major will require a minimum of 46 total credits, of which 29 to 31 will be core courses available on the Glenside, Pa., campus and law and cognate courses taken abroad at an Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad program site. Students in this interdisciplinary major may not take more than 8 courses (24 to 32 credits) for the major within any one discipline. However, Law and Political Science would be considered separate disciplines for the purpose of enforcing this rule. Other disciplines with required or elective courses in the Global Legal Studies major include: English, Philosophy, Economics, Business, Sociology, Anthropology, and Communications.

Although not required for the major, Global Legal Studies seniors will be encouraged to take the pre-law internship PS 324A and B (2 + 2 credits), either simultaneously or in sequence, especially if they want to qualify for paralegal positions upon graduation from Arcadia. Paralegals often go on to law school in full- or part-time programs, sometimes with their corporate employers paying the tuition. Combining the study of law in another culture with working directly with legal professionals within the United States will provide Arcadia students with solid preparation for law school. Law schools like to have a balance of perspectives and experiences among their first-year students.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Global Legal Studies

(36 to 46 credits as listed below, with Undergraduate Curriculum requirements and electives to total 128 credits)

1. Three courses in Political Science and Communications

   PS 110 Law and the Legal Process
   CM 213 Writing and Communications
   PS 220 American Constitutional Law

2. Two courses in International Relations from the following

PS	150	Comparative Politics
PS	241	International Relations
PS	243	Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution
PS	311	International Law
PS	370	International Human Rights

3. Study abroad for two semesters, completing at least two law school courses abroad and two other courses approved by the Global

Legal Studies adviser as appropriate for a pre-law curriculum.

4. GLS 490/491 Senior Seminar and Senior Thesis (4 + 4 credits)

5. Electives within the major (two or more courses to total at least 46 credits for the major). Students can tailor their major, study abroad experience, and minor to fit the areas of law that most interest them.

   Pre-Law electives with an (*) are recommended for anyone applying directly to law school. These courses are also part of the Pre-Law Minor, which was created with the guidance of the American Bar Association and alumni lawyers. Many electives could be taken abroad as pre-law courses with adviser approval.

BA	201	Financial Accounting (3)*
BA	230	Legal Environment of Business (3)
BA	232	International Environment and Legal Issues for Business (3)
CJ	160	Crime & Punishment
EC	210	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
EC	211	Principles of Microeconomics (3)*
EN	199	Interpreting Literature I (4)
PL	165	Occupational Ethics (4)
PL	175	Ethics (4)*
PL	155	Applied Logic (4) (crucial for the LSAT exam)*
CM	215	Informative and Persuasive Speaking (3/4)*
PS	324	Pre-Law Internship and Seminar (2 + 2)*
PS	330	American Political Thought (4)*
PS	340	The Judiciary (4)*