

WHY CHOOSE OUR PROGRAM?

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary field that explores the complex systems—technical, governance, security, and ecological—that shape our interconnected world.

The MSGS program prepares students for impactful careers in:

- Gender and Public Policy
- Global Governance
- Global Security

Through rigorous academic training and real-world, professional experience, students gain the analytical and professional skills needed to lead in international contexts. Our program emphasizes global engagement through research, internships, and partnerships with universities and industry worldwide.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Flexible online and on-campus options
- Customizable coursework and capstone/internship pathways
- Supportive academic and professional environment

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- 32 credits, 3 semesters
- 12 credits of core courses
- 4–8 credits of professional development
- 16 credits of electives

Learn More

- MS in Global Studies
<https://cgs.illinois.edu/graduate/masters-global-studies>



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JOIN A WORLD-CLASS INSTITUTION

- University of Illinois is a global leader in research, teaching, and public engagement
- Access to the International and Area Studies Library with 2M+ volumes in 150+ languages
- Collaborate with 150+ research centers, including the Illinois Global Institute (IGI).

Financial aid available through fellowships and scholarships



CHOOSE YOUR TRACK

Gender and Public Policy

Lead in government and nonprofit sectors focused on gender equity and human security. This track emphasizes intersectional analysis across cultural, legal, economic, and technological dimensions.

Global Governance

Work with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to develop interdisciplinary solutions to global challenges through policy and advocacy.

Global Security

Prepare for careers addressing national and international security challenges, including conflict, energy and climate security, arms control, and environmental stress.



Career Pathways

Graduates pursue careers in:
 Transnational Organizations •
 Government • NGOs • Corporations
 • Trade Groups • Foundations •
 Academia