

To meet the requirements of the Global Studies degree, students must complete:

1. Required units: HIST115 Global History, POLS 104/106/108, SOCS101 or GEOG214, GLST305.
Note that these units are typically only offered once per year, so plan your enrolments carefully.

Required units cannot be used to credit an Arts major or minor. For example, if you wish to major in History in your BA, then HIST115 cannot be counted toward that major. Likewise, for the POLS104/106/108 units and the Politics and International Relations major/minor.

2. International experience – one semester: Study Abroad (exchange) OR international internship OR Semester in Rome at the ACU campus.

If you are unable to complete four to five months abroad for health, caring, financial or work reasons, speak with the course coordinator to arrange an alternative, typically 4 Global Studies elective units.

3. A Global Studies minor (40cp) in one of the following disciplines: History, Politics and International Relations, Sociology, Geography, Environment and Society, or Economics OR 40cp of Global Studies electives.

These units must be international in content. For example, Australian history units or Australian politics units will not be counted towards the Global Studies minor or electives.

International experience

To go on a semester abroad with one of ACU's international university partners, students should expect the following:

1. To be eligible for study abroad, you must have a GPA (grade point average) of 4.5, which roughly equates to a credit average. You must also have completed 100 credit points.
2. Typically, students go on study abroad in year 3, semester 2.
3. There are financial supports available, including the Vice Chancellor's scholarship of \$2,500 and support from the Australian government.
4. Applications for study abroad happen ten months prior to departure, i.e., for September departures, students will apply in December of the previous year.
5. In-country costs vary depending on location. However, anecdotally, students who study in Europe estimate total costs of around \$20,000, not including tuition fees.
6. If you don't meet the GPA requirement, you will need to organise your own international internship experience. This can be done by using a third-party provider (at a cost) or organising an internship yourself.

Tips for enrolment

You can use the Course Map from the handbook of the year you commenced at ACU. These course map serve to guide you through your course. They are not prescriptive and you can deviate from the map.

Double degrees are inherently complex. As you progress through your course, remember that you should be working towards both of your degrees concurrently (e.g., taking 3 law units and 1 global studies unit in a semester, followed by two law units and 2 global studies units the next semester).

As a general rule

Students **MUST** follow the course rules for the degrees based on the year of admission into the Global Studies course.

For example, if you first enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies at ACU in 2024, then you should follow the course rules in the ACU 2024 handbook for this course.

If you first enrolled in a BA at ACU in 2024 but then transferred to a BA/Bachelor of Global Studies in 2026, then you should follow the course rules for this course as outlined in the 2026 handbook.