

MS in Global Studies and International Relations

Quarter to Semester Program Comparison

Degree Requirements	Current Quarter Hours	Semester Hours - Fall 2026
Core Courses + Capstone	24	19
Electives	2	3
Concentrations	20	12
Total Degree Hours	46	34

Quarter Format

Campus:
Boston / Virtual

Semester Format

Core Courses: 24 Quarter Hours (QH)

Complete all the required courses:

- GST 6100 Globalization and Global Politics and Econ. (4)
- GST 6101 Global Literacy, Culture, and Community (4)
- GST 6109 Basic Field Research Methods (4)
- GST 6320 Peace and Conflict (4)

Complete one of the following:

- GST 6920 Case Study in Global Studies (4)
- GST 7990 Thesis (4)
- INT 6900 International Field Study Experience (4)

Complete one of the following:

- GST 6501 Regional Studies: East Asia (4)
- GST 6502 Regional Studies: Middle East & North Africa (4)
- GST 6503 Regional Studies: Sub-Saharan Africa (4)
- GST 6504 Regional Studies: Europe and Eurasia (4)
- GST 6505 Regional Studies: Southwest and Central Asia (4)
- GST 6506 Regional Studies: Latin America (4)

The remaining required quarter hours for the program may be completed by a combination of completing a concentration and additional electives or selecting any courses listed in the electives list. Note: A minimum of 18-20 quarter hours must be completed within global studies electives.



Core Courses: 19 Semester Hours (SH)

Complete all the required courses:

- GST 6100 Globalization and Global Politics and Econ. (3)
- GST 6101 Global Literacy, Culture, and Community (3)
- GST 6109 Research Methods (3)
- GST 6320 Peace and Conflict (3)

Complete one of the following:

- GST 6920 Case Study in Global Studies (4)
- GST 6990 Thesis (4)

Complete one of the following:

- GST 6501 Regional Studies: East Asia (3)
- GST 6502 Regional Studies: Middle East (3)
- GST 6503 Regional Studies: Sub-Saharan Africa (3)
- GST 6504 Regional Studies: Europe and Eurasia (3)
- GST 6505 Regional Studies: Southwest and Central Asia (3)
- GST 6506 Regional Studies: Latin America (3)

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Elective Courses: 2 Quarter Hours (QH)

GST Elective Courses:

- GST 6102 Global Corporate Social Responsibility (4)
- GST 6105 Found. of Global Studies and Int. Relations (4)
- GST 6200 The Funders (4)
- GST 6210 The Developers (4)
- GST 6220 Globalization of Emerging Economies (4)
- GST 6300 Security and Terrorism (4)
- GST 6310 Immigration and Labor (4)
- GST 6324 Divided Societies in the Modern World (4)
- GST 6326 International Conflict and Cooperation (4)
- GST 6327 Conflict and Post conflict Development (4)
- GST 6340 The Economics of Development (4)
- GST 6350 Global Economics of Food and Agriculture (4)
- GST 6360 Nuclear Nonproliferation (4)
- GST 6425 Comparative Higher Ed. Systems... (4)
- GST 6430 Leadership and Management (4)
- GST 6525 Int. Organizations: Law and Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6550 U.S. Foreign Policy (4)
- GST 6540 Politics of the European Union (4)
- GST 6560 Multilateral Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6580 Opportunities in International Consulting (4)
- GST 6590 Public Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6600 The Practice of Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6610 Sustainable Development (4)
- GST 6700 Global Health Perspectives...(4)
- GST 6710 Critical Issues and Challenges: Global Health (4)
- GST 6740 Human Rights (4)
- GST 6810 International Higher Education (4)
- GST 6820 Managing Study Abroad (4)
- GST 6830 Managing International Students (4)
- GST 6840 The Business of International Education (4)
- GST 6850 Immigration and Legal Issues in Int. Higher Ed. (4)
- GST 6965 Professional Practice in Global Education (4)
- GST 7983 Topics (2)

Other Approved Electives:

- ALY 6000; ALY 6010; CED 6120; CED 6130; CMN 6060: CMN 6085; COP 6940; EDU 6184; LDR 6145; NPM 6140; PJM 5900



Elective Courses: 3 Semester Hours (SH)

GST 6515 International Business (3)

GST 6535 Science Diplomacy (3)

GST 6983 Special Topics (3)

Elective Option:

Complete courses from either concentration below or from the unused elective options in the restricted elective of the major.

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Concentrations: 20 Quarter Hours (QH)

For any concentration, one of the five courses can be from another global studies concentration, a regional studies course, or a special topics course if you choose.

Conflict Resolution

Complete 20 quarter hours from the following:

- GST 6324 Divided Societies in the Modern World (4)
- GST 6326 International Conflict and Cooperation (4)
- GST 6327 Conflict and Post conflict Development (4)
- GST 6300 Security and Terrorism (4)
- GST 6360 Nuclear Nonproliferation (4)
- GST 6740 Human Rights (4)

Diplomacy

Complete 20 quarter hours from the following:

- GST 6600 The Practice of Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6540 Politics of the European Union (4)
- GST 6550 U.S. Foreign Policy (4)
- GST 6560 Multilateral Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6590 Public Diplomacy (4)
- GST 6740 Human Rights (4)

Global Health and Development

Complete 20 quarter hours from the following:

- GST 6210 The Developers (4)
- GST 6340 The Economics of Development (4)
- GST 6350 Global Economics of Food and Agriculture (4)
- GST 6610 Sustainable Development (4)
- GST 6700 Global Health Perspectives, Politics...(4)
- GST 6710 Critical Issues and Challenges in the Practice of Global Health (4)

International Economics and Consulting

Complete 20 quarter hours from the following:

- GST 6102 Global Corporate Social Responsibility (4)
- GST 6200 The Funders (4)
- GST 6220 Globalization of Emerging Economies (4)
- GST 6310 Immigration and Labor (4)
- GST 6340 The Economics of Development (4)
- GST 6430 Leadership and Management (4)
- GST 6580 Opportunities in International Consulting (4)



Concentrations: 12 Semester Hours (SH)

Conflict Resolution

Complete 12 semester hours from the following:

- GST 6300 Security and Terrorism (3)
- GST 6324 Divided Societies in the Modern World (3)
- GST 6326 International Conflict and Cooperation (3)
- GST 6327 Conflict and Post conflict Development (3)
- GST 6740 Human Rights (3)

Diplomacy

Complete 12 semester hours from the following:

- GST 6550 U.S. Foreign Policy (3)
- GST 6560 Multilateral Diplomacy (3)
- GST 6590 Public Diplomacy (3)
- GST 6600 The Practice of Diplomacy (3)
- GST 6740 Human Rights (3)

Global Health and Development

Complete 12 semester hours from the following:

- GST 6340 The Economics of Development (3)
- GST 6350 Global Econ. of Food and Agriculture (3)
- GST 6610 Sustainable Development (3)
- GST 6700 Global Health and Development Perspectives (3)
- GST 6710 Critical Issues in Delivering Global Health (3)

International Economics and Consulting

GST 6102 Global Corporate Social Responsibility (3)

GST 6340 The Economics of Development (3)

GST 6580 Opportunities in International Consulting (3)

Any unused courses in the concentrations or restricted electives lists (3)

Elective Option / Custom Concentration

A concentration is not required. Students may complete the electives option in lieu of a concentration.