

Admissions Requirements

Preference in admission is given to students who have strong oral and written communication skills, a capacity for excellence in research and critical thinking, and an interest in problem-solving. A minimum 3.0 undergraduate grade point average is required for graduate admissions to UCSB.



Language requirements: Students are required to have the equivalent of two years of undergraduate foreign language proficiency with a "B" average or be proficient in a second language. If students lack proficiency upon entering, they are expected to acquire it through language courses.

- On-line graduate application: <https://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp/> \$70 application fee; \$90 for international students.
- Official Transcripts (2 copies). Sent directly from all post-secondary institutions attended to the Global Studies office.
- Statement of Purpose with signed coversheets (2 copies). Indicate why the applicant wishes to pursue graduate studies in the field of Global & International Studies.
- Three Letters of Recommendation with signed coversheets (1 copy). On-line submission available.
- GRE General record exam scores. Verbal, quantitative, and analytical scores are required of all applicants. No score minimum for admission.
- TOEFL scores (if applicable). Foreign students whose native language is not English must score above 600 on the written exam, 80 on the Internet-based exam or Overall Band score of 7 or higher on the IELTS. School code #4835
- Optional Writing Sample or evidence of other relevant activities (1 copy). This may be an undergraduate or graduate paper, or a relevant report, policy analysis, or problem-solving exercise showing practical understanding.

Important Dates for Fall Entering Class

- Applications are due by December 15 of the preceding year.
- Admission decisions will be announced by mid-March.
- Fellowships must be accepted or declined by April 15.
- First day of class is the last Thursday of September.

About the Campus

UCSB is one of only 63 institutions elected to membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities. In 2010, UCSB ranked number 29 in a list of the world's top 200 universities in the British publication, *Times Higher Education*. In 2008, *U.S. News & World Report* profiled UCSB's MA program in Global & International Studies among its Best Graduate Schools, and in 2010, ranked UCSB number 9 in its annual listing of the "Top 50 Public National Universities" in the country and number 39 on its list of the "Best National Universities." Additionally, UCSB was named twice in the past decade by the *Newsweek/Kaplan* guide as one of "America's 25 hot schools."



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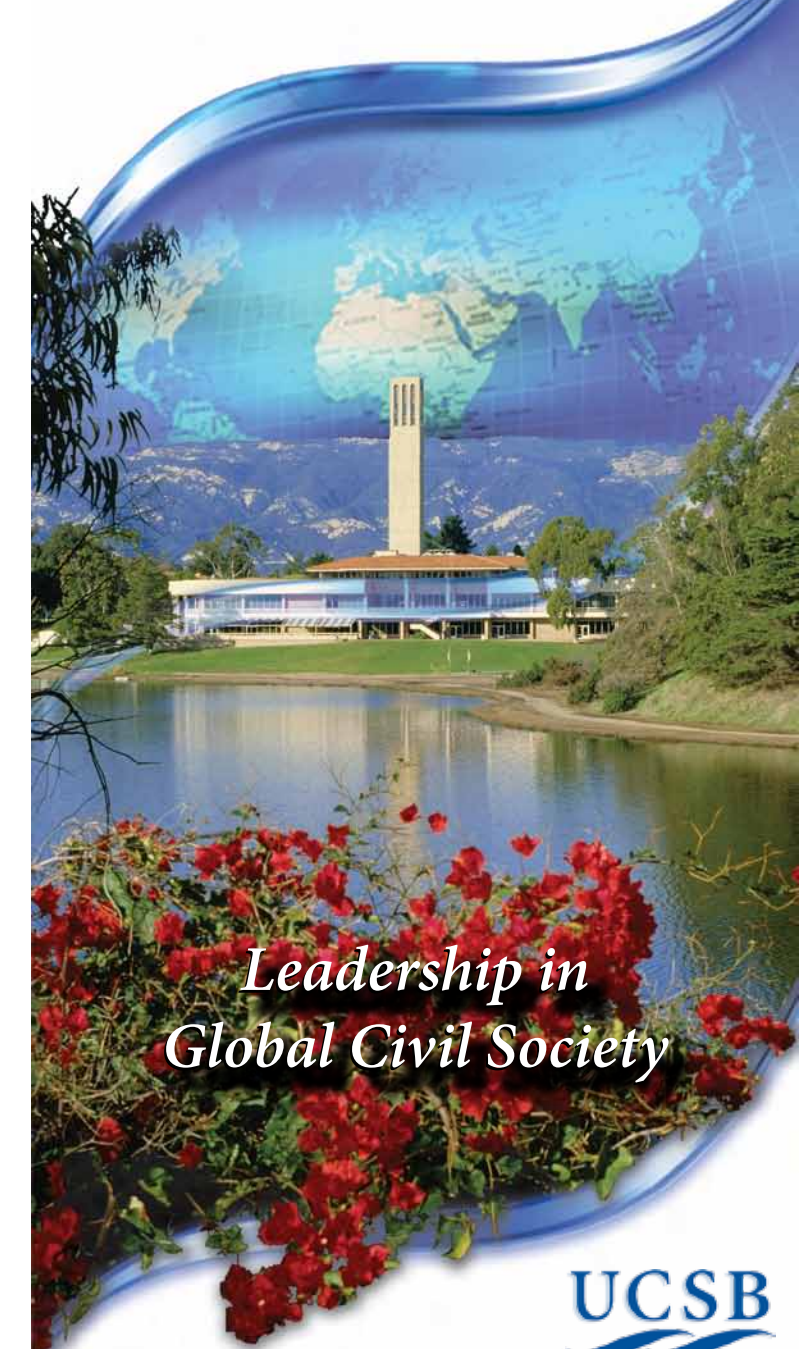
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M.A. Degree Program

The two-year M.A. degree is designed for those who wish to deepen their understanding of globalization, whether for the sake of pursuing further graduate study or to prepare themselves for possible employment in international organizations, including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), business and government. The internship and other requirements focus on some of the intellectual as well as practical challenges facing those who seek to serve in the growing “third sector” of nonprofit, non-governmental organizations.

For complete information on the M.A. degree program and its requirements, please visit our website:

<http://www.global.ucsb.edu/magis>



Career-Related Opportunities

International internships, career counseling workshops, and job search assistance are provided by the program. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who will serve as a mentor. Periodic reviews provide the student with constructive feedback and additional guidance. Specialized short-term courses and workshops are also available at UCSB that can contribute to the skills of MA students. These include training in survey research through the Social Science Survey Center, proposal and grant writing, web and graphic design, and geographic information systems (GIS).

Exceptional Preparation

The two-year graduate M.A. program is divided into three areas of specialization: global culture and religion; global governance and human rights; and political economy, sustainable development and the environment. Students typically spend the summer and/or fall quarter of the second year abroad, completing internships with non-governmental organizations, governmental bodies, or businesses; or study abroad programs.

Non-credit workshops will also be available for interested students, providing opportunities to learn about practical matters such as grant writing and foundation funding, tracking organizational finances, information management, and computer-based technologies.

The curriculum consists of three 4-unit seminars and one 1-unit course per quarter. The first year includes an introductory graduate course in global studies, Mapping Global & International Studies, and gateway courses in the three areas of specialization:

- [Global Culture and Religion](#)
- [Global Governance and Human Rights](#)
- [Political Economy, Sustainable Development & the Environment](#)

First-year students also take two quarters of Research Methods (winter and spring), a one-unit contemporary issues seminar (fall), and two one-unit proseminars (winter and spring) that focus on global issues, internships, and career preparation, and occasionally host visiting speakers. In addition, three elective courses may be taken that will further students' professional or career objectives.

Second-year students, upon returning winter quarter from their internship or study abroad, take two independent study courses with their principal advisor (winter and spring) that focus on writing their M.A. thesis or project paper. They participate in the two proseminars (winter and spring), and a capstone seminar (spring) in which they present their M.A. paper for peer review. They also choose graduate elective courses that provide background in particular geographic regions, and focus on issues in their chosen area of specialization.

In consultation with their advisors, students can elect to complete either the Master's Plan I (thesis) or Master's Plan II (comprehensive project).

Focus on Faculty

Giles Gunn, Chair of the Global & International Studies Program, is a Professor of English and Global & International Studies. Long eminent in the field of literary and cultural studies, he writes widely on significant ethical and philosophical dimensions of the global and its history.

Richard Appelbaum, MAGIS Director, is MacArthur Chair in Sociology and Global & International Studies. His specialties include the impact of giant transnational retailers and contractors on labor conditions in global production, and the role of emerging technologies in emerging economies, with a special focus on China and East Asia.

Paul Amar, a political scientist and urban ethnographer, serves as an Associate Professor in the Global & International Studies Program. Professor Amar's research traces the origins and intersections of new patterns of police militarization, security governance, humanitarian intervention, and state restructuring in the megacities of the Middle East and South America.

Marguerite Bouraad-Nash, a Senior Lecturer in Global & International Studies and Political Science, is the Vice Chair and Student Advisor of the Global Peace and Security Program. She is a political scientist specializing in international and Middle Eastern politics.

Alison Brysk is Mellichamp Chair of Global Governance. Her research and teaching areas are human rights, global governance, civil society, gender, and Latin American politics. Beyond Latin America, she has also lived and lectured in France, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Canada, South Africa, Japan, and Australia.

Raymond Cléménçon, Visiting Professor in Global Studies, specializes in international and comparative environmental policy and politics. He is editor of the *Journal of Environment and Development*. He has taught graduate and undergraduate courses at UC San Diego, and has worked as a consultant for the Global Environment Facility and the World Bank.

Eve Darian-Smith is Professor of Global & International Studies and specializes in legal pluralism, race, and indigenous issues. She has published widely, received various awards for research and teaching, and is a former associate editor of *Law & Society Review* and *American Ethnologist*.

Hilal Elver is Research Professor in Global & International Studies and co-director of the Global Climate Change, Human Security and Democracy Project. She specializes in international human rights (particularly women's rights), comparative law, and environmental law. She has held the UNEP Chair on Environmental Diplomacy and served as the Legal Advisor to the Turkish government on environmental and women's issues.

Richard Falk, Research Professor in Global & International Studies, is one of the world's most prominent scholars of global legal systems. He has written extensively on issues of human rights and world order, intervention for humanitarian causes, and currently directs the Global Climate Change, Human Security, and Democracy Project. He also currently serves as the UN Special Rapporteur for the Occupied Palestine Territories.

Mark Juergensmeyer, Director of the Orfalea Center, is professor of Sociology and Global & International Studies. He is a major figure in the field of global religion and politics, whose interests include nationalism and religious violence in an era of globalization, and international conflict resolution.

Esther Lezra, Assistant Professor in Global & International Studies, specializes in the literary and cultural study of the Caribbean, Europe and North Africa from the 18th century onward. Her book project explores questions of memory in the multilingual archive of transatlantic revolutions and the submerged knowledge of Colonial and Post-Colonial Histories.

Philip McCarty studies the ways media frame social problems and policy solutions. As a Lecturer in the Global & International Studies, he specializes in teaching the fundamentals of research design and field research methods.

Aashish Mehta, Assistant Professor of Global & International Studies, is a development economist. He has served as an economist at the Asian Development Bank, and has published articles on the economics of education, employment, inequality, caste discrimination, corruption, energy, and commodity price dynamics, as they affect various developing economies.

Jan Nederveen Pieterse is Mellichamp Professor of Global Studies and Sociology. His areas of specialization are globalization (including history and political economy), development studies and cultural studies. Recent interests are emerging societies and cultures of emancipation.

Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies

The Orfalea Center for Global & International Studies sponsors interdisciplinary conferences, seminars, and public programs.

Paul Orfalea and the Orfalea Family Foundation

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