



UC SANTA BARBARA
Department of Global Studies

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Master of Arts (MA) in Global Studies is a terminal two-year degree, which provides an interdisciplinary academic foundation for students who wish to engage in or study global civil society, development, and governance. During their first three quarters on campus, students become familiar with global studies debates, learn research skills, and define questions. The summer/fall quarter after the first year is typically spent abroad and/or in field research. This period may combine research and an internship -- or be dedicated to field research alone.

Areas of Specialization

The curriculum includes three areas of specialization:

- Global Political Economy, Sustainable Development, Environment
- Global Culture, Ideology, and Religion
- Global Governance, Human Rights, and Civil Society

Our graduate students work closely with Global Studies faculty in conjunction with 23 affiliated faculty members across campus

Fellowship Opportunities

Fellowships and paid teaching and research opportunities are offered each year to support students. All applicants are also eligible for UCSB campus-wide multi-year fellowships. Program and internship funding is also supported by a generous gift from the Orfalea Foundation.

Additional Program Details

The online application for the upcoming academic year is available in early September. The application deadline is December 15.



REQUIREMENTS

Online application
www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/eapp

Statement of Purpose, Personal Achievements/Contributions, and Resume or CV (submitted in the online application)

Three Letters of Recommendation (submitted online)

Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended (submitted online)

GRE General test scores (no minimum scores)

TOEFL scores: minimum of 550 Paper-Based Test (PBT) or 80 Internet-Based Test (IBT), or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) scores: Overall Band score of 7 or higher (if applicable).

Writing sample of 15-20 pages (submitted online)

Final/Official transcripts will be required for all applicants who are admitted and have indicated their intent to enroll at UC Santa Barbara by submitting a Statement of Intent to Register (SIR).

DEADLINES

Fall Only – December 15, for the following academic year (by 11:59 PM PST)

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JOE FARSAKH MA '09

“The Global and International Studies Master’s Program is an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the world through experience and exploration that will take you places you never expected. No matter where you end up, you will take with you a solid global foundation and perspective that will serve you and the rest of the world well. For my Global Studies field work, I was living and teaching in the capital of Rwanda. I could see how Rwanda is healing and has rebuilt itself after a million people were violently and brutally murdered within a three-month period in 1994. A global studies perspective helps me better understand in historical, political, economic and cultural terms the challenges facing Rwanda today.”



ANA CAROLINE MORENO MA '17

“The Kendra Chiota Payne Global Studies Award allowed me to spend most of the summer in Brazil conducting fieldwork and interviews. This experience taught me a lot about resilience and doing what you believe to be the right thing. I realized I prefer practical, hands-on work rather than a classical or theoretical approach. Being out in the field, meeting people, talking to them, and observing what is happening taught me much more than spending the whole day behind my laptop. There’s something unique about witnessing and performing relevant community work and discussing feminism, empowerment, and racism in places where these themes don’t come up naturally that is extremely enriching and exciting.”