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Proposed Updated Curriculum  
Structure for the Global  
Studies Major

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TO: President John E. Van de Wetering

FROM: The Faculty Senate

Meeting on 5/24/82  
(Date)

RE: X I. Formal Resolution (Act of Determination)  
       II. Recommendation (Urging the fitness of)  
       III. Other (Notice, Request, Report, etc.)

SUBJECT: Proposed Updated Curriculum Structure for the Global Studies Major

(see attached)

Signed Garry L. Studer Date Sent 5/25/82  
(For the Senate)  
Garry L. Studer, President, Faculty Senate...

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: President John E. Van de Wetering

RE: I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution

- a.  Accepted. Effective Date 6/8/82
- b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation

- II., III. a. Received and acknowledged
- b. Comment:

DISTRIBUTION: Vice Presidents: Douglas

Others:

Distribution Date: 6/8/82

Signed: [Signature]  
(President of the College)

Date Received by the Senate: \_\_\_\_\_

PROPOSED MODIFIED CURRICULUM STRUCTURE  
FOR  
THE GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR

Global Studies is an interdisciplinary program directed at giving the student an awareness of the interdependence of the world community in virtually every aspect of human existence. The achievement of this objective has meant the elaboration of a course of study based on a composite of offerings from such academic disciplines as the natural sciences, the social sciences and the humanities.

Four years have passed since the program's inception in 1978 - a sufficient time period within which to test out the initial curriculum design. Over the past year, the Global Studies Curriculum Committee has been evaluating the positive and negative results of the curriculum, and on the basis of this evaluation proposes the following modifications:

1. The required 36 hours in the major remains unchanged.
2. The distribution of required lower division global exploration courses remains unchanged:
  - GBS 102 (HST 102) - The Modern World
  - GBS 103 (GGR 102) - Introduction to Physical Geography
  - GBS 111 (PLS 111) - World Politics
  - GBS 113 (ANT 111) - Our Changing World
  - GBS 212 - The Nature of Global Interdependence
3. Three hours of elementary statistic course.
4. GBS 372, The Politics of International Economics, remains required by all majors.
5. A new Modern Foreign Language Co-requisite: demonstration of competency at the Foreign Science Institute (FSI) level One of Oral Proficiency. Competency will be measured by the student's passing a competency examination administered by the Foreign Language Department. The student may prepare for the exam (a) by taking 6 credit hours of foreign language study at Brockport; (b) by taking a similar number of credit hours at another institution; (c) by taking a similar basic language program elsewhere.

In the advisement process, the timing and intent of the modern foreign language requirement will be integrated into the student's overall GBS program.

## 6. The primary change in the major is at the upper division level.

Rationale: The Curriculum Committee felt that the original program lacked direction and risked the danger of providing the student with a smorgasbord of courses but no solid education.

It is proposed that fifteen semester hours at the upper division level be satisfied as follows:

- (a) Nine credit hours are to be taken in one of the four global issue tracks listed below. Under each issue, there is an astericked course. This course would be required by students choosing that track. The remaining six credits may be selected from the other courses in the track at the option of the student. It is understood that the list is not exhaustive. Courses may be added to each category, if their content meets the Global Studies curriculum criterion requiring a global interdependence component, as determined and approved by the Curriculum Committee.

## Global Issue Areas:

## International Law and World Order:

- GBS 301 - World Simulation
- GBS 330 (PLS 330) - Backdrop to Global Politics
- GBS 338 (PLS 338) - Issues in International Relations
- GBS 364 (PLS 364) - Third World Politics
- \*GBS 445 (PLS 445) - International Law and Organization

## Transnational Cross-Cultural Communication

- GBS 300 (ANT 300) - Cultural Encounters
- GBS 303 (PHE 303) - Sociocultural Perspectives of Sport (2 cr)
- GBS 313 (FCE 313) - Cultures in Conflict
- \*GBS 318 (SPH 318) - Cross-Cultural Communication
- GBS 445 (SPH 445) - Seminar in World Media Analysis

## Ecology and the Human Environment

- GBS 302 (GEL 300) - Earth and Man
- GBS 303 (BIO 303) - Ecology
- \*GBS 314 (BIO 314) - Environment
- GBS 413 (ESC 413) - Environmental Climatology

## Socio-economic Problems

- GBS 307 (GGR 307) - Space and Society
- GBS 308 (GGR 308) - World Population
- GBS 313 (GGR 313) - Energy
- GBS 420 (PLS 420) - Politics of Food
- \*GBS 451 (ECN 451) - Economics of Development

GBS 499 - Independent Study - Global Studies may be used as a (3) credit course in any of the issue areas.

- (b) Six credit hours of a regional emphasis e.g., the Western Hemisphere (or subregions), China, the Islamic World, Africa, Western Europe, the Communist Bloc. Because of their number, it is suggested that the regional courses not be cross-listed with Global Studies. Rather the student will be required to consult closely with the Global Studies Director and to obtain his or her approval in the selection of the appropriate courses, in order to ensure that the courses are truly regional in character and meet the global interdependence criterion.

The six credit hours of regional emphasis should be taken in an area where the student's foreign language is commonly used.

7. The student will be strongly encouraged but not required to undertake a semester of study abroad in the area of his language competency and regional specialization. The semester abroad may be in the form of an academic program of study or an internship. Under appropriate advisement this semester may be used to satisfy the requirement under 6 (b), and should have a global component.
8. A minor in Global Studies consists of 18 hours distributed as noted in the Undergraduate Catalogue, 1981-1983.
9. This structure is to go into effect September 1982.