Minor
in
Global Studies
&
Governance

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GLOBAL STUDIES & GOVERNANCE PROGRAM

A GSG "minor" aligns almost perfectly with existing IUB "majors," or "schools." Two "automatic" alignments illustrate: the School of Business's "International Business" segment not only fits into, but also profits from a GSG "minor". Corporation behavior and strategies taught under "International Business" also need knowledge of the cultural, political, social, or environmental nuances within target countries, especially as these arenas address "governance" issues, something a typical GSG curriculum offers. Both the breadth and depth of this Business School alignment speak equally for the departments of Environment Management and Environment Science: a GSG "minor" adds governance-based skills to the technical information learned about environment protection and for climate-change strategies. A GSG "minor" increasingly carries a "special relationship" with the School of Engineering & Computer Science (SECS).

For example, as the 2016 World Economic Forum acknowledged in Davos during 2016, we are entering the Fourth Industrial Revolution Age, in which artificial intelligence (AI), like drones, robots, electric automobiles, complex software programs, and so forth, will slowly dominate society. This is far different from the First, Second, and Third industrial revolutions, which emphasized physical labor, with manufacturing as the dominant mode of production and the assembly-line as the production vehicle: the First introduced the textiles industry from the 1770s in Great Britain; the Second extended production to iron and steel (with the railway and automobiles as the key products) and locations, such as West Europe, United States, and even Japan and Russia one century later; and, another century later, the computer revolution began in the Third industrialized countries. Yet, today we are rapidly moving into intellectual skills, not physical; and this requires even more sophisticated and intricate forms of governance (against piracy, hacking, and so forth), creating an embryonic GSG "minor" partnership with the SECS outfit within IUB.

The rationale behind the "minor" proposal is fourfold. Foremost are its inter-disciplinary and multidisciplinary contexts in an age already known for "multi-tasking" societies and individuals. These already connect the GSG curriculum to a variety of other IUB "majors," complementing them in many cases: its underlying theme of governance, for instance, helps us understand the remaining three rationales: (a) the "ifs" and "how" of multinational corporations adjusting to the cultural idiosyncrasies of the country they operate in; (b) whether the necessary U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda, a key topic in any environment-related school, department, or program is being fulfilled, thereby helping us shed light on tackling climate-change threats; and (c) what the various forms of media have been doing against the burgeoning technologies of artificial intelligence, such as robots and drones, to stop being overwhelmed by them. All three above issues connect with existing IUB "majors": respectively, International Business; Environmental Science & Management; Life science; Public Health; and Engineering.

Proposed "Minor" Trajectories:

The 15-credit GSG "minor" must fulfill the following:

(a)	The required course (GSG102)	3x1 = 3 Credit
(b)	2 courses from the 200-level listed below	3x2 =6 Credit
(c)	1 course from the 300-level listed below	3x1 = 3 Credit
(d)	1 course from the 400-level listed below	3x1 = 3 Credit
	Total	15 Credit

200-level:

GSG 201: Theories of International Relations/International Political Economy
GSG 202: Global History: 20ᵗʰ Century and Beyond
GSG 203: Security Studies: Military, Economic, Political, Social, Human
GSG 210: Foreign Policy Analysis
GSG 211: Regional and International Organizations
GSG 220: Theories of War and Conflict
GSG 221: Surveillance, Intelligence and National Security
GSG 230: Comparative Public Policy
GSG 231: Cultural Governance and Soft Power
GSG 240: International Journalism
GSG 241: Public Diplomacy and Communications
GSG 250: Political Economy of Bangladesh
GSG 251: Gender, Equality and Development
GSG 260: Human Geography and Global Demography
GSG 261: Resource Governance
GSG 280: South Asian Politics
GSG 281: Indian Studies
GSG 282: China in International System
GSG 283: Asian Popular Culture

300-level:

GSG 304: Research Methodology: Qualitative & Quantitative
GSG 305: Politics and Government in Developing Countries with Special Reference to Bangladesh
GSG 306: Dynamics of International Organizations
GSG 310: Introduction to International Law
GSG 311: Political Ideologies
GSG 320: Ethnic Conflict and Counterinsurgencies
GSG 321: International Terrorism and Counterterrorism
GSG 330: Human Rights and Law
GSG 331: Public Policy Making in Bangladesh
GSG 340: Communication and Cultural Politics
GSG 341: Media, Culture and Society
GSG 351: Regional Economic Integration and Rural Development
GSG 360: Environmental Consciousness-building
GSG 380: Middle Eastern Studies
GSG 381: North American Studies
GSG 382: East Asian Studies
GSG 383: European Studies
GSG 384: Central Asian Studies
GSG 385: African Studies
GSG 386: Latin American Studies
GSG 387: Southeast Asian Studies
GSG 388: Ethnicity and Indigenous People in Bangladesh and South Asia
GSG 389: Hydro diplomacy
GSG 390: Water-food-energy linkage

400-level:

GSG 402: Theories of Socio-political Economy of Development
GSG 403: Global Ecology: Culture and Communications and Demography
GSG 410: Political Institutions
GSG 420: Strategic Studies & Human Security
GSG 430: Communication Policy and Planning
GSG 440: Global Communication and National Cultures
GSG 450: International Economic Institutions & Global Poverty
GSG 460: Climate Change Governance: Performance-monitoring
GSG 480: Contemporary Bangladesh Society
GSG 481: Religion and Politics
GSG 482: Cinema and Cultural Identity
GSG 483: Peace and Conflict Studies
GSG 484: Mass Violence, Genocide and Social Memory
GSG 485: Ethics and Morality in Politics
GSG 486: Colonialism and Post-Colonialism
GSG 487: Subaltern Studies
GSG 488: Identity and Nationhood
GSG 489: Global Film Industries
GSG 490: Global Environmental Politics
GSG 491: Global Public Health
GSG 492: Citizenship, Statelessness and Refugee Crisis
GSG 493: Gender and Communication
GSG 494: Computer-mediated Communication
GSG 495: Advanced Statistics

As evident, students can strengthen their business major, with a geographical concentration
(for example, if Asian Studies, then through GSG280, GSG281, GSG282, GSG283, GSG382, GSG387,
& GSG388), for instance; or an environmental major with an ecological concentration (GSG260,
GSG460); or even a communications major with a cultural/diplomatic concentration (GSG 241, GSG 341,
GSG440). Similar concentrations can be built with any of the GSG tracks should the student so wish.

**In discussion with the GSG Head/Faculty Members students should select their course-list with their
job- market skills, preferences, and future in mind.