

GLOBAL STUDIES AT UMBC

Interdisciplinary Coursework

Global Experience

Foreign Language



WHO WE ARE

The Global Studies Program combines interdisciplinary coursework, foreign languages, and study abroad to facilitate broad inquiry into the ecological, economic, cultural, ideological, and political issues of our day.

Our undergraduate majors travel the world to study languages and cultures, on campus they study the global-local nexus and work on many projects, including the cultivation of urban green spaces and the resettlement of refugee families in Baltimore.

MAHEEN HAQ '20

Global studies
Economics

Maheen engaged with local organizations that work to help communities negatively impacted by social and political issues. She organized clothing and food drives and distributions for people facing homelessness in Baltimore City. Haq worked with youth managing social and economic challenges and helped organize protests around issues she cares deeply about, combating hate speech, racism, Islamophobia, and fighting for the rights of immigrants.



SOPHIA LOPRESTI '17

Global Studies
Intercultural Comm. Minor



"UMBC has connected me to some of the most amazing experiences of my life. The Sondheim program and Shriver Center helped me arrange service-learning experiences, both in Baltimore and internationally.

The Global Studies program challenged my perspective on the realities of international development and showed me resources to find international summer experiences. UMBC has given me more resources than I ever could have imagined!"

MALIK HARRIS '20

Global Studies
Anthropology Minor

Our Global Studies students are committed to the promotion of a value system that strives for social justice for all.

As a senior, Malik Harris cofounded a foundation which assists grassroots organizations in their work to advance the movement for equality. The Freedom Day Foundation collaborates with public speakers and universities to curate community-based events and has hosted multiple social justice & voter registration events in Washington, D. C. since its 2020 conception.

Malik has accepted a place at the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Global Thought in Fall 2021.