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Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau  
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# Global Studies

## Bachelor of Global Studies 2021



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# A warm welcome to Te Whare Wānanga o Tāmaki Makaurau, the University of Auckland

**Be different. Make a difference. Go global.**

If you seek a world-class education that will stimulate you both intellectually and culturally, then you're in good company. It's our mission to create the next generation of national and global leaders.

Our "Global" students, as we affectionately call them, are part of the most exciting transdisciplinary programme at the University, and the only degree of its kind in New Zealand. Our mission is simple: to create the next generation of leaders who are placed to shape the intersection of global trends and local issues.

The Bachelor of Global Studies is inspiring to me and I wish it had been available when I was an undergraduate student in the US. My travels have taken me to Switzerland for exchange, Vietnam as a Fulbright awardee, Singapore as a geography professor, and now working with you in Aotearoa New Zealand. All of this started with the simple desire of wanting to read the daily newspaper with my parents before school when I was a kid.

Your path through Global Studies will prepare you for a range of career opportunities throughout the world. I look forward to welcoming you on campus and working alongside you to discover and solve the world's prospects and challenges together.



**DR JAMIE GILLEN**  
Director, Bachelor of Global Studies  
University of Auckland



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\*Times Higher Education and QS World University Rankings 2020

\*\*QS World Rankings Academic and Employer Reputation, number one in NZ 2019

\*\*\*QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2019

# Why Global Studies?

The Bachelor of Global Studies addresses the growing need for people who understand current global issues and are prepared to tackle them in our fast-changing, complex world.

## Choose from four majors

The Bachelor of Global Studies is designed for students who want to make a difference and apply their world knowledge to tackling the big issues in our increasingly globalised society. Gain an in-depth understanding of contemporary global issues and challenge your assumptions about the way the world works. You will have the opportunity to take courses across a broad range of disciplines, in one of four diverse majors:

- Global Politics and Human Rights
- Global Environment and Sustainable Development
- International Relations and Business
- Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

## Become a global graduate

The Bachelor of Global Studies will deepen your understanding of the links between local experience and global issues. You'll gain competency in another language and insights into a region where your chosen language is spoken, cultivating cross-cultural understanding and communication skills. Internships, workshops and research projects will help you develop leadership skills and critical thinking. Spending time overseas during your degree, through short courses, study abroad programmes or internships, is also encouraged. By the end of your programme, you'll have various lenses through which you can examine the world and will be well-equipped for careers both locally and globally in a variety of fields.

## Future-proof your career

The future of work is changing rapidly and in ways we can't predict. Through interdisciplinary, global and practical approaches, the Bachelor of Global Studies helps you look at the world in new ways. You'll be encouraged to question, adapt and grow, enabling you to be flexible and resilient for a wide range of career possibilities both in New Zealand and overseas. These include international organisations in the public or private sectors, international development, the creative sector, local and national government, NGOs and not-for-profits, foreign affairs and diplomacy, the environmental sector, and the international media.

Global Studies graduates work as:

- Human rights advocates
- Journalists
- Policy analysts
- International trade consultants
- Professionals in the cultural sector
- Foreign correspondents
- Creative administrators

There are many other career possibilities. As part of the Global Studies programme, you'll have many opportunities to develop practical employment skills and "on-the-job" experience through internships, workshops and research projects.

## Conjoint programmes

Pursue your interests in two different fields by combining a Bachelor of Global Studies with another degree. Conjoint degrees are a great way to increase your versatility and breadth of skills. You can study in two different fields and finish in less time than it would take to complete two separate degrees. Keep in mind that conjoint programmes involve a heavier workload and you're expected to maintain an average grade of B- or higher.

## Study overseas

With global citizenship at its core, completing study or experiential learning overseas should be an integral part of your Global Studies degree. With access to more than 130 partner universities, you'll have the option of studying for course credit, or finding an experiential opportunity that enhances your career options and broadens your mind. You can also consider going overseas to complete your language requirement and/or to collect material for your third-year research project.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/360](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/360)





## **EBBY RAHEELA**

*Student: Majoring in Global Politics and Human Rights, Chinese as a language and Asia as an area study*

*“The diverse nature of the degree and the fact that it allows me to learn a language are the best things about it. I love being able to speak in a new language and I’ve found a new passion for learning even more languages. I also love the holistic approach it has towards understanding the functioning of our world systems.*”

*“I’m a diehard environmentalist, and sustainability is definitely my soulmate. I took the Global Issues, Sustainable Futures course and it was amazing. It teaches you what sustainability is and how to best achieve it.*”

*“The University of Auckland’s top ranking among all the universities in New Zealand speaks for itself. As soon as I saw the campus and what the University had to offer, I decided that this is where I wanted to graduate from. Luckily, through my hard work in the New Start programme\* and the undeniable support of my parents, I made it into the Global Studies degree.*”

*“The lecturers, tutors and support groups are amazing. It is the best experience, and I’d love to do my postgraduate studies here as well.*”

*“I have been in and out of schools a lot and I barely felt that I fitted in any of those places. I used to run away from studies because they felt like a burden instead of something nice, but being at the University of Auckland has stimulated my learning by providing options that interest me and I enjoy studying now.”*

*\*New Start is a part-time bridging programme that prepares students for university study and constitutes a UE qualification.*

# Bachelor of Global Studies

The University of Auckland is the only New Zealand university to offer a Bachelor of Global Studies. The degree is well established at overseas universities, including Monash University and the University of California.

## Quick facts – BGlobalSt

**Full time:** 3 years (part-time study also available)

**Points per degree:** 360 (24 x 15-point courses)

**Taught at:** City Campus

**Application closing date:** 8 December 2020

**Classes start:** 1 March 2021

**Conjoint combinations:** Advanced Science (Honours), Arts, Commerce, Design, Engineering (Honours), Fine Arts\*, Health Sciences, Law (including Honours), Music, Property and Science

*\*Subject to approval for 2021.*

## Highlights

- Embrace a wide perspective with a cross-university programme that brings together courses from the faculties of Arts, Business, Creative Arts and Industries, Engineering, Law and Science.
- Develop your ability to critically challenge how the world operates.
- Deepen your cultural understanding by studying another language and the region in which it is spoken.
- Develop skills in leadership, teamwork, public speaking, critical thinking, research and intercultural communication.
- Experience overseas study.
- Prepare yourself for workplace contexts through practical learning and a capstone research project.

## VAIOLA TAUTI

Iwi: Nofalo'i'i, Lefagoali'i, Patamea, Samatau & Siufaga-Falelatai (Samoa)

**Student: Majoring in Global Politics and Human Rights, Samoan as a language and The Pacific as an area study**

*"I chose the Global Studies degree because I believe it will enable me to achieve the career goals I want to pursue. It will also help deepen my understanding of other cultures and perspectives, especially of how the Pacific Islands are viewed on a global scale compared with how they identify from a local perspective.*

*"From being in a small population of 800 at my high school, to attending the biggest university in New Zealand with a population of 40,000+, it was overwhelming at first. However, you find yourself adapting quickly as you meet so many different people from all walks of life.*

*"You'll find yourself at a variety of events such as sports tournaments, cultural events and forums like TED Talks. I guarantee that there is always something to do at the University of Auckland, so you'll rarely be bored.*

*"I enjoy the versatility of Global Studies. Within my major, I can take courses both in Arts and Law to understand the complex and connected challenges that currently affect the world. Through different aspects of politics, law, philosophy and more, I am learning about the goals and strategies adopted by entities on the global stage.*

*"In the future I would like to get involved with NGOs like World Vision and UNICEF. I'd like to see children and youth gain equal access to fundamental necessities like healthcare, education, clean water and sanitation, allowing them to lead a healthy lifestyle and to fulfill their greatest potential."*



## Programme overview

Learn to better understand and navigate the increasingly complex political, economic, scientific and cultural issues of our world.

Your study of contemporary global challenges and your intercultural communication skills will enable you to critically challenge assumptions about how the world operates. You'll apply your knowledge to practical contexts in the workplace through experiential learning and a capstone research project.

In line with best practice in overseas universities, you'll also complete language training and study an area of the world where your chosen language is spoken. You'll have many opportunities to develop skills and experience through internships, workshops and research projects.

## Programme structure

You'll choose from one of four majors when you start the programme:

- Global Environment and Sustainable Development
- Global Politics and Human Rights
- International Relations and Business
- Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

You'll supplement your major with core courses in Global Studies, courses in a language, area studies in a region related to your chosen language, elective courses and General Education.

## Planning your first year

In the first year of your standalone BGlobalSt, you'll usually take eight courses. These will be a mix of courses for your chosen major and courses for your chosen language. You'll take a compulsory course, GLOBAL 100 Intercultural Communication. This is both an introduction to the concept of Global Studies and a critical exploration of identity, perceptions of cultural difference, and cross-cultural communication. You'll also take one General Education course.

The first year of a conjoint degree is slightly different so it's best to seek advice on first-year conjoint requirements if you're planning to take this path.

## Sample Global Studies programme structure

Below is an example of how you might structure the degree using Global Politics and Human Rights as a major, Spanish as a language and Latin America as an area study.

YEAR ONE	120 points	YEAR TWO	120 points	YEAR THREE	120 points
GLOBAL 100 <b>Intercultural Communication</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		GLOBAL 200 <b>Global Challenges</b> Compulsory core course 15 points		GLOBAL 300 <b>Research project</b> Compulsory core course 15 points	
POLITICS 106 <b>Global Politics</b> Stage I course for major 15 points		POLITICS 201 <b>Globalisation and International Organisations</b> Stage II course for major 15 points		PHIL 310 <b>Political Philosophy 3</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
PHIL 104 <b>Ethics and Justice</b> Stage I course for major 15 points		POLITICS 214 <b>Democracy in Theory and Practice</b> Stage II course for major 15 points		POLITICS 320 <b>Social Justice</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
HISTORY 103 <b>Global History</b> Stage I course for major 15 points		COMMS 208 <b>Digital Communication Ethics</b> Stage II course for major 15 points		LAWPUBL 402 <b>Public International Law</b> Stage III course for major 15 points	
GLOBAL 101 <b>Global Issues, Sustainable Futures</b> Stage I course for major 15 points		SPANISH 200 <b>Intermediate Spanish 1</b> Language course 15 points		LATINAM 325 <b>First Nations in Latin America</b> Area Studies course 15 points	
SPANISH 104 <b>Beginners' Spanish 1</b> Stage I language course 15 points		SPANISH 201 <b>Intermediate Spanish 2</b> Language course 15 points		SOCIOL 210 <b>Colonisation, Globalisation and Social Justice</b> Elective course 15 points	
SPANISH 105 <b>Beginners' Spanish 2</b> Stage I language course 15 points		LATINAM 201 <b>Latin American History and Culture through Film</b> Area Studies course 15 points		SPANISH 323 <b>Spanish Translation Practice</b> Elective course 15 points	
MĀORI 130G <b>Te Ao Māori: The Māori World</b> General Education course 15 points		LATINAM 216 <b>Music, Politics and Social Change</b> Area Studies course 15 points		ECON 151G <b>Understanding the Global Economy</b> General Education course 15 points	



# Global Studies majors

## Global Environment and Sustainable Development

Explore the links between global environmental change and human wellbeing. You'll learn about the connections between environmental and developmental challenges. You'll also analyse the cultural practices and the legal and policy structures that shape and respond to these challenges.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/global-environment-and-sustainable-development](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/global-environment-and-sustainable-development)

## Global Politics and Human Rights

Develop a strong understanding of global politics, law and human security. You'll become familiar with the connected and complex challenges that affect the world right now. Through exposure to Law, Politics and International Relations and other subjects, you'll be able to assess the global goals and strategies adopted by entities that include governments and NGOs.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/global-politics-and-human-rights](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/global-politics-and-human-rights)

## International Relations and Business

Gain a specialist knowledge of the big issues that affect the world we live in. You'll develop a knowledge of international politics, analyse the theory and practice of international economic relations and consider how these relate to global challenges. You'll learn how to respond to these issues within a business or organisational environment.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/international-relations-and-business](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/international-relations-and-business)

## Transnational Cultures and Creative Practice

Discover and analyse cultural expressions of what it means to live in a transnational world. Transnationalism refers to the increasing interconnectedness between people and organisations that transcends the idea of nations. You'll be able to choose from a range of arts, including architecture, painting, cinema, literature, music and dance, and build your own areas of focus.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/transnational-cultures-and-creative-practice](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/transnational-cultures-and-creative-practice)

## Core courses

### GLOBAL 100 Intercultural Communication

In Semester One of your first year, you'll take GLOBAL 100 Intercultural Communication. This course focuses on intercultural communication from the perspectives of learning another language and working across different cultures. You'll be introduced to the concept of Global Studies and learn to locate yourself within it. This will also be a chance to meet your fellow Global Studies students.

### GLOBAL 200 Global Challenges

In Semester Two of your second year\*, you'll take GLOBAL 200 Global Challenges. By this time, you'll have developed your language skills, gained an understanding of your chosen region and progressed your major. You'll learn to understand research methods in Global Studies and work in a team to develop a research response to a real world challenge. The outcome will be a proposal for your own research project the following year, drawing on all components of your degree.

### GLOBAL 300 Research Project

In Semester Two of your third year\*, you'll complete your GLOBAL 300 Research Project, where you'll draw on your reservoir of global knowledge and put it into action under the supervision of academic staff.

*\*For students taking Global Studies as a stand-alone degree. Conjoint students take GLOBAL 200 in their penultimate year of study and GLOBAL 300 in their final year.*



# Languages and Area Studies

Learning an additional language and studying a region where your chosen language is spoken are essential components of the Bachelor of Global Studies. By learning another language you can expand your world view and, by removing barriers to communication, open yourself up to endless new possibilities.

You can either choose to study a language that you have not studied before, or if you have prior knowledge of a language, you may be placed in a more advanced class. If you speak English as an additional language, you can also take courses to improve and develop your academic English.

## Area Study – Asia

From the ancient origins of Chinese civilisation through to K-pop and the latest Japanese robots, Asia is a richly diverse continent with powerful histories and compelling modern cultures.

Asian nations comprise some of the world's fastest-growing and most powerful economies. Japan, China and South Korea are becoming increasingly important trading partners of New Zealand. Along with this comes a demand for people with proficiency in the region's languages and an understanding of the cultures.

### Chinese

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/chinese](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/chinese)

### Japanese

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/japanese](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/japanese)

### Korean

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/korean](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/korean)

## Area Study – Europe

Europe is home to 740 million people in about 50 different countries. It is the birthplace of Western civilisation – having produced the ancient civilisations of Greece and Rome, the Renaissance and the Industrial Revolution.

The European Union is the world's largest economic entity and New Zealand's third-largest trading partner. French, Spanish and Russian are also official languages of the United Nations. Discover new cultures, enrich your understanding of other subjects, connect with Europe's rich heritage and enhance your understanding of modern Europe.

### French

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/french](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/french)

### German

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/german](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/german)

### Italian

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/italian](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/italian)

### Russian

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/russian](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/russian)

### Spanish

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/spanish](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/spanish)

If you would like to study another European, Asian or Pacific language as a part of your Global Studies degree, contact the Global Studies Student and Programme Adviser to discuss your options. See page 11.

## Area Study – Latin America

Latin America is known for creativity in food, football and music. The Mexican Revolution opened the 20th century and was later powerfully symbolised by Frida Kahlo's art. Mexican film directors captivated audiences with five movies that won the Oscar for best film. And over the last 50 years, a youthful Che Guevara has become the most reproduced photographic image in history.

Learning Spanish is a gateway to international trade and culture industries, and opens doors to both Latin America and Europe.

### Spanish

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/spanish](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/spanish)

## Area Study – The Pacific

From history and culture to art, performance, politics and sustainability – explore the many sides of Pacific life and develop your knowledge of the region. Studying New Zealand and its neighbours, can enable you to make sense of our changing cultures, and our place in a globalised world.

### Cook Islands Māori

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/cook-islands-maori](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/cook-islands-maori)

### Māori

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maori](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maori)

### Samoan

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/samoan](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/samoan)

### Tongan

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tongan](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/tongan)

## Area Study – Māori New Zealand

Māoritanga (Māori culture) is an integral part of life in New Zealand. A knowledge of te reo Māori will give you a deeper understanding of tangata whenua and a connection to New Zealand's Indigenous culture. Māori language speakers are sought after in the fields of research, public policy, education and licensed translation. You can study the language, history, culture, performance and arts of the Māori world and also look at contemporary issues.

### Māori

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maori](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/maori)



# TOMAS BUE KESSEL

*Student: Majoring in Global Politics and Human Rights, Japanese as a language and Asia as an area study*

*“I am originally from Sola, Norway. A few years ago I spent six months in a Zulu township in Durban, South Africa. It made me realise that life is, in a way, a deck of cards. Generally speaking, we in the West are handed out the Aces, Kings and Queens at birth. Whereas in a place like Durban, you are handed out the twos, threes and fours.*

*“I wanted to study something that could potentially direct me into a profession that works with development and programmes in places like Durban to improve the quality of life for those that are not as lucky as we are. I concluded that Global Studies was that degree.*

*“In Global Studies we examine cultures and realities that seem so far-stretched from our own. It really provides you with an understanding of why some societies are one way, and why some groups face hardship in another way. It’s fascinating how, even without leaving the University, you can have eye-opening experiences just by studying your courses.*

*“Because of its size, the University is one of those places where the experience is what you make it. If you want to be invisible, you can be. If you want to be part of a group, you can join a club. What is great with Global Studies is that we have our own little space. It is a nice way to get to know your peers and it really creates a sense of community.*

*“There are so many things to do and so many opportunities now. When choosing your degree, it can be a bit like watching YouTube. You start a video and watch it halfway, but then some other video pops up on the side and you start watching that one. So once you get that feeling of wanting to study something, such as Global Studies, just do it. Jump into it and don’t overthink it.”*



# Additional information

## Entry requirements

[www.auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/entry-requirements)

## How to apply

[www.auckland.ac.nz/apply](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/apply)

## Scholarships

Each year we award scholarships and prizes worth over \$40 million to thousands of students like you. Regardless of your background or where you live, you may be eligible. Categories include academic excellence, Māori and Pacific, and financial hardship.

[www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

## Need help and advice?

Global Studies Student and Programme Adviser

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[www.auckland.ac.nz/international](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/international)

Find answers to your questions at

[www.askauckland.ac.nz](http://www.askauckland.ac.nz)

## Useful terms

**Conjoint:** An approved combination of two degrees

**Course:** a complete sequence of learning activities and assessments focused on a specific topic within a broader subject. Courses are the basic units from which a programme is built. Each course is assigned a value (usually 15 points) that counts towards your programme. Courses have their own code and title, e.g. HISTORY 103 Global History

**General Education:** a component of undergraduate degrees at the University of Auckland. It is designed to give you an appreciation and understanding of fields outside your usual area of study

**Major:** the subject that is the main focus of your Bachelor of Global Studies and that you study to the most advanced undergraduate level

**Points:** a value assigned to a course to indicate its weighting within a degree, diploma or certificate. Most undergraduate courses are worth 15 points each

**Programme:** a University of Auckland degree, diploma or certificate

**Stage:** the level of a course, either Stage I (beginning at university), Stage II (intermediate) or Stage III (advanced undergraduate level)

**Subject:** An area of knowledge you study as part of your programme, e.g. Sociology

## Useful web addresses

### Bachelor of Global Studies

[www.auckland.ac.nz/global-studies](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/global-studies)

### Career Development and Employment Services

[www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz)

### Current students

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/currentundergraduates](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/currentundergraduates)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/facilities](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/facilities)

### Enrolment

[www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/ug-enrolment](http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/ug-enrolment)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/changing-your-enrolment](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/changing-your-enrolment)

### Finances, scholarships and fees

[www.auckland.ac.nz/fees](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/fees)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/scholarships)

[www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/studentloansandallowances)

### General Education

[www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/generaleducation)

### International students

[www.auckland.ac.nz/international](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/international)

### IT essentials

[www.auckland.ac.nz/it-essentials](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/it-essentials)

### Key dates

[www.auckland.ac.nz/dates](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/dates)



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