

What is GSCD?

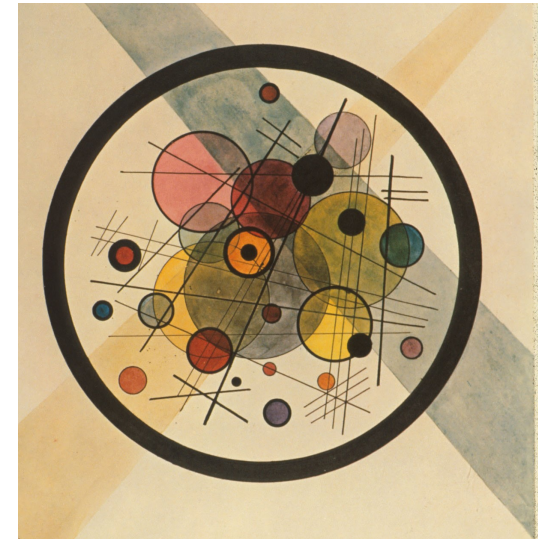
Global Social Change and Development (GSCD) is an **interdisciplinary social science program** that helps students understand the dramatic and rapid transformations associated with contemporary processes of globalization. GSCD provides students with a sophisticated set of research & critical-thinking skills while preparing them for success in twenty-first century professions and helping them become thoughtful global citizens.

Students who complete the GSCD requirements will graduate with **majors in both International Studies & Sociology**. This allows students to pursue a focused course of study, with a strong grounding in global sociology, social theory, statistics, & methods. Students also benefit from the interdisciplinary education provided by the International Studies major, which draws on the strengths of the Johns Hopkins University faculty in fields such as Political Science, History, Economics, & Anthropology.



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**Sociology
&
International Studies**

Double Major



GSCD Double Major Requirements

Sociology core

Students must take all of the following courses:

- Introduction to Sociology (230.101)
- Research Methods (230.205)
- Introduction to Social Statistics (230.265)
- Either Quantitative Research Practicum (230.322), Qualitative Research Practicum (230.323), or GSCD Research Practicum (230.325)

GSCD focus area

In consultation with their faculty adviser, students will design their own GSCD focus area. Students must take:

- Issues in International Development (230.150)
- 3 other Sociology Department electives (230.xxx)

Political sociology & political science

Students must complete six courses (18 credits) in political sociology or in the Political Science Department. Students must take:

- Social Theory (230.213) [fulfills Political Theory requirement]
- One International Politics course (designated INST-IR)
- Two Comparative Politics courses (designated INST-CP)
- One American Politics course (designated INST-AP)

Economic sociology & economics

Students must complete four courses (12 credits) in economic sociology or the Economics Department. Students must take:

- Elements of Macroeconomics (180.101)
- Elements of Microeconomics (180.102)
- At least one additional course in the Economics Department (e.g. 180.xxx)
- At least one additional course designated INST-ECON

Historical sociology & history

Students must complete five courses (15 credits) in historical sociology or the History Department. Students must take:

- At least one 100-level course in the History Department (e.g. 100.1xx)
- At least four courses designated INST-GLOBAL

Foreign language

Students must demonstrate proficiency in at least one foreign language. See the International Studies Program [website](#) for details.

Other considerations

- A total of eleven courses must be taken in the Sociology Department (230.xxx)
- Introduction to Sociology (230.101) fulfills IS gateway requirement for GSCD students
- Students in the Classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023 may choose to follow these requirements or the [old requirements](#)

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