The Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies degree program enables students to develop a set of analytical and interpersonal skills that will prepare them for employment in a wide range of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and business and industry. Students can choose from two different options within the major—Contemporary History and Politics or Latin American Culture—allowing them to prepare for the career they want.

Gain Marketable Experience in College
Active and collaborative experiences including intensive study abroad and internship opportunities will give students the experiences that employers demand. Students enrolled in the major have studied in Argentina, China, Costa Rica, France, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Nicaragua, and Rwanda.

Continuing Education
The flexible and broad nature of the program will help students to prepare for graduate or professional school in business, law, or the social sciences. Students have enjoyed success in the following programs: M.A. in International Studies at Penn State University, M.P.S. in Humanitarian Services Administration at University of Connecticut, M.A. in Global Affairs and Management at Thunderbird School of Global Management at Arizona State University, M.A. of Public and International Affairs at University of Pittsburgh, and M.S. in Global Affairs at Rutgers University.

Academic Minors
Enhance your degree with one of the college’s academic minors; the following are recommended for Global Studies majors.

• Business
• Communication Arts & Sciences
• Professional Writing
• Security & Risk Analysis
• Spanish

Job Titles and Salaries
The following is a list of job titles and salaries, which was compiled from the Bureau of Labor and Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook. This is only a partial list to provide you examples of the kinds of jobs available to graduates with a B.A. in Global Studies. Some positions require additional experience.

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<th>Title</th>
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<td>Administrative Service Manager</td>
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*Data taken from the U.S. Department of State.
The Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies degree program is designed for students who are interested in a liberal arts education with a concentration on global issues. Through interdisciplinary studies, a study abroad experience, and an internship, this degree will prepare students for a variety of positions in government, business, industry, and nonprofit organizations dealing with global and humanitarian concerns. Students will also be well prepared for graduate and professional study.

Penn State Berks offers the only Global Studies degree program in the Penn State University system. Students have the flexibility to tailor their studies to focus specifically on Latin America and the Caribbean, or more generally on the historical, cultural, and political linkages that shape the modern world. While reflecting a traditional liberal arts education that emphasizes literature, politics, history, and foreign language study, the B.A. in Global Studies also promotes intercultural understanding and sensitivity to diversity, which are critical to navigating the twenty-first century global environment.

**Latin American Culture Option**
Emphasizes courses in Latin American civilization, literature, and history. Students can master the Spanish language and develop an understanding of historical trends in the region's economics, politics, and literature.

**Contemporary History and Politics Option**
Comprised of select courses in the history and politics of the Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, this option gives students a global perspective. Courses are also offered in the history of United States foreign policy and diplomacy, and the political dynamics of international relations, economics, and law. Students will develop an understanding of the key issues shaping different parts of the world and how these regions interact with each other and within the confines of global factors and institutions.

**Admission Process**
Applying for degree admission to Penn State Berks is simple. Applications are available on the web at [berks.psu.edu](http://berks.psu.edu). Penn State reviews applications throughout the year. Students can expect a decision within four to six weeks after completing the process. Contact Berks Admissions Office with your questions at 610-396-6060.

**Transfer Students**
Penn State Berks welcomes students who began their education at other institutions. Prospective transfer students are invited to use the online course evaluation guide at [admissions.psu.edu/myadmissions/tas](http://admissions.psu.edu/myadmissions/tas) as a preliminary tool to learn how credits earned at another institution can be transferred to Penn State. Contact the Berks Admissions Office with your transfer questions at 610-396-6060.

**Financial Aid**
Eligibility for all financial aid is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form available on the web at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). Contact the financial aid coordinator at Berks or check the web at [psu.edu/studentaid](http://psu.edu/studentaid) for a complete description of the types of available student aid and the application process at 610-396-6070.