Global Studies majors and minors take many post-graduation paths, and one of the common ones is graduate and/or professional school, where students may pursue internationally-related field such as International Relations or Law. Please note that it is common to take a gap year or more between undergraduate and professional programs. Here are some recommendations on how to prepare yourself for this path.

Years 1 & 2:
- Join campus organizations, language conversation tables, and attend campus events
- Connect with your professors during office hours to get involved in undergraduate research (i.e. UCARE, McNair, or SROP)
- Visit with Explore Center advisors for pre-law, pre-health, and other professional school resources
- Discuss study abroad opportunities with your advisor Tim Turnquist
- Discuss different nationally-competitive fellowship/scholarships opportunities with Dr. Emira Ibrahimpasic. Work with Dr. Laura Damuth, Director, National and International Fellowships on selected fellowships/scholarships. Some include the Boren Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, Critical Languages Scholarship, and the Rangel and Pickering Programs.
- Apply for study abroad programs with the help of Dr. Emira Ibrahimpasic, Assistant Director and Assistant Professor of Practice, Global Studies

Year 3:
- Participate in at least one semester abroad, and/or participate in faculty-led study abroad program; work on foreign language proficiency
- Research programs and institutions, and identify programs of interest; consult with Dr. Emira Ibrahimpasic
- Review application process, standardized testing requirements/dates, and arrange campus visits
- Continue collaborating with professors for possible letters of recommendation
- Work with career coaches to develop a CV/resume
- Second semester of junior year: April 15 deadline for prestigious awards to complete graduate school in UK
- Stay connected with faculty and ask to join a research project or develop your own research project to complete a thesis and graduate with distinction. Consider applying for UCARE and/or SROP
- Work with two professors to write a proposal of your thesis and submit to College of Arts and Sciences for approval

Summer of Junior Year:
- Take required admissions tests
- Draft and refine essays and academic resume; order official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
- Consider an internship through Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy

Year 4:
- Re-take admissions test if needed; begin application process
- Provide all forms and information to letter writers a month ahead of deadline
- Gather letters of recommendation, and submit writing samples
- Complete and defend your thesis with committee and graduate with distinction
- Accept/decline offers, and write thank-you notes to references and others who helped

Recommended Readings:
- Getting What You Came For: The Smart Student’s Guide to Earning a Master’s or Ph.D. (Robert L. Peters)
- Graduate School: Winning Strategies for Getting In (Dave G. Mumby)
- The Professor is In: the Essential Guide to Turning your P.D.D. into a Job (Karen Kelsky)