



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 AND 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 Olivia Miller**
- Discuss different nationally-competitive fellowship/scholarships opportunities with **Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić**. 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 Ibrahimpašić**, 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 Ibrahimpašić**
- 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)
- *Law School Confidential: A Complete Guide to the Law School Experience* (Robert H. Miller)
- *The Professor is In: The Essential Guide to Turning your Ph.D. into a Job* (Karen Kelsky)



EXPERIENCE TIMELINE

FRESHMAN

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- Explore following opportunities:
 - Cargill Global Scholars Program and Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - Critical Language Scholarship (*can do for multiple years*)
 - UNL Education Abroad Early Abroad Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute (*freshmen and sophomores only*)

OCTOBER

- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

JANUARY

- Identify summer opportunities, either Education Abroad or an Internship
- Submit applications for following opportunities:
 - UNL Education Abroad Early Abroad Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute (*freshmen and sophomores only*)

FEBRUARY / MARCH

- If studying abroad the following Fall apply for:
 - Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship (*only for Pell Grant recipients*)
 - UNL Education Abroad Scholarships

SOPHOMORE

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER

- Explore following scholarships for study abroad and apply by appropriate deadline:
 - Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship (*only for Pell Grant recipients*)
 - Cargill Global Scholars Program and Scholarship (*freshmen and sophomores only*)
 - College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Experiential Scholarship and Global Engagement Fund
 - Freeman-Asia Scholarship (*only if you're studying in East or Southeast Asia*)
 - Boren Fellowship (*for critical language study*)
 - Fund for Education Abroad Scholarship
 - Generation Study Abroad
 - UNL Education Abroad Scholarships

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER

- Submit applications:
 - Critical Language Scholarship and Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship

JANUARY

- Submit applications for Boren Scholarship, Summer UNL Education Abroad Scholarships, and US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute

DECEMBER / JANUARY

- Apply for UCARE and/or SROP for summer research funding

SOPHOMORE (CNTD.)

MARCH / APRIL

- Apply for UCARE and McNair research funding

SUMMER

- Study abroad or complete domestic internship (*consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy*)

JUNIOR

SEPTEMBER

- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

OCTOBER

- If studying abroad in spring make sure to apply for scholarship by appropriate deadline.

NOVEMBER

- Talk to professors about crafting a research question for your thesis
- Submit Application for Boren Fellowship

MARCH

- Submit paperwork for thesis to College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office

APRIL

- Meet with Dr. Laura Damuth to begin application process for:
 - Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (*see full list at Fellowship Office*)

SUMMER

- Study and take exams for graduate or professional school
- Complete domestic internship (*consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy*)

SENIOR

SEPTEMBER

- Submit applications for Critical Language Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (*see full list at Fellowship Office*)

DECEMBER

- Apply for graduate and professional schools or jobs

JANUARY

- Apply for Graduation

MARCH

- Defend thesis with committee, submit final draft of thesis

MAY

- Graduate with Distinction

