Our Mission

MIT Global Studies and Languages is a hub for international cultural studies within the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (SHASS). The core mission of GSL is to generate cutting-edge research on international cultures and cultural globalization and to prepare students to be engaged global citizens, ready to live and work in an increasingly globalized and multicultural world:

Whether majoring in the sciences, engineering, management, or other fields, today's students need to be equipped to work in the global context. GSL provides a wealth of coursework in international languages, cultures, media, and history—promoting the critical thinking and communication skills, intellectual curiosity, and cross-cultural understanding that prepare students for this new environment.

A Guide for Undergraduate Students and Academic Advisors

- Concentrations
- Minors
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- HASS and CI-H requirements

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CONCENTRATIONS

Do you already have language skills you would like to build on? Do you want to learn a whole new language? Complete your **Concentration Requirement** in one of these areas:

- Chinese
- English Language Studies
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish
- Studies in International Literatures and Cultures (SILC)
- Theory of Language
- Other Languages
  - Korean
  - Languages offered at other universities (Harvard, Wellesley)

**In 5 different options:**

A. Level I through IV in a language group
B. Level II through IV in a language group
C. Two subjects at Level IV or above, and one more relevant subject in SILC
D. Coursework in two languages Level IV or above, and one subject in Theory of Languages
E. Three SILC subjects that form a coherent unit

Concentration Proposal approval must be obtained by the first week of classes second term junior year.

Contact the appropriate Concentration Advisor for more information or to declare a Concentration!

MINOR PROGRAMS

Take your language skills to the next level and satisfy HASS and CI-H requirements by advancing a Concentration into a Minor

- Chinese
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Spanish

**6 subjects** typically distributed among Tier I (beginner), Tier II (intermediate), and Tier III (advanced)

**5 out of these 6 subjects** can be applied to HASS requirement

**1 of these 5 subjects** can apply to HASS Distribution (H, S, or A)

MAJOR PROGRAMS

Attain fluency and prepare to be an engaged global citizen ready to live and work in a dynamic, culturally diverse world

- French
- German
- Spanish

**11 subjects** beginning at Level III (or higher), including 2 CI-M subjects, and 8-9 upper-level subjects

**6 subjects** can be applied to the 8-subject HASS requirement

**Flexible** for double majors

Contact the Minor or Major Advisors for more information or to declare a minor or major!

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