Our Mission

MIT Global Studies and Languages is an academic unit in 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 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.

HASS and CI-H Subjects Taught in English

- Satisfy HASS and Communications Requirements (CI-H)
- No pre-requisites

Fall 2019

21G.024 Linguistic Study of Bilingualism, HASS-S, CI-H
21G.025 Africa and the Politics of Knowledge, HASS-S
21G.030 Intro to East Asian Cultures: From Zen to K-Pop, HASS-H
21G.039 Gender in Japanese Popular Culture, HASS-H
21G.046 Modern Chinese Fiction and Cinema, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.049 French Photography, HASS-A, CI-H
21G.058 Race and Migration in Europe, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.065 Japanese Literature and Cinema, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.067 Digital Media in Japan and Korea, HASS-H
21G.084 Introduction to Latin American Studies, HASS-S, CI-H
21G.085 Imperial and Revolutionary Russia: Culture and Politics, 1700-1917, HASS-H

Spring 2020

21G.011 Topics in Indian Popular Culture, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.036 Advertising and Media: Comparative Perspectives, HASS-H
21G.038 China in the News: The Untold Stories, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.055 Media in Weimar and Nazi Germany, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.064 Introduction to Japanese Culture, HASS-H
21G.095 Cultures of Music in East Asia: Japan, Korean and China, HASS-A (NEW)
21G.070 Latin American and the Global Sixties: Counterculture and Revolution, HASS-H, CI-H
21G.077 Intro to the Classics of Russian Literature, HASS-H
21G.078 Latin America through Film, HASS-H

A Guide for Undergraduate Students and Academic Advisors

- Concentrations
- Minors
- Majors
- HASS and CI-H requirements

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2019–2020
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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