The Global Social Change and Development program is affiliated with and run by the Department of Sociology and the Arrighi Center for Global Studies.

The Arrighi Center was established in 2012 as an interdisciplinary research center devoted to the study of urgent contemporary problems arising from processes of globalization. The Center is named in memory of Giovanni Arrighi (1937-2009), former Director of the Institute for Global Studies and George Armstrong Kelly Professor of Sociology.

Thematic Foci

- Global Inequality and Development
- Changing Structures and Norms of Global Governance
- Continuity and Change in the Dynamics of Global Capitalism
- Land, Labor and Environmental Rights and Struggles

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What is GSCD?
Global Social Change and Development (GSCD) is a rigorous, research-oriented program that will help students understand the dramatic and rapid transformations associated with contemporary processes of globalization. GSCD will provide students with a sophisticated set of technical, research, and critical-thinking skills while preparing students for success in twenty-first century professions and helping them become thoughtful global citizens.

Students who complete the GSCD requirements will graduate with majors in both International Studies & Sociology. This allows students to pursue a focused course of study, with a strong grounding in global sociology, theory, statistics, and comparative-historical methods. Students also benefit from the interdisciplinary education provided by the International Studies major, which draws on the strengths of the Johns Hopkins University faculty in fields such as Political Science, History, Economics, & Anthropology.

Students work closely with faculty & graduate students in the Department of Sociology & the Arrighi Center for Global Studies. Many students thus have opportunities to participate in professional research groups or assist in faculty research projects.

International Studies and Sociology (GSCD) Dual Major Requirements

Gateway
Choose one of the following gateway courses

- Introduction to Sociology (AS.230.101)
- Issues in International Development (AS.230.150)
- One of the Political Science courses listed on the International Studies website

Political Sociology
Students must complete six semester courses (18 credits) in Political Science or Political Sociology.

- One International Politics (IR) or Global Sociology Course
- Two Comparative Politics (CP) or Comparative Sociology Courses
- One American Politics (AP) or Sociology of the United States Course
- Social Theory (AS.230.213) (Fulfills Political Theory Requirement)

Historical Sociology
Students must complete five semester courses (15 credits) in History or Historical Sociology. Two out of the five courses must be listed with the History Department

GSCD Research Concentration

- Research Methods (AS.230.202)
- Introduction to Social Statistics (AS.230.205)*
- Research Tools for GSCD (AS.230.265)*
- Global Social Change and Development Research Practicum (AS.230.325)

Economic Sociology
Students must complete four courses (12 credits) in Economics or Economic Sociology, including

- Elements of Macroeconomics (AS.180.101)
- Elements of Microeconomics (AS.180.102)
- Two Additional Courses

Foreign Language
Proficiency in at least one foreign language. Proficiency may be demonstrated by completing two semesters of coursework beyond the intermediate level.

Additional Considerations
A total of eleven courses must be taken in the Sociology Department (AS.230.xxx).
Declare both International Studies and Sociology.
*AS.230.205 & AS.230.265 count as Q distribution.

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