

CONTEMPORARY CULTURES & SOCIETIES CONCENTRATION



DESCRIPTION

The Contemporary Cultures and Societies concentration focuses on the lived experiences of people in societies around the world, largely through their own perspectives. It addresses how they identify and organize themselves, how they engage with political and economic dynamics at the national and global level, and how their insights contribute to global initiatives and policies. Key topics include well-being, sustainability, and social justice.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Be familiar with micro- and macro-level cultural and societal processes
- Understand and be able to evaluate how cultural and social dynamics at local, national, and transnational levels both shape and are shaped by wider structural forces
- Be able to critically analyze cultural difference as a fundamental aspect of human nature and examine one culture in relationship to another
- Understand the different types of knowledge that arise from the use of qualitative versus quantitative research methods

REQUIREMENTS

- Five supporting courses listed under this concentration in the Bulletin.
- At least two chosen courses must be Anthropology (ANTH) courses.

Resources:

- <https://bulletin.gwu.edu/international-affairs/undergraduate-programs/ba-international-affairs/contemporary-cultures-and-societies/>
- elliott.gwu.edu/undergraduate-academic-advising
- <https://careerservices.gwu.edu/career-option-sheets>
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