Filosofie masterexamen med huvudområdet globala studier
*Degree of Master of Science (120) credits* with a major in *Global Studies*

1. Decision
Degree description of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Global Studies at University of Gothenburg was approved by the Faculty Board of Social Sciences on 2007-03-30, revised on 2011-02-14, 2012-03-15 and 2014-10-09.

2. Degree requirements
A degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Global Studies is obtained after fulfilment of the objectives in the Higher Education Ordinance, Appendix 2, and local objectives.

2.1. Objectives
Higher Education Ordinance, Appendix 2. For a Degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Global Studies the student shall:

**Knowledge and understanding**
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding in the main field of Global Studies, including both broad knowledge of the field and a considerable degree of specialised knowledge in certain areas of the field as well as insight into current research and development work, and
- demonstrate specialised methodological knowledge in the main field of Global Studies.

**Competence and skills**
- demonstrate the ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and analyse, assess and deal with complex phenomena, issues and situations even with limited information
- demonstrate the ability to identify and formulate issues critically, autonomously and creatively as well as to plan and, using appropriate methods, undertake advanced tasks within predetermined time frames and so contribute to the formation of knowledge as well as the ability to evaluate this work
- demonstrate the ability in speech and writing both nationally and internationally to clearly report and discuss his or her conclusions and the knowledge and arguments on which they are based in dialogue with different audiences, and
- demonstrate the skills required for participation in research and development work or autonomous employment in some other qualified capacity.
Judgment and approach
- demonstrate the ability to make assessments in the main field of Global Studies informed by relevant disciplinary, social and ethical issues and also to demonstrate awareness of ethical aspects of research and development work
- demonstrate insight into the possibilities and limitations of research, its role in society and the responsibility of the individual for how it is used, and
- demonstrate the ability to identify the personal need for further knowledge and take responsibility for his or her ongoing learning.

2.2 Local objectives
After completing the programme, students will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of key concepts and theories in the interdisciplinary study of globalization
- theoretically and empirically analyze global processes and their bearings on social, economic, political, cultural and environmental aspects of society

Skills and competences
- independently formulate research questions related to contemporary and historical processes of globalization and their consequences

Judgement and approach
- demonstrate an independent and advanced ability to assess scientific, social and ethical perspectives on globalization

2.3 Scope
A degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Global Studies is obtained after the student has completed all course requirements.

2.4 Independent project (degree project)
For a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Global Studies students must have completed an independent project (degree project) worth at least 30 credits in the main field of Global Studies, within the framework of the course requirements. The independent project may comprise less than 30 credits, but not less than 15 credits, if the student has already completed an independent project in the second cycle worth at least 15 credits in the main field of Global Studies.

2.5 Courses within the main field of study
For a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major in Global Studies students must have completed 30 credits core courses, 30 credits in-depth courses, 15 credits research methods course, 15 credits proficiency course and 30 credits independent project (degree project) courses.

For course specification, see Appendix 1.
2.6 Courses outside the main field of study
In-depth courses of 15 credits that are to be part of a degree of Master of Science (120 credits) with a major Global Studies are specified in Appendix 1. Courses completed during an exchange abroad may, after consultation with the programme leadership, replace in-depth courses within the programme.

3. Transitional provisions
In order to obtain a degree in accordance with the changes of the Higher Education Ordinance (SFS 2006:1053), at least one of the courses that are to be a part of the degree, have been completed after July 1st 2007.

See Appendix 2.
Appendix 1.

**Specification of courses within the degree with a major Global Studies**
The objectives of the degree with a major in Global Studies are met through the following courses or the equivalent. The Learning Objectives are stated in each course plan.

**Core courses (30 higher education credits)**
*Compulsory*
GS2121 - Global Studies: Theories and Perspectives, 15 higher education credits
GS2122 - Global Studies: Thematic Issues, 15 higher education credits

**In-depth courses (30 higher education credits)**
*Electives*
GS2231 - Gender and Global Development: Theory and Practice, 15 higher education credits
GS2234 - Emerging Powers in the Global South, 15 higher education credits
HE2233 - Adaptation to Global Environmental Change, 15 higher education credits
HE2234 - Sustainable Development: Conflicts, Communication and Collaboration, 15 higher education credits
IK2231 - Perspectives and Theories in Conflict Resolution, 15 higher education credits
IR2232 - The Global Political Economy, 15 higher education credits
RS2236 - Perceptions and Politics of Migration in a Middle Eastern context, 7,5 higher education credits
RS2237 - Refugees, Rights and Realities in a Middle Eastern Context, 7,5 higher education credits
SA2231 - Understanding Culture: Theoretical Perspectives and Ethnographic Analysis, 15 higher education credits
SA2232 - Gender and Sexuality Across Cultures, 15 higher education credits
SA2233 - Migration, Power, and Identity, 15 higher education credits
SF2221 - Global Security and Democracy, 15 higher education credits
SF2223 - Media, Journalism and Global Studies, 15 higher education credits

**Research methods course (15 higher education credits)**
*Compulsory*
GS2321 - Research Design and Methods, 15 higher education credits

**Proficiency course (15 higher education credits)**
*Electives*
GS2421 - Global Studies: Field Course, 15 higher education credits
GS2422 - Qualified Work Placement with Global Studies' Perspective, 15 higher education credits
AG2340 - Research Methods for International Administration and Global Governance, 15 higher education credits
GS1422 - Project Management and Evaluation, 15 higher education credits
Other courses may, after consultation with the programme leadership, replace the proficiency courses specified above.

**Independent project (30 higher education credits)**

*Compulsory*

GS2534 - Global Studies: Master Thesis, 30 higher education credits

*or*

GS2532 Global Studies: Master Thesis (two years), 15 higher education credits

together with

GS2531 Global Studies: Master Thesis (one year), 15 higher education credits
Appendix 2.

**Transitional provisions**

The following courses can replace the elective in-depth courses specified in Appendix 1.

GS2232 - Religion och politik: gränser och skärningspunkter, 15 higher education credits
HE2231 - Interdisciplinary Problem Based Research in Human Ecology, 15 higher education credits
HE2232 - Solving Environmental Problems in Practice, 15 higher education credits
IK2232 - Methods in Conflict Resolution and Case Studies, 15 higher education credits
RS2231 - Regional Studies: Regions and Regionalism in a Global World, 15 higher education credits
RS2232 - Development Cooperation in Africa - Theory and Practice, 15 higher education credits
RS2233 - Religion and Politics in Asia, 15 higher education credits
RS2234 - Challenges in Latin America, 15 higher education credits
RS2235 - The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, 15 higher education credits
US2231 - Social Exclusion and Poverty Reduction in Theory and Practice, 15 higher education credits
US2232 - Critical Development: Theory and Practice, 15 higher education credits

For students who began their studies before 1 July 2007, courses can be replaced according to the following:

HE2231 - Interdisciplinary Problem Based Research in Human Ecology
*together with*
GS2531 - Master Thesis (one year)
*can be replaced by*
HU6200 - Humanekologi: Fördjupningskurs

IR2232 - The Global Political Economy
*together with*
GS2531 - Master Thesis (one year)
*can be replaced by*
IR6300 - Internationella relationer: Fördjupningskurs 2

RS2234 - Challenges in Latin America
*together with*
GS2531 - Master Thesis (one year)
*can be replaced by*
LK6000 - Latinamerikakunskap: Fördjupningskurs 2

RS2235 - The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
*together with*
GS2531 - Master Thesis (one year)
*can be replaced by*
MÖ6100 - Mellanösternkunskap: Fördjupningskurs 2

SA2231 - Understanding Culture: Theoretical Perspectives and Ethnographic Analysis
*together with*
GS2531 - Master Thesis (one year)
*can be replaced by*
SA6300 - Socialantropologi: Magisterkurs

US2231 - Social Exclusion and Poverty Reduction in Theory and Practice

*or*
US2232 - Critical Development: Theory and Practice
*together with*
GS3531 - Master Thesis (one year)
*can be replaced by*
UF6500 - Utveckling och internationellt samarbete: Fördjupningskurs 2