MA in Globalization Studies
Student Handbook
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Welcome!

McMaster’s MA in Globalization Studies provides students with the opportunity to think creatively about cultural, political, social, and economic globalizing processes in the contemporary era. These processes, often accelerated by information and communication technologies, have redefined in unequal ways how individuals and communities experience and view the world. They also present new challenges to scholar’s intent on understanding both the contemporary era and its historical antecedents.

Students in the program can take courses and conduct research on globalization in relation to a wide range of topics such as contemporary culture; diasporic, transnational and multicultural communities; global governance; international trade and finance; and social, environmental and labour issues.

Our faculty members work together in an interdisciplinary way. They come from departments across the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences including Anthropology; English and Cultural Studies; History; Labour Studies; Political Science; Religious Studies; and Social Work. The program fosters a strong sense of collegiality between program students and faculty from all participating departments.

2016-17 Important Dates

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<td>IGHC Welcome and Orientation (11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Skylight Room)</td>
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<td>Drop-in Academic Advising (1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. in KTH 219)</td>
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<td>Deadline to submit final MRP proposal with supervisor’s signature (supervisor may also email approval) to IGHC office</td>
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<td>Thursday, May 18</td>
<td>MRP Work-in-Progress Colloquium (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., LRW 1003)</td>
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MA Program Information

Requirements and Duration of Study

The program consists of coursework and a Major Research Paper (MRP, GLOBALST 708) with a maximum length of 10,000 words, i.e., 35 to 40 pages. Completion time for the coursework and MRP will be twelve months of full-time study. In total, students take a total of six graduate half courses (or equivalent): two core courses, two other Globalization courses, at least one of which should be offered by IGHC, and two electives. During the fall term, each student will take the first required core course (GLOBALST 710) plus two other half courses. During the winter term, each student will take the second core course (GLOBALST 709) and an additional two half courses. Elective courses may be taken from any discipline (subject to obtaining permissions from course instructors or the offering departments) and may be concentrated in a single discipline, if students so choose. The program is designed to allow students to develop interdisciplinary skills while also fulfilling requirements for further discipline-based graduate work. By selecting discipline-based options and research paper topics, students maintain the option of pursuing doctoral work in a traditional discipline.

It is important to note that the University uses a letter grade system (A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-). A grade below B- in any graduate course is considered a failure. In the event a student receives a failing grade, the Institute reserves the authority to recommend that he or she withdraw from the program. Compulsory courses and training modules include the following:

*SGS 101, Academic Research Integrity and Ethics*
  - Register in Mosaic
  - Accessible via Avenue to Learn at [http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/](http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/)
  - A minimum grade of 70% is to be achieved

*SGS 201, Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*
  - Register in Mosaic
  - Accessible via Avenue to Learn at [http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/](http://avenue.mcmaster.ca/)
  - A perfect grade (10/10) is to be achieved
  - More information available at [http://accessibility.mcmaster.ca/aoda-training/aoda-training](http://accessibility.mcmaster.ca/aoda-training/aoda-training)

*GlobalSt 708, Major Research Paper (MRP)*
  - Involves a series of MRP-focused information sessions which will take place during term 2
  - Bound MRP to be submitted to IGHC main office, KTH 220, by [Monday, August 21, 2017](#)

*GlobalSt 710*, *Globalization: An Introduction*
  - An introduction to major theories and debates in the field of globalization studies
  - To be taken during term 1

*GlobalSt 709*, *Designing Global Research: Approaches, Methods, and Techniques*
  - This course will explore theoretical issues concerning interdisciplinary research methods related to globalization studies, and will provide students with practical examples of current faculty research projects in preparation for developing and undertaking their own research.
  - To be taken during term 2
**Environmental and Occupational Health Support Services (EOHSS) Trainings**

- Accessible via Avenue to Learn after registering for the online sessions in Mosaic
  1. Health and Safety Orientation
  2. Asbestos Awareness
  3. Ergonomics
  4. Fire Safety
  6. Slips, Trip and Falls
  7. Violence and Harassment Prevention in the Workplace


**Job Hazard Analysis (JHA)**

- All new TAs or RA in lieu of TAs must complete a job hazard analysis form with their supervisors
- This is an online process available on the HR wellness website ([http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/eohss/prevention/job-hazard/](http://www.workingatmcmaster.ca/eohss/prevention/job-hazard/))
- It takes approximately 15 minutes and can be part of the first meeting with your supervisors

The complete list of Globalization courses is available in the School of Graduate Studies Calendar. The courses that are being offered during 2016-2017 are listed on IGHC’s website.

**Part-Time MA in Globalization Studies**

The requirements for the part-time MA are the same as those for the full-time MA, but the degree is completed over a longer time period (typically three years). The School of Graduate Studies permits a part-time student to take up to three half courses per academic year.

**Major Research Paper (MRP) Guidelines**

**Overview**

The MRP must be no more than 10,000 words (35 to 40 pages, font 12, double spaced, 1.25 inch margins, footnote or endnote citation), not including the bibliography, and focus on a globalization-related topic. At the beginning of the winter term, each student will identify a potential supervisor and prepare a proposal for his or her research paper. A reader will later be assigned in consultation with the student and the supervisor.

**Selecting a Topic**

Students are responsible for selecting a topic for study or research. These choices must be approved by a supervisor and by the Director. The topic should be of a scope that is manageable within the Spring/Summer session and may develop an idea from an essay submitted for a course.

**Selecting a Supervisor**

Potential MRP supervisors are to be consulted during the first week of January. By this time, students should have decided on the general area in which they wish to study and have chosen a manageable topic (which is likely to be redefined in discussion with the supervisor). Students who need help finding a
supervisor should consult either with the Director or with an IGHC instructor.

**Submitting a Proposal**
The MRP information session will offer students advice on how to frame a topic and craft a strong proposal, while the MRP proposal workshop will give students the opportunity to solicit feedback from other students and faculty on draft proposals. Students must submit their supervisor-approved proposals to the IGHC office by Monday, March 6, 2017.

**Obtaining Ethics Approval**
A student whose work involves human subjects, including interviewees, will need to seek approval through the McMaster Research Ethics Board (MREB). Given the short timeline for MRPs, it is imperative to initiate the application process early. The MREB website [http://www.mcmaster.ca/ors/ethics/](http://www.mcmaster.ca/ors/ethics/) is to be checked for drop-in dates as well as consultations and seminars on the application process. If there is doubt whether a paper will require an ethics review, a student is to consult with his or her supervisor and/or the Director.

**Student/Supervisor Agreements**
Supervisors and students are strongly advised to familiarize themselves with the Institute’s “2016-17 Important Dates” to ensure that work is submitted and returned on time. (For some, signing a contract is helpful.) Meetings should be in person wherever possible, though travel in the summer may make it necessary to communicate via email.

**MRP Work-in-Progress Colloquium**
Students must present an oral report of their work-in-progress to their peers at a colloquium on Thursday, May 18, 2017. These presentations give students the opportunity to share their work and to receive feedback from an audience of students and faculty with different levels of familiarity with the area of research.

**Final Submission**
A draft hard copy and/or electronic version of the MRP must be submitted to the supervisor no later than Monday, July 10, 2017. It will be returned with comments and suggestions for revision to the student by Monday, July 17, 2017. A final hard copy and/or electronic version of the MRP must be submitted to both the supervisor and the reader by Monday, August 7, 2017, at which point the supervisor and the reader will evaluate the paper on a pass or fail basis and provide written commentary. It is important to note that the Graduate Coordinator will not distribute MRP submissions to supervisors and readers; it is the responsibility of the student to ensure that hard and/or electronic copies of MRP are delivered to all parties by the due date. A final coil-bound copy with an acetate cover (with typographical corrections made) must be submitted to the IGHC office by Monday, August 21, 2017. Students who fail to meet the submission deadline may be required to register and pay fees for an additional term (or terms) in order to complete the degree.

**Other Administrative information**

**Address Change**
Students are responsible for keeping their personal contacts, such as addresses and phone numbers up to date. Ensure you provide the IGHC office with this information.
**Bus Passes**

All full-time graduate students are eligible for a Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) bus card. Please see the MSU link for more details: [https://www.msumcmaster.ca/info/hamilton-street-railway-hsr-bus-pass](https://www.msumcmaster.ca/info/hamilton-street-railway-hsr-bus-pass)

**CUPE**

The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 3906, Unit 1, represents all individuals employed as teaching assistants, demonstrators, tutors, super tutors, markers, and research assistants who receive research assistantships in lieu of teaching assistantships. If you are receiving a Teaching Assistantship or a Research Assistantship in lieu of TA, you are a member of CUPE. Union dues are deducted when you receive TA/RA payment. The union office is located in KTH B111. [http://www.cupe3906.org/](http://www.cupe3906.org/)

**Dental Plan**

All full-time graduate students who are receiving a TA and/or a RA in lieu of a TA of 130 hours or greater will have Dental Plan premiums deducted each month for the full year (September to August). Provisions for opting-out of the Dental Plan or for obtaining family coverage are covered in a separate document which describes the CUPE Dental Plan. For more information, please visit [http://cupe3906.org/tas-unit-1/dental-plan/](http://cupe3906.org/tas-unit-1/dental-plan/)

**Employment Regulations**

Full-time students who are participating in paid employment not directly related to their studies should work no more than an average of ten hours per week. University-related employment should also be limited to an average of ten hours per week for full-time students, and full-time students are expected to limit time spent on employment both inside and outside the University.

Exceptions to this rule are possible. No exceptions totaling 505 hours or more in a single academic year will be approved.

**Full-time status**

Full-time students are obliged to be on campus, except for vacation periods or authorized off-campus status, for all three terms of the university year. Students who absent themselves from campus for more than two weeks during the fall or winter terms or four weeks in the summer term, without permission from the Department and the appropriate Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, will be deemed to have withdrawn voluntarily from graduate study. Students may arrange, through the Department and the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, to be “full-time off-campus” for periods of up to a year. In cases of unauthorized absence the student will have to petition for readmission. The appropriate Committee on Graduate Admissions and Study will rule on each request on a case-by-case basis. No guarantee of readmission or of renewal of financial arrangements can be made.

**Graduate Student Vacations**

In addition to statutory holidays and the weeklong closing of the University from late December until early January, normal vacation entitlement is two weeks of vacation during the year, to be scheduled by mutual agreement with the research supervisor and the employment supervisor. An exception to this allotment requires approval from IGHC’s Graduate Advisor.
**School of Graduate Studies (SGS)**

All students are advised to familiarize themselves with the regulations in the School of Graduate Studies Calendar, [http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/index.php](http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/index.php) SGS is located in GH-212, ext. 23679, [https://graduate.mcmaster.ca/](https://graduate.mcmaster.ca/)

**Teaching Assistantships/Research Assistantships in Lieu of Teaching Assistantships**

Most full-time graduate students are offered a teaching assistantship (or research assistantship in lieu of a teaching assistantship) as part of their funding package. Duties involve an average of 10 hours of work a week, and will include some combination of leading tutorials, grading essays, meeting with students during regularly scheduled office hours, and other duties as discussed with the course instructor. It is important to note that assistantship assignments are confirmed in the first and second weeks of September. Every effort is made to match students with departments/courses/areas in which they have some experience.

**Transcripts**

Unofficial transcripts are available through MOSAIC. If you require an official transcript, please contact the Office of the Registrar directly. For more information, please visit [https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/services/transcripts/request/](https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/services/transcripts/request/)

**University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) for Visa Students**

It is essential that all international students have proper medical insurance coverage while in Canada. Full details are available from the International Students’ Services (ISS) webpage, [https://iss.mcmaster.ca](https://iss.mcmaster.ca).

The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is a comprehensive plan that is for international students only. The plan provides doctors’ services, hospital ward accommodation, all maternity claims (even if pregnancy began before arrival in Ontario), and coverage for medical care outside of Ontario or Canada.

The plan is compulsory and students will not be permitted to register unless they purchase UHIP. Students may purchase additional coverage under UHIP if they intend to stay in Canada after completion of their studies or would like to travel outside of Canada. Please note that prescription drugs and dental work are covered by the GSA and CUPE insurance plans not UHIP.

For more information about applying for UHIP, visit [https://iss.mcmaster.ca/our-services/university-health-insurance-plan-uhip.html](https://iss.mcmaster.ca/our-services/university-health-insurance-plan-uhip.html).

**Campus and Student Life Information**

**Athletics & Recreation**

The Department of Athletics and Recreation provides opportunities for students to participate in inter-university athletics, clubs, intramurals, outdoor recreation, instructional programs, fitness and a variety of recreational activities, both formal and informal.
Athletics and Recreation website
Register for activities on-line
Building: David Braley Athletic Centre and the Ivor Wynne Centre

Campus Emergencies
McMaster Security Office is responsible for overall security on campus. It is located in E. T. Clarke 201 and can be contacted at ext. 24281. In case of emergency call 88 from any university phone or call 905-522-4135. Please refer to McMaster Emergency Guidebook for more information.

Security Office also provides Lost and Found service (ext. 27093). Any lost items will be held for 30 days.

Campus Store
The main store is located in Gilmour Hall Room B101. This is where you can purchase your textbooks. In addition, stationery, supplies, stamps, McMaster clothing and gifts, computer supplies as well as Parking and ID services are available in store. For more information, check their website at https://campusstore.mcmaster.ca/

Chaplaincy Centre
The McMaster University Chaplaincy Centre has an open door policy and offers responsive pastoral support to the whole community with personal counselling, bereavement support groups, public memorial services, and participation in McMaster University networks and programs. It is located in the McMaster Student Centre in room MUSC-231. http://www.mcmaster.ca/chaplain/

Computer Lab Locations
There are three computer labs located across campus which are supported by University Technology Services (UTS):

- Burke Sciences Building, rooms 241, 242, 244, and 249
- John Hodgins Engineering Building, room 233A/234
- Kenneth Taylor Hall, rooms B121 and B123

*For current hours of operation, see: http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/lab_facilities/labs/lab_avail/hours.html

Financial aid & Scholarships
The Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarship can help students address the financial obligations associated with University study through Government Aid (i.e. OSAP), McMaster Aid, Bursaries, Work Programs and Scholarships. It is located in GH-120, http://sfas.mcmaster.ca/

Graduate Students Association (GSA)
The mandate of the GSA is to promote the welfare and interests of the members through the provision of facilities and opportunities for social, athletic and intellectual activities, to represent the members before the duly elected and appointed authorities of McMaster University, and to promote communication and participation in all matters of common interest between the members of other student organizations, both at McMaster and in other educational institutions.

Website: http://www.mcmaster.ca/gsa/
Office location: Refectory, 2nd Floor

Hospitality Services
McMaster Hospitality Services is dedicated to providing healthy, nutritious and flavourful food including vegetarian choices, international food menus, healthy options, as well as quick snacks and made-to-order entrees. Meal plans are available to suit both on-campus and off-campus students. Visit http://mealcard.mcmaster.ca for more information about Meal Plans and other on-campus dining.

Human rights & Equity Services

The services offered by HRES are available to the entire McMaster community – students, staff and faculty. The overall goal is to create an environment where everyone can learn, work, teach or live in an atmosphere free from all forms of violence, harassment and discrimination. For more information, visit http://www.mcmaster.ca/hres/ office location MUSC 212.

Housing

There is no on-campus housing for Graduate Students. However, McMaster Off-Campus Resource Centre is available to all students who have off-campus housing related concerns. The office runs an online listing service if you are looking for a place to live, but also offers guidance and counseling when dealing with landlord or housemate issues throughout the year. Various resources are available on the website (http://macoffcampus.mcmaster.ca/) and in the office, MUSC B112.

International Student Services (ISS)

ISS (https://iss.mcmaster.ca/) provides support for international students and exchange students through activities geared to student success and development:

- Advise students on immigration, health insurance and academic matters
- Deliver workshops related to careers, employment, academic support and community involvement
- Implement exchange programs between McMaster University and partner universities
- Organize reception and orientation sessions for new international students
- Provide information on campus and community services
- Liaise with sponsoring agencies, foreign governments, consulates and embassies

Libraries

Mills Memorial Library is the Social Sciences and Humanities library. Graduate students may borrow materials for a period of one month. If another user has recalled a book that has been checked out, an email notification requesting the return of the book will be sent. Borrowers have 14 days from the original loan date or 5 days from the date of recall (whichever is longer) to return the book. If library materials are not returned on time, the library will suspend borrowing privileges and charge book replacement and administrative fees.

LibAccess <https://libraryssl.lib.mcmaster.ca/libaccess/login.php?init> permits access to the library's licensed e-resources (including e-journals), which can be viewed from off or on campus. Material not held in the collections of McMaster University Libraries, needed for study or research by faculty, staff or students, may be requested through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Services <http://library.mcmaster.ca/borrow/ill>. ILL is free for books.

Lyons Instructional Media Centre: The Lyons Instructional Media Centre is home to a collection of audio visual and electronic materials. The new Centre has combined the McMaster University Video Library and the Visual Resources Centre/Slide Library into one area centrally located in Mills Library. The Institute has worked on populating this library with globalization related videos. Films and videos
circulate to faculty for classroom use only. Students who wish to use AV material for class presentations must have permission to do so from a faculty member. Please consult http://library.mcmaster.ca/lyons for further information.

**Ombuds Office**

The Ombuds Office provides impartial, independent, and informal dispute-resolution advice and assistance to all members of the University community. The Ombuds Office is located in MUSC 210 http://www.mcmaster.ca/ombuds/

**Parking and transit services**

There are a limited number of parking facilities on campus. Travel to and from the University on foot, by bicycle, by public transportation and by car pools, is encouraged. If you do require parking for an extended period, please contact the Parking Services, http://parking.mcmaster.ca/index.html

**Student Wellness Centre**

You can access health services on campus in the Campus Health Centre, which is located in the McMaster Student Centre B101 ext. 27700. They provide medical care similar to a family physician and health care is available throughout the year for all students. There is also a pharmacy located in the McMaster Student Centre. For more information on health care and wellness services and office hours, please visit. http://wellness.mcmaster.ca/

**Student Success Centre**

Student Success Centre is located in GH-110 and is designed to help students in all programs and faculties in establishing a more focused view of their academic and career options. They provide a full range of services for academic support, personal growth and professional development, including writing assistance, English Language Support, career counselling, job postings, resume and cover letter workshops, interview skills and job search workshops, personality and interest testing, educational planning, as well as mentoring and experiential education opportunities. http://studentsuccess.mcmaster.ca/

**Student Accessibility Services (SAS)**

SAS (http://sas.mcmaster.ca/) supports students who have been diagnosed with a disability or disorder, such as a learning disability, ADHD, mental health diagnosis, chronic medical condition, sensory, neurological or mobility limitation.

Students with disabilities are strongly encouraged to contact SAS as early as possible in the year, before classes start in September, to allow ample time to arrange for appropriate accommodations.

**University Plans, Policies, Procedures & Guidelines**

University Plans, Policies, Procedures & Guidelines pertaining to Graduate Studies http://www.mcmaster.ca/policy/ Office location: Gilmour Hall, room 210

**University Technology Services (UTS)**

UTS (http://www.mcmaster.ca/uts/) offers a variety of services to McMaster students. The services start with the activation of your MACID account and MAC ID enabled services. Your MAC ID provides authenticated access to a range of technology services including Email, Mosaic, Student Computing Labs, Fee for Service Printing (in the labs), Virtual Private Networking (VPN) etc. Many student related areas on campus have wireless access.
IGHC Support and Resources

**Office Space**

The Institute is able to provide an open space (LRW 2811) with 15 desks and chairs for graduate students. A shared graduate office (LRW 2024) is also provided for quiet study and TA office hours. There are shared computers and a photocopier in the open space as well as a microwave and fridge. Student mailboxes are also located in this room. The open study space is provided as a courtesy to students. It is students’ shared responsibility to keep the room tidy.

As garbage is collected from offices once every two to three weeks, please take any food garbage to the washrooms, where the bins are emptied daily.

**Locker**

Each graduate student is assigned a locker in the open space. $15 cash needs to be paid to sign out the key to the locker. Students will receive the money back by returning the key back to the Main Office at the end of school year.

**Mail Services**

Each graduate student will have his or her own mailbox located in the open space, LRW 2811. Mail can be sent using the following address:

Name  
C/o Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition  
McMaster University  
L.R. Wilson Hall 2021  
1280 Main Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8S 4K1

Mail Services has free interdepartmental delivery across campus and also offers a free Inter-University Transit System (IUTS) to a number of universities and related organizations. Any mail other than IUTS or inter-departmental delivery must have a stamp or it will be returned to the student. For the list of universities that have the IUTS services, please visit the following link: [http://cou.on.ca/about/more/inter-university-transit-system-iuts/](http://cou.on.ca/about/more/inter-university-transit-system-iuts/).

**Photocopying/Printing**

A network photocopier is available for students to use on a cost-recovery basis per printed side (not per page) for black and white printing. Each student will receive an account number to use the network photocopier which will accrue a total count of copy/print jobs until billing takes place. Billing details follow:

- Billing cycle 1: Tuesday September 6, 2016 to Sunday, April 30, 2017
**The Graduate Coordinator is to be contacted immediately if any problems are encountered with the copier.**

**Funding for Future Graduate Study**

Students planning to do further graduate studies after completing the MA in Globalization Studies are encouraged to apply for a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowship and an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS). For more information regarding SSHRC, visit [http://wwwsshrc-crshgc.ca/](http://wwwsshrc-crshgc.ca/). Respective program offices are to be contacted directly for OGS information. Additional scholarship opportunities will be emailed through the distribution list.

**Research Support Fund**

Limited funding from the Institute’s MA Research Support Fund is available for travel to conduct field research for the Major Research Paper. Other research activities (e.g. conference presentation) will also be considered, depending on available funds. Students are expected to pursue additional funds from other sources ([GSA travel assistance and other grants](#)). The deadline for the 2016-2017 competition is **Friday, March 17, 2017.**

**Departmental Check out Requirements**

Upon completion of all degree requirements, the students will be required to empty their mailboxes, return the keys and leave a forwarding address with IGHC office. Mail will be forwarded for up to three months.