Global Studies majors and minors take many post-graduation paths, and one of the common ones is graduate and/or professional school, where students may pursue internationally-related field such as International Relations or Law. Please note that it is common to take a gap year or more between undergraduate and professional programs. Here are some recommendations on how to prepare yourself for this path.

**YEARS 1 AND 2**
- Join campus organizations, language conversation tables, and attend campus events
- Connect with your professors during office hours to get involved in undergraduate research (i.e. UCARE, McNair, or SROP)
- Visit with Explore Center advisors for pre-law, pre-health, and other professional school resources
- Discuss study abroad opportunities with your advisor Olivia Miller
- Discuss different nationally-competitive fellowship/scholarships opportunities with Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić. Work with Dr. Laura Damuth, Director, National and International Fellowships on selected fellowships/scholarships. Some include the Boren Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, Critical Languages Scholarship, and the Rangel and Pickering Programs
- Apply for study abroad programs with the help of Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić, Assistant Director and Assistant Professor of Practice, Global Studies

**YEAR 3**
- Participate in at least one semester abroad, and/or participate in faculty-led study abroad program; work on foreign language proficiency
- Research programs and institutions, and identify programs of interest; consult with Dr. Emira Ibrahimpašić
- Review application process, standardized testing requirements/dates, and arrange campus visits
- Continue collaborating with professors for possible letters of recommendation
- Work with career coaches to develop a CV/resume
- Second semester of junior year: April 15 deadline for prestigious awards to complete graduate school in UK
- Stay connected with faculty and ask to join a research project or develop your own research project to complete a thesis and graduate with distinction. Consider applying for UCARE and/or SROP
- Work with two professors to write a proposal of your thesis and submit to College of Arts and Sciences for approval

**SUMMER OF JUNIOR YEAR**
- Take required admissions tests
- Draft and refine essays and academic resume; order official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions
- Consider an internship through Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy

**YEAR 4**
- Re-take admissions test if needed; begin application process
- Provide all forms and information to letter writers a month ahead of deadline
- Gather letters of recommendation, and submit writing samples
- Complete and defend your thesis with committee and graduate with distinction
- Accept/decline offers, and write thank-you notes to references and others who helped

**RECOMMENDED READINGS**
- Getting What You Came For: The Smart Student’s Guide to Earning a Master’s or Ph.D. (Robert L. Peters)
- Graduate School: Winning Strategies for Getting In (Dave G. Mumby)
- The Professor is In: The Essential Guide to Turning your Ph.D. into a Job (Karen Kelsky)
# Experience Timeline

## Freshman

### August / September
- Explore following opportunities:
  - Cargill Global Scholars Program and Scholarship (freshmen and sophomores only)
  - Critical Language Scholarship (can do for multiple years)
  - UNL Education Abroad Early Abroad Scholarship (freshmen and sophomores only)
  - US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute (freshmen and sophomores only)

### October
- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

### January
- Identify summer opportunities, either Education Abroad or an Internship
- Submit applications for following opportunities:
  - UNL Education Abroad Early Abroad Scholarship (freshmen and sophomores only)
  - US-UK Fulbright Summer Institute (freshmen and sophomores only)

## Sophomore (Contd.)

### March / April
- Apply for UCARE and McNair research funding

### Summer
- Study abroad or complete domestic internship (consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy)

### September
- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

### October
- If studying abroad in spring make sure to apply for scholarship by appropriate deadline.

### November
- Talk to professors about crafting a research question for your thesis
- Submit Application for Boren Fellowship

### March
- Submit paperwork for thesis to College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office
- Meet with Dr. Laura Damuth to begin application process for:
  - Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (see full list at Fellowship Office)

### Summer
- Study and take exams for graduate or professional school
- Complete domestic internship (consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy)

## Junior

### September
- Submit application for Critical Language Scholarship

### October
- If studying abroad make sure to apply for scholarship by appropriate deadline.

### November
- Talk to professors about crafting a research question for your thesis
- Submit Application for Boren Fellowship

### March
- Submit paperwork for thesis to College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office
- Meet with Dr. Laura Damuth to begin application process for:
  - Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (see full list at Fellowship Office)

### Summer
- Study and take exams for graduate or professional school
- Complete domestic internship (consider applying for Washington D.C. Professional Enrichment Academy)

## Senior

### September
- Submit applications for Critical Language Scholarship, Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Cambridge Fellowship, Marshal Scholarship, and/or Mitchell Scholarship (see full list at Fellowship Office)

### December
- Apply for graduate and professional schools or jobs

### January
- Apply for Graduation

### March
- Defend thesis with committee, submit final draft of thesis

### May
- Graduate with Distinction

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- Sophomore (Contd.)
- Junior
- Senior