Columbia University’s advanced degree in the significance and implications of globalization. Knowledge and perspective on a wide range of concepts and issues of contemporary concern—from inequality and poverty, justice and welfare, citizenship and governance, to cities and immigration, secularism, diversity, and identity.

**INTRODUCTION**

As globalization is reshaping our world, scholars and policymakers are exploring much-needed new approaches to the transnational movements of ideas, people, commodities, and technologies as well as the cultural, political, and economic processes that underlie them. The M.A. in Global Thought provides an interdisciplinary, research-based course of study to explain and analyze contemporary global issues. With an innovative curriculum designed by world-renowned faculty, the MA in Global Thought gives students a new framework for understanding globalization and for developing new ways to think about critical global issues.

In three core courses, students develop a strong foundational knowledge of global linkages, from economic processes to cultural and political ties. The opportunity to specialize in **Global Governance**, **Global Political Economy** or **Global Politics and Culture** allows students to immerse themselves in a self-directed curriculum drawn from course offerings across Columbia University. In the MA thesis seminars, students become familiar with a range of research methodologies and scholarship and produce original research that draws together their interdisciplinary coursework.

**A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY IN A GLOBAL CITY**

Columbia University is a leader in global education, with an impressive breadth and depth of course offerings relating to global issues and processes. Students have access to the cutting edge academic community of the Committee on Global Thought (CGT), as well as to the wider faculty of Columbia’s many academic and professional schools. Students will benefit from its rich resources, particularly its libraries and academic events. One of the most dynamic and international cities in the world, New York City offers unparalleled opportunities for students to enrich their study with internships, cultural experiences and access to academic and professional networks.

**A RENOWNED FACULTY**

Throughout their program of study, students work closely with some of Columbia University’s most prestigious faculty, including Saskia Sassen and Joseph E. Stiglitz, whose diverse research enhances our understanding of global interconnectedness. Core courses co-taught by CGT faculty allow students to interact directly with professors who are recognized thought leaders in their varied fields. The MA Faculty Director and the Assistant Director of CGT will provide additional personal advising to students.
A CAREER WITHOUT BORDERS

Students in the Master of Arts in Global Thought Program will acquire a strong background in the political, economic, and cultural processes that shape the contemporary world and will be prepared to contribute to a range of fields at the conclusion of their studies. They will graduate poised for careers in development, nongovernmental organizations, education, research, government, public policy and the private sector. This program also seeks to prepare students for further study in top disciplinary PhD programs.

APPLICATION
Global Thought welcomes applicants with a background in the social sciences or humanities and an interest in developing knowledge of global issues in an interdisciplinary setting. Given the thematic and disciplinary range of this program, applicants from a range of professional backgrounds and undergraduate experiences are invited to apply. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in global issues through professional, international, research or other experience.

Priority Deadline: January 15th, 2015
Regular Deadline: May 15th, 2015

For more information about admissions, please visit the Committee on Global Thought website at cgt.columbia.edu or e-mail globalthought@columbia.edu.

“The MA in Global Thought is crystallizing a set of cross-disciplinary perspectives and knowledge that are interrelated and enormously valuable in thinking about our contemporary world.”

Anne-Marie Slaughter, President and CEO, New American Foundation and Professor Emerita of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University
CURRICULUM (2015-2016)

3 CORE COURSES
Each core course will expose students to a range of approaches, methods, and theories, while allowing them to work directly with leading scholars in global thought.

• Global Governance (e.g., with Saskia Sassen)
• Global Political Economy (e.g., Global Economic Governance with José Antonio Ocampo)
• Global Politics and Culture (e.g., Issues in Secularism, Diversity, and Identity with Akeel Bilgrami and Partha Chatterjee)

5 SPECIALIZATION COURSES
Courses chosen from specialization-specific approved course lists provide students with a comprehensive, interdisciplinary expertise in a particular topical area.

• Global Governance explores the challenges of effectuating governance in a global era, including the international legal order and its relation to other legal regimes, global public goods, and the mechanisms of global governance.
  + Approved courses draw from environmental sciences, history, human rights, international affairs, law, political science and others (e.g., Global Urbanism, with Saskia Sassen).

• Global Political Economy explores the economic forces that shape globalization and its effects on different countries and world citizens, from trends in human development to global financial systems and debt crises.
  + Approved courses draw from business, economics, environmental sciences, history, international affairs, political sciences and others (e.g., Economic Development in Latin America, with José Antonio Ocampo).

• Global Politics and Culture explores the impact of globalization on cultural diversity, including cosmopolitanism, feminism and religion in relation to secularism and “tolerance.”
  + Approved courses draw from anthropology, comparative literature, philosophy, religion, sociology and others (e.g., Media, Culture, and Society, with Sudhir Venkatesh).

MA THESIS SEMINAR (two semesters)
ADVANCED LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (equivalent to three years)
LENGTH OF PROGRAM Students can complete this program in as little as two full-time semesters, depending on their pacing, needs and interests.

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