

# Welcome to Global Studies Virtual Peer Advising!

- Who are the peer advisers?
  - ◆ Our peer advisers are all UC Berkeley students in the Global Studies department. They are available to meet with prospective and current students to assist them in the process of selecting, applying and beginning a study abroad program.
- How do I meet with a peer?
  - ◆ [Schedule a 30min appointment](#) (must sign up at least 24 hours in advance).
    - Fill out the google form, then follow the link to our bCal appointments.
  - ◆ You will need to indicate the peer advisor you would like to meet with and what you would like to seek advising for. ***Read the peer bios below to learn more about each peer!***
  - ◆ Appointments are not run on Berkeley time. If you are more than 10 minutes late to your appointment, it will be canceled.
- If you have administrative questions about your specific academic plan:
  - ◆ Please make an appointment with your major advisor via CalCentral or reach out via email.
- For more information and resources:
  - ◆ Visit the Global Studies department site: <http://globalstudies.berkeley.edu/>
  - ◆ Read the Major handbook: [Global Studies Requirements & Policies](#)
  - ◆ Read L&S College policies: <https://lsadvising.berkeley.edu/degree-requirements>

# Global Studies Peer Advisers Spring 2021

## Nicole Green

Major #1 : Global Studies → Peace and Conflict → Asia → Korean

Major #2: Political Economy → Asian Economy Concentration

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Hello everyone! My name is Nicole Green and I am a third year student studying both Global Studies and Political Economy. My concentrations for Global Studies are Peace and Conflict studies in Asia. I am also majoring in Political Economy (so hit me up with any questions about double majoring) and am concentrating on Asian Economics and Politics. I am taking Korean currently for both my majors, and plan to study abroad in Seoul, South Korea during my senior year. Additionally, I am pursuing a joint JD/Master's program after Cal, as I intend to work in Diplomacy and International Relations in the future. I have studied and worked abroad with UC Berkeley:

London Global Edge 2018 and Global Internships 2019: Canada, so feel free to come to me with any questions about study abroad options as well as internship resources on and off campus. I have also had a lot of experience planning my schedule in order to fulfill major and university requirements, so I would be more than happy to help you get a head start of the process as well!

## Steve Leonard

Major: Global Studies→Peace and Conflict→Asia→Japanese

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Hi! I'm Steve Leonard and I'm a third year Global Studies student on the Peace and Conflict track with a regional focus on Asia. I'm particularly interested in post-WWII reconciliation in the Asia-Pacific region and Japanese confrontation with war guilt. I'm planning to apply for law school after graduation and am currently hoping for a career in human rights law, diplomacy, or something similar. Outside of class, I'm the president of a Japanese-American social/cultural club called the Nikkei Student Union. I'm also a big fan of '70s rock and Hayao Miyazaki. I'm more than happy to

answer any questions you have and look forward to talking with you!

## Dylan Gervasio (he/him)

Major #1: Global Studies → Development → Americas

Major #2: Spanish & Portuguese → The Languages, Literatures & Cultures of the Portuguese-Speaking World

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Hey y'all! My name is Dylan Gervasio and I am a 3rd year Global Studies student focusing on Development in the Americas. I am originally from Rancho Cucamonga, which is the birthplace of Hot Cheetos (I.E. REPRESENT!). As a first generation college student, I understand the difficulty in trying to figure out what one should major in, or learning about the career paths out there. Hey, I have personally asked myself these questions multiple times throughout my time at Cal. However, feel free to reach out to me about possible advice about where to start in regards to choosing your major, or about the resources and opportunities available for Cal students. Outside of class, I am involved with BUILD (Berkeley United In Literacy

Development), which is an organization on campus that provides one to one literacy support to youth in Oakland and Berkeley. I also LOVE listening to reggaeton and funk carioca, and figuring out how to make the best Tostilocos out there (hit me up if you know!).

## Natasha Pillai (she/her)

Major: Global Studies → Peace and Conflict → Middle East and North Africa → Arabic

Minor: Chinese

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Hi y'all! My name is Natasha Pillai and I am a fourth year Global Studies major with a concentration in Peace and Conflict and a regional focus on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). I'm from Jacksonville, FL so I'm a big fan of the beach and the TV show The Good Place (Jason, anyone?), but I've absolutely loved being able to spend my time as an undergraduate in Berkeley. Outside of class, I

work as a Campus Ambassador giving tours of the university. I've also been pretty heavily involved in Residential Life. In the future, I hope to work in research institutions or think tanks on various issues within the Peace and Security field, including defense, changing definitions of national security, and civil-military relations. My favorite things to do in my free time are yoga, walks with friends, and cooking. I look forward to supporting you in your academic journey!



## Saifu Xu (she/her)

Major #1 : Global Studies → Development → Asia → Chinese

Major #2: Sociology

Major #3: Economics

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Hello everyone! My name is Saifu Xu, a third year student studying Global Studies, Sociology, and Economics. My concentration for Global Studies is Global Development in Asia. I have also been a peer advisor at the Sociology department since last year. I manage to take only 14 units of class on average per semester but still stay on track with my triple major path. From personal experience, I can't stress enough how important it is to plan ahead and take advantage of department policies to achieve your personal goals without burning out! My "holy 4-year plan template" has helped many of my friends stay on track and balance out workloads. Destressing my friends also inspired me to become a peer advisor. I want to be there for you when you have questions and help you avoid mistakes I've made throughout

my college career!! Outside of class though! I am an executive staff on the Cal Ski and Snowboarding Club, member of the Cal Figure Skating team, and I also work at the Oakland Ice Center as a skate guard. Summer will always be my favorite season, but I am FASHO in love with winter sports. I can't wait to help you navigate through Cal and hopefully make the process less stressful than what it has to be!