

**MODERN AND GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FORM**

The program in Modern and Global Studies is designed for students who seek an exciting interdisciplinary approach to the literature and culture of global modernity. The program offers a rigorous concentration on two broadly defined periods, the Modern (1789-1945) and the Contemporary (1945-the present), while it situates the study of literature in relation to adjacent fields such as religious studies, history, fine arts, politics, and psychology.

This concentration also allows students in the English major to extend their study into the widest contexts of international literary achievement. Modern and Global Studies courses examine the spread of Anglophone literary culture around the world, a phenomenon that has existed from the earliest stages of English literature and that has recently become one of the most striking features of our global cultural condition. Writing in South Asia, Anglophone Africa, the South Pacific, and the Caribbean, among other locations, has acquired decisive importance for the future of English. Students in Modern and Global Studies encounter the provocation and accomplishment of such work, while also preparing to become globally literate citizens of this new millennium.

If you think you may apply to the program, please email Mrinalini Chakravorty at [mchakravorty@virginia.edu](mailto:mchakravorty@virginia.edu). The application deadline is April 1, 2019 at 5 p.m.

*Please return the completed application to Mrinalini Chakravorty, Director of Modern Literature and Culture Program (mailbox in Bryan Hall 229).*

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**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I. Attach a copy of your current unofficial transcript.**

**II. Attach a brief statement** (approximately 1-1/2 pages) explaining what you hope to accomplish in the Modern and Global Studies Program (i.e., what kind of interdisciplinary subject would organize your major around and how that work is related to your interest in English courses) and why your plans could best be achieved within the context of this program. Give your proposed concentration a name and list several courses recently offered in SIS that would be appropriate to it.

**III. Please ask a faculty member or teaching assistant from any department in the College of Arts and Sciences who knows your work well to endorse your application by completing the section below entitled "Modern and Global Studies Program Endorsement."**

**MODERN AND GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM ENDORSEMENT**

Dear Colleague: \_\_\_\_\_ is applying to the MODERN AND GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM in the English Department. I'd be very grateful if you'd provide brief answers to the questions below and return them to my mailbox in 229 Bryan Hall (box 400121), or send them to me via email at [mchakravorty@virginia.edu](mailto:mchakravorty@virginia.edu).

Thanks very much,

Mrinalini Chakravorty, Director, Modern and Global Studies

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The Modern and Global Studies Program requires students to take substantial responsibility for shaping an interdisciplinary major. Please rank the above student on the following qualities:

1. Do you consider the student intellectually outstanding? (circle one) Yes No
2. Does the student seem to you unusually resourceful (i.e. capable of finding courses and making independent connections necessary for shaping an independent major)? (circle one) Yes No
3. (Please circle the one that applies.) The student:
  - a. should certainly be admitted to Modern and Global Studies
  - b. is a reasonable candidate for Modern and Global Studies
  - c. perhaps could succeed in Modern and Global Studies
  - d. certainly shouldn't be admitted to Modern and Global Studies
4. Please explain briefly your answers to the questions above:

NAME of faculty member or TA (print): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE of faculty member or TA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_