CENTERS & INSTITUTES

The Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies brings together global knowledge and regional perspectives to prepare students to meet the great international challenges of the 21st century. Our Centers and Institutes aim to both develop and share with the public a deep knowledge of specific regions and their states, societies, cultures, languages, peoples, and environment. They foster rigorous, transformative scholarship that crosses existing national, regional, and disciplinary boundaries.

Our Centers and Institutes support the incubation of cross-regional initiatives while sharing resources and building synergies among their respective areas of study. These programs aim to build communities of knowledge that include faculty as well as students from across Boston University. Through their active research portfolios, calendars of events, seminars and conferences, and student-focused academic activities, these centers and institutes serve not only the Pardee School, but all of Boston University and beyond.
OUR FACULTY

The outstanding faculty at the Pardee School of Global Studies brings together scholarly rigor and a passion for applying it to practice and policy. They represent an array of disciplinary and practice backgrounds ranging from history, economics, sociology, anthropology, political science, policy studies, environment, development, government service, civil society, law, diplomacy, and many others.

Our faculty is characterized by expertise in a wide range of thematic and regional studies combined with a deep and shared commitment to interdisciplinary study. In their scholarly research, in their policy contributions and in their teaching, they seek to understand and respond to the great international challenges of our times.

Professors and students collaborate on innovative research that reflects a deep understanding of individual academic disciplines, while simultaneously working to highlight the links between them. Students at the Pardee School do not simply learn about the cutting edge of critical thinking on global issues — they help create it.

From worldwide financial policy to deeper understanding of religious, cultural, developmental, political and security issues, faculty at Pardee are on the forefront of global debate.

William W. Grimes, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
The Pardee School’s undergraduate programs, housed within the College of Arts & Sciences at Boston University, encompass five majors and eight minors, all focused on advancing human progress and educating the next generation of global leaders. Our graduates work in organizations as varied as the United Nations, the U.S. Department of State, non-governmental organizations, and Fortune 500 companies.

The Joint BA/MA Program supports the academic and career goals of outstanding undergraduate students by allowing them to graduate with a rigorous professional MA in International Affairs, with only one additional year of course work.

Dr. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, former President of Latvia, delivering a lecture entitled “What does the future hold for Europe and the EU?” to Pardee School faculty and students.
GRADUATE PROGRAMS
Pardee School graduate programs, housed in BU’s Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, offers six MA programs with eight functional specializations, two dual-degree programs, one regional degree, and four graduate certificates. Our approach breaks down disciplinary boundaries—Pardee students study a broad-based curriculum that enables them to build a holistic understanding of global affairs.

Ban Ki-moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations, visits with Dean Najam and GDPC Director Gallagher before the inauguration of the Global Development Policy Center.
STUDY ABROAD

Education at the Pardee School is also truly global: 75 percent of our undergraduate population studies abroad before they graduate. BU’s study abroad programs are tailored to fit Pardee students’ needs, with more than 40 programs across six continents offering courses and internships that count as credit towards their degree.

In addition, the Pardee School offers a range of quality study abroad options for Master’s candidates. Students can further their global knowledge in Geneva, Brussels, and London.

Pardee students study abroad on an alternative spring break, *Experiencing Cuba: History, Culture and Politics.*

Every spring, Pardee School graduate students travel to Washington D.C. to meet with policy makers and practitioners of international affairs. Trips have included visits to the Department of State, U.S. Congress, U.S. Institute of Peace, and World Bank.

LANGUAGES

Boston University offers its students many resources to attain proficiency in a foreign language. Students are required to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language before graduating from their program. Boston University proudly offers instruction in these languages.
Harrison Meyer (Pardee ’17)

Fulbright U.S. Student Program Award Recipient
“My professors inspired me to research more and ask deeper questions. They taught me to question my assumptions and to work hard trying new things.”

Raina Kadavil (Pardee ’19)

William R. Keylor Undergraduate Student Travel Fund Recipient
“The Pardee School brought life to all of the world’s issues that I care about most, from the climate crisis to the refugee crisis. Pardee has given me an incredibly passionate and creative incubator within which to grow and has certainly shaped me as a global citizen.”

Akash Chopra (Pardee ’20)

Pardee School Dean’s Ambassador
“I joined Pardee for the quality of the diverse community and the overwhelming amount of opportunities. Pardee has given me the chance to explore and grow through an array of leadership roles complemented with an amazing staff of professors.”

Lindsey Burik (Pardee ’04)

Managing Director and Head of Electronic Trading for the Americas and EU at Mizuho
“I found the Pardee School to be one of the more diverse student bodies on campus, giving rise to interesting discussion and learning opportunities.”

Christine Salerno (Pardee ’95)

Global Head of Corporate Responsibility for Marsh and McLennan Companies
“Studying international relations has given me the perspective to see things at both a macro and a micro level. The programs and policies I create — they have to resonate globally.”

Andrew McCarthy (Pardee ’06)

Director at Deloitte Singapore, Pardee School Dean’s Advisory Board
“My Pardee education afforded remarkable intellectual conditioning. From politics to philosophy to economics, the Pardee curriculum is designed to arm its students with the knowledge and tools they need to be successful.”

Modern Languages at BU:

Amharic  Arabic  Chinese  French
German   Greek   Hausa   Hebrew
Hindi-Urdu Igbo    Italian   Japanese
Korean    Persian Portuguese Russian
Spanish   Swahili  Turkish  Twi
Wolof     Xhosa   Zulu
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Welcome to the Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies.

In 2014, the Pardee School opened its doors, carrying with us a century-old tradition of global studies at Boston University. We have always thought of ourselves as the school for making the world a better place, and with a community of roughly 10,000 illustrious alumni working across industries and around the globe, we take that task to heart.

There is no dearth of ambition among our faculty, staff, and students. No matter the field of focus — international health, economics and development, diplomacy, foreign policy, human rights, security, or climate change — we prepare our students to tackle pressing issues that are global in scope.

We encourage you to engage with us. Explore our website to see what classes are offered, what research is being conducted and what our students are doing; visit Boston University’s website to see all the opportunities available to our students; and follow us on social media to join the conversation and become a part of our global community.

What we seek for the global future is no less than peace that lasts, development that works, and knowledge that transforms. If you think that’s a future worth working for, come join us at the Pardee School.

Dean Adil Najam