

IAS Course Descriptions

1303 Introduction to Latin American Studies. Examines the recent history of Latin American societies from a multi-disciplinary standpoint. Traces the political and economic development of the region, from the Cuban revolution to the present. Readings include works from the disciplines of history, sociology, political science, journalism, and anthropology. (Sp) [IV-WC]

2003 Understanding the Global Community. The world today is an interdependent global community that requires an awareness of international politics and economics. This course seeks to enhance our understanding of the global community because of the impact of international relations on our lives and the lives of others around the world. (F, Sp) [III-SS]

2413 Islam. Survey of Islamic history and theology in the Near East, North Africa, and Asia from the advent of the prophet to the modern period. (Irreg.) [IV-NW]

2603 Governments Around the World (Crosslisted with Political Science 2603). Prerequisite: 1113. Gateway course in political science and international and area studies. Provides an introduction to the varieties of politics and governmental systems around the world. Students will develop skills in comparative analysis to understand why countries have distinct types of government. (F) [IV-WC]

3000 Special Topics in International and Area Studies. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit six hours. Special topics are courses of variable credit, typically one or two credit hours that examine international or global issues. An example would be an intensive short course taught by a visiting scholar. (Irreg.)

3003 Topics in International and Area Studies. Prerequisite: junior standing. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 15 hours. A maximum of nine hours may be applied to the major. An examination of several selected topics in international and area studies. (Irreg.)

3013 International Law. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines international law. Broad issues include the different sources of international law, the relationship between international law and states, individuals and other international actors, the content of international law as it pertains to different issues areas, and how these bodies of law generally affect international relations. (Irreg.) [IV-WC]

3023 Genocide. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Addresses the historical, legal, and political facets of the concept of genocide. Acquaints the student with the problem of large-scale killings in human history, the political developments that culminated in the genocides convention of 1948, the international-legal nuances of genocide, and recent instances of genocide. Special emphasis in this course is placed on the United States' response to genocide. (Irreg.) [IV-WC]

3033 International Human Rights. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the increasingly complex body of substantive law and political practices related to the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in international law and politics. Explores major international and regional systems of enforcement, and the growing role of human rights in domestic politics and international relations. (Irreg.)

3043 Global Security. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines some of the major security challenges confronting the United States and the international community in the 21st century, and how these challenges differ from our expectations of conflict — major, minor, inter-state, and intra-state — in recent decades. (Irreg.) [IV-WC]

3113 Gender in East Asia. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. The history of women and gender in China, Japan, Korea from 1800 to the present. Will also examine how the philosophies of Buddhism and Confucianism help determine gender and social relationships. (Sp)

3123 Environmental Challenges in Asia. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the history of the relationship between China and its natural environment; the various ways that the environment has affected history, society, and government; and how these circumstances are relevant to the broader world. By looking at several case studies concerning extinction, economy, natural resources, famine, and pollution, the environmental history of China will be explored. (Irreg.) [IV-NWC]

3133 Ethnic Identity and Conflict in Asia. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the ways ethnicity has been perceived in China during ancient, imperial, modern, and contemporary periods. Explores related concepts of race, ethnicity, and identity, as well as policies derived from these notions. (Irreg.) [IV-NWC]

3143 Chinese Politics. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Provides a comprehensive introduction to Chinese politics. Examines China's revolutionary heritage, state-market-society relations in China today, and explores China's new nationalism and prospects for democratization. (Irreg.) [IV-NWC]

3153 Chinese Foreign Policy. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Provides a comprehensive introduction to Chinese foreign policy. Examines several key issues and concepts, including China's external relations prior to "Liberation" in 1949, international relations theory, the history of the PRC's foreign relations, and vital foreign policy issues confronting China in the 21st century. (Irreg.) [IV-NWC]

3213 European Union, NATO, and European Security. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. This course explores changes in security and foreign policy issues in eastern Europe. Specifically, it examines the enlargement of the European Union, expansion of NATO and the development of the European security and defense policy. (Irreg.)

3313 Latin American International Relations. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines international relations of Latin America in an interdisciplinary fashion. International relations is broadly defined in this course, and includes economic and cultural aspects as well. (Irreg.) [IV-WC]

3323 The Political Economy of Development. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the relationship between politics and economics in less developed countries. Reviews the history of economic theories of development and also examines the economic effects of inward looking trade policies and political stability in Latin America and India, as well as the political economy of recent reforms in both areas. (Irreg.)

3423 Politics and Society in Iraq. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. This course explains the historical, political, social, and economic background of current events in Iraq. The course borrows from political science, history, anthropology, and economics in its analysis. Students will be prepared to better comprehend the complexity of politics and society in this important Middle Eastern Country. (Irreg.)

3433 International Relations in the Middle East. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course examines the major wars of the region beginning with the First World War and ending with the US invasion of Iraq. The course covers the Arab-Israeli conflict, the cold war, and the contest for control of the Persian gulf and oil markets. It also investigates the role of the great powers as well as the major Middle Eastern states in shaping international relations in the region over the past century. (Irreg.) [IV-NWC]

3443 Political Islam. Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the Muslim brotherhood since its founding in 1928, its radicalization under Sayyid Qutb, and the many groups that look to it for inspiration. Covers Al-Qaida, Hizbullah, and Hamas, the tensions between Shiites and Sunnis, and how some Middle Eastern countries have dealt with the growth of radical Islamic groups. (Irreg.)

3910 International Studies Internship. Prerequisite: 45 completed hours and a minimum of a 2.75 overall GPA. May be repeated; Maximum credit six hours. This course allows students to receive academic credit for internship work with an internationally oriented public or private organization. The award of academic credit for the internship requires an element of reflection, research, and writing about the work undertaken. This academic component can strongly enhance what is gained from the internship opportunity and improve a student's ability to articulate knowledgeably the requirements, benefits and lessons of work in the public or non-profit sector. (F, Sp, Su)

3960 Honors Reading. 1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program, permission of instructor and junior standing. May be repeated once with change of content. Independent study in international and area studies for students enrolled in the Honors Program. Will consist of topics not usually presented in regular courses. (F, Sp, Su)

3970 Honors Seminar. 3 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program. May be repeated once with change of content. Small group seminar on topics not covered by normal coursework. Restricted to students in the Honors Program. (Irreg.)

3980 Honors Research. 1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program, permission of instructor and junior standing. May be repeated once with change of content. Provide international and area studies students an opportunity to work on an international research project. (F, Sp, Su)

3990 Independent Study. 1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and junior standing. May be repeated once with change of content. Independent study may be arranged to study a subject not available through regular course offerings. (F, Sp, Su)

4013 Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies. Prerequisite: international and area studies major and senior standing. Devoted to analysis, research, writing, and synthesizing on one of several selected interdisciplinary topics in international and area studies. (F, Sp) [V]

G5213 Politics of the European Union. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines the historical process of European integration. Topics include the structure of the EU institution, the process of law making in the EU, the international role of the EU, the trans-Atlantic relationship. (F)

G5313 Mass Culture and Culture Industries in Modern Latin America. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines the complex process of modernization in Latin America: the emergence of commercial media and forging of mass cultures. Themes include the transformation of popular and elite cultures with the rise of modern media; the impact of state-led cultural projects; the changing social roles of intellectuals and other cultural producers; and the interaction of local, regional, and global media institutions. (Irreg.)

G5930 Seminar in International Studies. 1 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing and permission of instructor. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit nine hours. Analysis, research, and writing on one or several selected topics in international studies, international development, and/or international management. (Irreg.)

G5940 Topics in International Studies. 1 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit nine hours. Analysis of one or several selected topics in international studies, international development, and/or international management. (Irreg.)

G5950 Research Problems. 2 to 5 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit six hours. Directed research and writing on selected topics in international relations, international development, and international management. (F, Sp, Su)

G5960 Directed Readings. 1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Directed individual readings on selected topics in international relations; international development, and international management. (F, Sp, Su)

G5980 Research for Master's Thesis. 2 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and admission to M.A. in International Relations. May be repeated; maximum credit four hours. Directed individual research and writing on master's thesis. Student must be admitted to the M.A. in International Relations program. (F, Sp, Su)

G5981 Thesis Writers' Seminar. Prerequisite: admission to M.A. in International Relations. Provides guidance for work on the master's thesis and discusses problems of research design, assembling bibliography, identifying sources, and effective written presentation of research findings. Students will present a thesis prospectus, working bibliography, and chapters for comment. (Irreg.)