INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (IS)

IS 195 International Studies Freshman Seminar
3 credits
Introductory course recommended of all International Studies majors in their freshman year. Focuses on introducing interdisciplinary training in global, regional, and issue emphases through oral and written presentations. (Spring only)

IS 200 (s) Seminar
Credit arranged.

IS 203 (s) Workshop
Credit arranged.

IS 204 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged.

IS 225 International Environmental Issues Seminar
3 credits
*Gen Ed: International*
Cross-listed with ENVS 225.

Designed for individuals who have an interest in understanding environmental issues from a global perspective. The course focuses on various social and physical issues related to the environment and natural resources using human population dynamics as a backdrop. ENVS 101 recommended. (Spring only)

IS 298 (s) Internship
Credit arranged.

IS 299 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.

IS 310 The United Nations
3 credits
*Gen Ed: International*

Overview of principle UN agencies and current UN activities; emphasis on written and oral presentations through resolution and position paper writing, negotiations, and small group discussions. (Fall only)

Prereq: IS 310.

IS 320 Model United Nations
2 credits

Advanced preparation for IS 310 members selected to attend the National MUN Conference in New York; emphasis on a particular country and region through study of political, social, and economic indicators, policy goals, and bloc negotiations. (Spring only)

Prereq: IS 310.

IS 321 UN and Related Agencies
1 credit

Companion course to IS 320, this course permits students to further hone their knowledge of a particular UN or related agency through a combination of directed study and roundtable discussions.

Coreq: IS 320.

IS 322 International Environmental Organizations
3 credits

Overview of principle international environmental agencies and their current activities, with an emphasis on the UN Environment Programme and the organizations which oversee major environmental treaties.

IS 323 International Monetary and Trade Organizations
3 credits

Explores the interaction of countries and international economic/financial institutions, with focus on the political questions that arise from said interaction and organizational policies, the effect of and the conditions for cooperation in international trade and finance, and related legal questions from the treaties that govern this type of cooperation. Recommended Preparation: ECON 201 and POLS 237 or IS 310.

IS 325 The Contemporary Muslim World
3 credits
*Gen Ed: Social Science, International*

Focus on the states in the Organization of the Islamic Conference, with an emphasis on framing the region, social and popular questions, economic issues, and the global stage.

IS 326 Africa Today
3 credits
*Gen Ed: Social Science, International*

Focus on the states in Africa, with an emphasis on politics, economy and development, culture and society, and current issues.

IS 350 Sports and International Affairs
3 credits
*Gen Ed: Social Science, International*

Exploration of the relationship between sports and politics, nationalism, economics, society and culture as they play out in the international arena.

IS 370 African Community, Culture, and Music
1-3 credits
*Gen Ed: Humanities, International*

Focus on regional and/or national communities and cultures in Africa with an emphasis on musical traditions. Experience based including preparation in the US, field work in one or more African countries, and substantive evaluation after return.

IS 384 African Politics
3 credits
Cross-listed with POLS 384

Exploration of the politics of African countries, beginning with the historical roots of colonialism and decolonization, but concentrating on contemporary issues of state building, war and conflict, development, democratization, and international and regional relations.

IS 398 (s) Internship
Credit arranged.

IS 400 (s) Seminar
Credit arranged.

IS 403 (s) Workshop
Credit arranged.

IS 404 (s) Special Topics
Credit arranged.

IS 410 NGOs in the International System
3 credits

A comparative analysis of nongovernmental organization types, functions, strategies, funding mechanisms, accountability, challenges, and collaborations with other international organizations.
IS 441 International Protection of Human Rights
3 credits
Focus on the law and politics of international human rights, examining the various actors involved in the promotion of human rights around the globe, and exploring competing conceptions of human rights, whether human rights are universal, problems of enforcement, and the role of human rights in foreign policy.

IS 485 (s) Martin Scholars
3 credits
The Martin Scholars program considers a topic related to international conflict and the resolution thereof in a broad context, with specific topics mutually selected by a designated faculty member and the director of the Martin Institute. It serves a small group of students each fall term, with additional work carried out over the course of the ensuing spring term while the Martin Scholars produce masters-level research on that year’s specific topics.
Prereq: Departmental Permission.

IS 495 International Studies Senior Seminar
3 credits
Gen Ed: Senior Experience
Capstone course required of all International Studies majors in their senior year. Focuses on incorporating interdisciplinary training in global, regional, and issue emphases through oral and written presentations. (Spring only)
Prereq: Senior standing, International Studies major or Permission.

IS 497 Practicum in Instruction
2 credits
Tutoring and/or instructional services performed by advanced students under faculty supervision. (Spring only)
Prereq: IS 310, IS 320, and Permission.

IS 498 (s) Internship
Credit arranged.

IS 499 (s) Directed Study
Credit arranged.