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
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 440 (s) International Organizations and International Law
3 credits
Cross-listed with POLS 440
League of Nations, United Nations, and role of international law in international relations; the UN’s contribution to international security and economic and social development.

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: Department 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