SPRING 2021
International Studies
COURSES
This course presents the student with a multi-disciplinary analysis of the issues involved in the modern-day transformation of the Middle East.

Fulfills the GE Social Science & International Issues requirement.
Introduction to Development

Dr. Omar Keshk
TR 12:45 PM – 2:05 PM
Room  2040, Fontana Lab
Class Number:  19552
Credits:  3

This course introduces the beginning student to the field of development studies, and the improvement in human well-being.

Fulfills the GE Social Science & International Issues requirement.
Feast or Famine: The Global Business of Food

Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
TR 3:55 PM – 5:15 PM
Class Number: 19549
AEDE Class Number: 30638
Credits: 3

Is there enough food for everyone in the world? Are human numbers increasing faster or slower than food supplies? Where are people going hungry and why? Does globalization help people eat better, or does it create food insecurity? Questions and issues of this sort are addressed in this class.

Prerequisite: None. GEC social science and international issues course.
Introduction to Peace Studies

Dr. Robert Woyach

WF 9:35 AM – 10:55 AM
Room 301, Pomerene Hall
Class Number: 28254

WF 12:45 PM – 2:05 PM
Room 2133, Ohio Union
Class Number: 29413

This course provides a comprehensive overview of the quest for peace. It traces major issues in the field of peace studies and introduces a variety of strategies to achieve peace.

Fulfills the GE Social Science & International Issues requirement.

International Studies 2800
The analysis and display of data provides students with an introduction to the steps and methods involved in gathering, presenting, analyzing and interpreting data. Students will develop an understanding of how to critically evaluate the validity of statistical arguments, numerical and/or graphical.

This class fulfills the GE Data Analysis requirement.
This course provides an introduction to the question of human rights, its conceptual history, and its practice.
Introduction to Intelligence

Anita Bucknam
TR 2:20PM – 3:40PM
Room 301, Pomerene Hall
Class Number: 27650

Frank Stratman
MW 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
Class Number: 19554

Intelligence gathering and analysis is critical for the protection of our country in a time of uncertainty and multiple global threats. This class will provide students with a comprehensive introduction to the US Intelligence Community and to the wider field of intelligence in general.

Prerequisites: None.

International Studies 3700
Introduction to Homeland Security

This course provides students with a comprehensive overview of U.S. homeland security.

Prerequisites: none

Frank Stratman
TR 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM
Room 301, Pomerene Hall
Class Number: 19551

David Winn
MW 2:20 PM – 3:40 PM
Room 289, Student Academic Services Building
Class Number: 19550

International Studies 3701
International Studies 3702
Janet Stackpole
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
TR 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM
Class Number: 28243

Herding Cyber Cats: Information Security Management

This hands-on course will focus on information security governance tools and processes.

International Studies 3702
NEW COURSE FOR SP21!

Dr. Amy Gregg
The course is 100% online, however, there is a one day per week 80-minute required Zoom session to hold a class discussion on Thursdays from 2:20 PM - 3:40 PM.
Class Number: 35054

This course explores epidemics in the 19th-century, 20-century, and the 21st-century in East Asia, Africa, and The United States.

Comparative EPIDEMICS

Presented by the East Asian Studies Center and International Studies (image credits National Archives)
International Studies 4195  
Prof. Dorothy Noyes  
Hybrid Class Delivery  
W in class, F online class  
W 9:35 AM – 10:55 AM  
Room 180 Hagerty Hall  
F 9:35 AM – 10:55 AM  
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.  
Class Number: 33389

This class will be a tour across the countries and cultures of Europe.  

“Photo of the mas band Mahogany, Notting Hill Carnival, Carnival Exhibition Group Collection, The Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee Theatre Research Institute.”

New for Spring 2021!  
Belonging in EUROPE  

International Studies 4195
The primary theme of this course will be the challenges that democratic societies face when dealing with terrorism.
Dr. Ida Mirzaie
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
T R 2:20 PM – 3:40 PM
Class Number: 28226

This course intends to extend understanding of the economic issues facing Middle Eastern countries. Building upon basic principles of economics, this course seeks to introduce students to current economic issues from a regional standpoint to shed light on cross-regional similarities and differences.

Prerequisite: AED ECON 2001 or ECON 2001.
The primary objective is for you to understand how international trade theory and policy can aid business and trade policy decisions.

Prerequisite: AED Econ 2001, or Econ 2001, or permission of the instructor.
This course provides a broad introduction to the history of biological weapons and their current threat to national and global security.
This course addresses population growth and the challenges it poses – in particular, the challenge of providing everyone with an adequate diet while simultaneously conserving the natural resources on which agriculture and other economic activities depend.
Terror and terrorism have been prominent features of Western political culture since the French Revolution. For the most part, modern terrorism is of European origin, and the ideas, goals, and methods of European terrorists have inspired terrorists in non-Western nations. The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the ideology, motivation, and methods of numerous terrorist groups of the last two centuries in order to provide a basis for an understanding of contemporary terrorist organizations.
New for Spring 2021!

Case Studies in Information Security

Steven Romig
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
MW 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM
Class Number: 33381

The goal of this course is to provide students of Information Security with a more advanced understanding of the background, terminology, and concepts of Information Security.
Globalization & Latin America

Prof. Ana Del Sarto
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
WF 12:45 PM – 2:05 PM
Class Number: 28476

This course explores some of the current debates on globalization in Latin America and recent and interrelated transformations in the economies, politics, and cultures of the region. Three specific “problems” will be examined from several disciplinary perspectives: drugs and drug trafficking, the supposed dissolution of the nation-state, and the rise of indigenous movements. Students will be encouraged to address topics relevant to their major(s) in an interdisciplinary manner. The course is designed around a series of lectures by experts in their fields. This course is cross-listed with Spanish, but is taught in English.

Prerequisites: Sophomore Standing or Higher.
Contemporary Issues in the Middle East

Dr. Alam Payind
Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
TR 11:10 AM – 12:30 PM
Class Number: 26657
NELC Class Number: 23738

This course has developed out of the consensus among Middle East experts that a proper understanding of recent events in the Middle East requires more than a casual or narrowly-focused knowledge of the cultural, social, historical, economic, religious and political background of these events. This course will provide students with an opportunity to study, through an in-depth interdisciplinary approach, one of the world’s most complex yet important regions which, except for its crises, is virtually ignored in the news media of most Western countries. This course will seek to illuminate the host of factors underlying contemporary issues in the Middle East and in some North African and Central Asian countries. The first 15 minutes of each session will be devoted to discussions and analyses of daily developments in Middle Eastern countries.

Prerequisite: INTSTD 2200 or Junior Standing.
REBUILDING Failed & Weak States

Scott Smitson

Online Synchronous, students attend online during class time.
TR 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM
Course Number:  26665
PUBAFRS Course Number:  5753

This course tackles the question of how to design policies and programs to rebuild failed and weak nation states into functioning, if not vibrant, democracies. In pursuit of this end, we will examine the causes of nation state failure, the trajectories or pathways to and from failure, and the ingredients purported to contribute to the consolidation of democracy. In addition, we will critically assess the policies and programs of international actors intent upon aiding the transition to democracy. In particular, we will examine the programmatic efforts of one of the primary development organs – the U.S. Agency for International Development – in three settings: Ukraine, Rwanda and Iraq. We will assess USAID’s current complement of programs in each of these three settings and make informed judgments about whether they should be expanded, changed, or abolished. Ultimately, we will examine whether attempting to rebuild failed and weak nation states is an activity worthy of undertaking at all. Maybe weak states should be allowed to fail.

Prerequisites: Sophomore Standing or Permission of Instructor.
Today's US Intelligence Community faces many controversial issues while trying to deal with the multiple global threats that face the US. In this class we will discuss, in depth, such issues as the role of Intelligence Community activities within the US; the appropriate level of legal constraints on intelligence activities; and the uses, and misuses, policymakers make of intelligence.

Prerequisite: International Studies 3700, or permission of department. Embedded Honors section.