

Master of Arts in International Studies

Fall 2009 Courses

Edwards Campus

INTL 701 (33323): Approaches to International Studies, Professor Gary Reich
Wednesdays 6:00-8:30pm, 150 Regnier

This course examines approaches to the study of culture, politics, and society as applied in international studies research. Substantive and disciplinary content vary by instructor, but typically include such topics as economic development, ethnicity, religion, democratization, peace and conflict issues, and cultural studies. The study of these topics is accompanied by discussions of the principles of theory development, proper research design, choosing a research topic, construction of literature reviews, and the use of library resources in international studies research. This course is required for the degree.

INTL 703 (44726): The Global Economy, Professor Lynn Ground
Thursdays 7:10-10:00pm, 356 Regnier

An introduction to international trade and finance, theories of economic development, and international economic structures; case studies in international business and economic policy. For fall 2009, the course will have a focus on developing countries.

INTL 750 (44865): Contemporary Issues of Peace, Conflict, and Development in the Balkans and the Caucasus: Legacies of Colliding Civilizations, Dr. Bob Baumann
Mondays, 6:30-9:30pm, 152 Regnier

Situated on opposing flanks of the Black sea, the Balkans and Caucasus regions have much in common as zones of cultural, ethnic and strategic conflict. Both are regions of extraordinarily diverse peoples and cultures situated along and among major mountain ranges that constituted historical frontier zones between clashing empires and religions. Today both regions are part of a geopolitical belt of instability extending across southeastern Europe and Eurasia. This course will review the origins of tension and conflict in both areas, examine attempts to weld together functioning states, and survey attempts of the international community to shape events in these regions, whether by military, diplomatic, or economic means. Particular attention will be paid to the political crises attending the dissolution of Yugoslavia as well as the conflicts between Russia and Georgia, and Armenia and Azerbaijan. Topics of thematic focus will include sovereignty, national identity, development, conflicts, and the role of international organizations.

EURS 511 (39307): Berlin in German Culture with Professor Rex Clark
Tuesdays 4:10-7:00pm, 251 Regnier

HIST 583 (44345): Imperial China, Professor Yang Lu
Mondays and Wednesdays 5:45-7:00pm, 100 Regents Center

**HIST 589 (44345): Japan since 1945, Professor Bill Tsutsui
Tuesdays 7:10-10:00pm, 108 Regents Center**

Note: This is a videoconference course so it is offered on both the Edwards and Lawrence campuses.

SOC 650 (38773): Sociology of Transnational Migration, Professor Ebenezer Obadare. Mondays 4:10-7:00pm, 254 Regnier

PUAD 852 (43846): Comparative Public Administration, Professor Holly Goerdel. Tuesdays, 7:10-10:00pm, 256 Regnier

Public administration can be broadly described as the development, implementation and study of government policy. The pursuit of the public good by enhancing civil society and social justice is the ultimate goal of the field. This course investigates issues of public management, public policy and governmental administration in international contexts. We will make public administration and policy comparisons mostly between and within jurisdictions, whether countries, counties, regions, or cities. Topics covered include:

--*Public Administration and Societal Development*: This mainly covers the area of developmental public administration -- from the bureaucratic legacies left by Iran, India, China and South American ancient civilizations to the role public administration plays in negotiating contemporary social outcomes, such as social justice, equity in public-goods provision, etc.

--*Public Administration and Regime Fluctuations*: This portion will explore the role of public administration and management in facilitating, enabling, or undercutting revolutionary movements (Cuba and Iran) and transitions to democracy (former Soviet bloc and Latin America). It also covers what public administration looks like in a socialist context.

--*Administrative Reform in Comparative Context*: In this section, we will compare public-administrative systems, ethics and accountability regimes, collaborative governance mechanisms, and more across jurisdictional space, sometimes different countries, sometimes urban cities, sometimes translocally.

--*Comparing Public Policies*: Students will learn how to compare public policies across both developed and developing jurisdictional space. Policy areas include (but are not limited to) urban policy, security and intelligence governance, environmental policy and other policy areas of interest to students in the class.

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