

Global & International Studies Graduate Courses

Spring 2014

GIST 702: Globalization (64186)

Professor Darlene Budd

Tuesdays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

151 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

While the industrialized world benefits significantly (to a greater extent than the majority of the world's population) from globalization, there is a growing illicit, secondary economy that is becoming increasingly difficult to monitor, legislate, and control. The focus of this course is on the factors of globalization that have created opportunities for individuals, corporations, and governments to utilize technology, communication, and transportation to engage in illegal activities for financial gain. The "five wars of globalization" that we as a global community are forced to fight (with varying levels of success/failure) are the illegal trade in intellectual property, money laundering, arms, drugs, and people. During the course, we will analyze each of these economic wars in depth.

This course is required for all students in the Global & International Studies MA program.

GIST 750: Thesis Writing (69175)

Professor Erin Adamson

Wednesdays 6:10-9:00 p.m.

354 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

Master's GIST students are accustomed to learning content in international studies and have conducted independent research, but they must still clearly communicate their research to a multi-disciplinary audience to write a successful master's thesis. This course moves students through the process of writing all the chapters of their thesis or project—the introduction, literature review, research methods, analysis, and discussion—in one semester. The course provides writing guidelines to strengthen academic prose, better understand the discourse of academia and professional settings, and organize the data and discussion of findings. In order to meet these objectives, enrolling students must have previously received approval from their advisor for their thesis proposal and written a draft of the literature review chapter. Throughout the semester, students will submit chapter drafts to both the instructor and the thesis advisor and will create a thesis defense plan with the advisor. By the end of the semester, students should have a draft of the thesis or project ready to submit to their academic committee for defense.

This optional course is meant to replace three hours of GIST 899: Thesis credit for current students in their last semester of thesis writing.



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GIST 750: Intervention & Peacekeeping (62796)

Professor Robert Baumann

Thursdays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

254 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

Modern Dimensions of Conflict and Conflict Resolution from Terror and Ethnic Cleansing to Diplomacy, War, and Peace Enforcement: This course will introduce students to the complexity of conflict and conflict resolution since the end of the Cold War, paying particular attention to the efforts of the international community to come to grips with genocide, failed states, and terror. This course begins with a paradox: although the Cold War brought our modern world as close to total destruction as it has ever come, it came to be remembered almost fondly by many who lived through it by virtue of its seeming moral clarity and predictability. During that time, two massively armed and mutually opposed systems of states dominated international affairs. Then, with the dissolution of the USSR and the collapse of the Berlin Wall, a brief euphoria ensued. However, international institutions were poorly prepared to deal with the civil wars, disintegrating states, clashing legal and moral imperatives, and human disasters that would characterize the 1990s and the new century. Moreover, the costs and challenges of intervention seem more problematic than ever, forcing political leaders to make tough choices and seek consensus before acting. By design, the readings for this course reflect the views of soldiers, diplomats, journalists, and scholars. The early lessons address the spectrum of modern conflict and the mechanisms of the international community, such as the United Nations or NATO, to create or enforce peace through the controlled application of violence or the threat thereof. Subsequent meetings will then consider a series of revealing case studies that reflect the intricate interaction of ideologies, cultures and institutions that shape contemporary conflict. This course will focus on a series of recent conflicts and interventions including the cases of Cambodia, Rwanda, Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Libya, and Syria.

GIST 750: Sociology of the Middle East (TBA)

Professor Elif Andac

Tuesdays 4:00-7:00 p.m.

150 Regnier Hall, Edwards Campus

The sociological analysis of social, historical, and contemporary issues pertaining to the Middle East and to relations between the Middle East and other regions of the world. We use sociological theoretical perspectives to address such topics as nationalism and identity; religion, race, and ethnicity; gender; socioeconomic development; and sociopolitical and economic relations with the United States.



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GIST 750: Rising Tensions in East Asia (67048)

Professor Hal Wert

Mondays 7:10-10:00 p.m.

154 Regnier Hall

China, Japan, and Rising Tensions in the Far East: This course will trace the development of the China/Japan rivalry since the mid-19th Century. Special emphasis will be placed on China as it flexes its emerging economic and political muscle in the areas just outside its borders. Tensions have dramatically increased as China, Japan, Taiwan, the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and Vietnam all lay claims to the Spratly Islands. Japan and China also contend over a small group of islands in the East China Sea. A part of the reason is off-shore oil, but other factors include access to the South China Sea and national pride. China's diplomatic problems also include the status of Taiwan, the difficulties with North Korea, the ongoing problems surrounding Tibet, and China's border disputes with India. Ethnic troubles in Zhenjiang amongst the Uighur population and other areas of ethnic and economic unrest abound. Anti-government demonstrations occur daily. Coupled with these problems is a large increase in Chinese military power and a stronger voice for the military in Chinese policy decisions. What these rising dangers pose for the Far East and for the United States is the focus of this course. In this reading/discussion class, you will be expected to do an in-class presentation on parts of assigned books and articles and produce a research paper. The paper may be the beginning of your thesis.

