# International Studies

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## Courses

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IS:2600 Muslim Minorities in the West 3-4 s.h.
Introduction to lives of Muslim immigrants in the USA, France, Germany, and England; taught in English. GE: Values and Culture. Same as GRMN:2655.

IS:2700 Introduction to Latin American Studies 3 s.h.
Cultures of Latin American countries with emphasis on cultural history and cultural production; interdisciplinary survey. Taught in English. Same as COMM:2800, LAS:2700, PORT:2700, SPAN:2700.

IS:3009 International Perspectives: Xicotepec 2-3 s.h.
Introduction to provision of service to a community in a less-developed country; development of discipline-specific projects aimed at improving community life in Xicotepec, Mexico in collaboration with Rotary International; cultural and professional preparation for teamwork in an international environment; service-learning course requiring travel to Xicotepec, Mexico during spring break.

IS:3010 Designing an International Studies Project 3 s.h.
How to do research related to international and global topics; preparation for a local or international project which addresses international issues in a systematic way. Requirements: junior or higher standing.

IS:3011 Global Research: Strategies and Skills 1 s.h.
Skill development in international research; academic projects; work with research librarian; activity-based introduction to article, statistical, and governmental databases; research and popular materials; information discovery process (tools and search strategies); enhancement of critical thinking skills. Same as GHS:3011, ULIB:3011.

IS:3012 Service Learning in International Studies 3 s.h.
Internationally focused service learning in local communities.

IS:3020 Writing Projects in International Studies 0-3 s.h.
Writing project completed with the supervision of an approved faculty mentor.

IS:3116 Media and Global Cultures 3 s.h.
Communication as a vital component for any effort to create social change; necessary communication to reach out to target audiences—people and communities in need—from campaigns persuading communities to change knowledge, attitudes, and practices to aiding other development efforts in areas of health, education, rural development, or sustainable agricultural practices; importance of communication as an integral part to any effort aimed at creating large-scale social change. Same as JMC:3116.

IS:3142 Social Media for Social Change 3 s.h.
Individuals and groups use social media to organize, collaborate, and spread their messages to local and global audiences; students explore the myriad ways that people and organizations use social media as tools for civic engagement, activism, and political participation; drawing on a broad range of international and national cases, students examine unfolding social movements from early internet activism to the present. Same as JMC:3142.

IS:3190 Global Debt 3 s.h.
Economies as cultural systems that emphasize the role of worldview and "meaning-making" in organizing economies; debt as a key mechanism in creation and maintenance of relationships; focus on how exchange, distribution, and obligation serve to shore up or sever various social institutions and links between debt, inequality, and power; debt in various forms, from a round of drinks to student loans, and from the U.S. mortgage crisis to development aid; diverse array of economies—from gift exchange to ceremonial destruction of wealth, and from Melanesia to Wall Street—to evaluate assumptions that undergird different systems of debt and credit. Requirements: introductory course in anthropology or international studies or gender, women's, and sexuality studies. Same as ANTH:3190, SJUS:3190.

IS:3199 Global Environmental Politics 3 s.h.
Survey of major environmental crises and conflict between environmental groups and their detractors; climate change, global warming, loss of biodiversity, pollution, toxins, nuclear power, deforestation.

IS:3200 Sustainable Development 3 s.h.
Overview of development theory and debate; increasing role of China and other new players in development funding and projects; development-oriented projects, career paths.

IS:3350 Transnational Feminism 3 s.h.
Exploration of feminist perspectives from the United States and outside of the United States; how geopolitics shapes understanding of familiar feminist issues (e.g., reproduction, cultural practices, sexualities, poverty); emphasis on global south regions and populations. Same as ANTH:3125, GWSS:3350.

IS:3355 Understanding Health and Disease in Africa 3 s.h.
Cultural, historical, and political framework for the delivery of health care services in African nations. Recommendations: junior or higher standing. Same as GHS:3555, HIST:3755.

IS:3560 Global Food Migrations 3 s.h.
Understanding how food influences, and is influenced by, social, political, and cultural factors.

IS:3565 Global Perspectives on Negotiation, Persuasion, and Communication 3 s.h.
Cross-cultural approach to preparation for negotiation; exploration of how culture simultaneously enhances and complicates persuasive interactions at the individual, organizational, and global levels; evaluation and improvement of negotiation and cross-cultural communication skills through experiential in-class exercises.

IS:3600 Development in a Global Context I: Preparing for an Internship in Health, Gender, and Environment 2 s.h.
Students work with a UI faculty mentor to articulate an international development project and apply to an international development organization for an internship; students are matched to an organization/project and begin preparation for their internship by communicating with onsite mentor/supervisor.

IS:3700 Development in a Global Context II: Reflections on Real World Interventions 1 s.h.
Students produce a research paper analyzing their personal internship in an international development program.
IS:3745 Islam in Africa 4 s.h.
African Islamic history beginning with earliest Muslim migrants from Arabia to Ethiopia in early 7th century C.E. to dawn of 21st century; focus on historical development of Islam on African continent, specific regions, and particular themes; part of Islamic Studies Virtual Curriculum and Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) CourseShare Program. Same as HIST:3745, RELS:3845.

IS:3855 Human Rights and Islam 3 s.h.
Human rights in religious and secular discourse, seventh century to present; Islamic law, human rights law, religion, politics. GE: International and Global Issues. Same as RELS:3855.

IS:3905 Topics in Human Rights 1-3 s.h.
Examination of emerging human rights issues from an interdisciplinary and international perspective. Same as HRTS:3905.

IS:3910 Human Rights Advocacy 3 s.h.
Theoretical foundations and critical issues for international human rights advocacy and international humanitarian movements. Same as HRTS:3910.

IS:3990 Independent Study in International Studies arr.
Research on a topic of international significance.
Requirements: international studies major.

IS:4131 Globalization and Culture 3 s.h.

IS:4990 International Studies Senior Project 3 s.h.
Prerequisites: IS:3010. Requirements: international studies major.

IS:4991 Honors Thesis in International Studies 3 s.h.
Prerequisites: IS:3010. Requirements: international studies major.

IS:4999 International Experience 0 s.h.
Engagement in international experiences. Same as GHS:4999.