

KU International Studies Program
Fall 2008 Course Information
Classes begin Thursday, August 21

Edwards Campus

INTL 701 (class # 35432): Approaches to International Studies; Dr. Gary Reich
Thursdays, 6:00-8:30pm

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 MAIS degree.

INTL 705 (class # 44674): Globalization in History; Dr. Hal Wert
Wednesdays, 7:00-9:40pm

A study of the increasing interaction among world societies since 1500 and an investigation of the long-term developments behind current world problems. Major topics include Western expansion since 1500, the spread of state sovereignty, the formation of a world economy, and the spread of international institutions. Current issues will vary but may include environmental crises, human rights, migration, free trade and the spread of consumer culture, ethnicity and nationalism, and international intervention within states. Please note: INTL 702, Globalization, is a required course for the MAIS degree; INTL 705 is not. While there are some commonalities between INTL 702 and INTL 705, generally students find 705 to be complementary rather than repetitive with 702 as 702 has a contemporary sociological approach while 705 is historical.

INTL 750 (class # 43315): Islamic Fundamentalism; Dr. Rose Greaves
Tuesdays, 6:00-8:50pm

This course surveys the long history of Islam to put Islamic Fundamentalism in historical context, beginning with a look at the Arabian peninsula before Islam, the death of Muhammad, and the consequences that follow; this is the beginning of the Shia (partisans of Ali)/Sunni split. As the course progresses, we will study the teachings of such groups as the Hanbali school, the writings and sermons of Ibn Tamiyyah, and the decision in 1501 of the Safavid dynasty in Persia to make the Shia teachings the national religion of that kingdom. Of critical importance is the mid-18th century alliance between the Wahhabi religious movement and the Saudi family, an alliance which continues to the present.

We will briefly review the Salafi ideology that became prominent in the 19th century and then move into more recent history, emphasizing the 20th century founding of the Muslim Brotherhood under the leadership of Hasan al Banna. The widely read book written by one of his disciples, Sayyid Qutb, is a required text for the course. We will cover the critically important 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran (known as Persia until 1935) as well as the post-1979 major new forces of Hezbollah, Hamas, and Al Qaida. We will then close with the resurgence of the Taliban in the tribal territories of Pakistan.

INTL 750 (class # 44691): Making War and Peace; Dr. Robert Baumann
Mondays, 6:30-9:20pm

Dr. Baumann is the Director of Graduate Programs at the Command General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. This course will introduce students to the variety and complexity of conflict

and conflict resolution since the end of the Cold War. 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 is now remembered almost fondly by many who lived through it by virtue of its seeming moral clarity. During that time, two massively armed and mutually opposed systems of states dominated international affairs. At least in the eyes of the two great superpowers, the United States and the Soviet Union, all other international questions were somehow subordinate to this fundamental struggle. Priorities were relatively certain. Then, with the dissolution of the USSR and the collapse of the Berlin Wall, a brief euphoria ensued, leading many to place their faith in a newer, better world order. Having avoided Armageddon, few anticipated the instability to come. However, the 1990s featured disorder, confusion of purpose, asymmetric warfare, disintegrating states, perplexing moral contradiction and human disasters of astonishing proportions.

Students in this course will examine these developments from diverging yet crucial perspectives. 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, 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. In particular, this course will focus on seven recent conflicts that involved one or more episodes of international intervention: Cambodia, Iraq, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

**POLS 689 (class # 43583): International Human Rights; Dr. Mariya Omelicheva
Tuesdays, 7:10-10:00pm**

Since the end of World War II, the world has evidenced the growth of liberal principles and rising support for human rights. Yet, the increasing professions of international morality have not been matched by a reduction of power struggles, improvements in human condition, and unwavering commitment to human rights. The promotion and protection of human rights remains one of the primary issues in world politics. This seminar is designed to systematically examine this issue. It delves into the questions about the nature, approaches, and tensions in the contemporary international human rights. The specific goals of this course will be:

- To explore the growing importance and complexity of human rights issues in global politics and multiplicity of perspectives that can be used for their analysis, assessment, and resolution;
- To assist student in recognizing the interconnectedness of human rights with other aspects of world politics;
- To promote awareness and understanding of the tensions that characterize the relationship between state sovereignty and human rights and how this conflict transpires in the major human rights problems.

Among the specific topics that will be discussed in the class are: the philosophical foundations of human rights; debates surrounding the concept of human rights in world politics; primary theoretical approaches to international human rights; the existing and emerging frameworks of international human rights norms, regimes, and institutions; legal, political and military efforts to enforce human rights principles at the national, regional and international levels; practical challenges to human rights within the global political economy; and others.

Lawrence

Note: As there are so many courses offered on the Lawrence campus that are potentially of interest to students in International Studies, this list includes primarily courses that meet once per week later in the day and are thus possibilities for more of our students who work full time. Those students with more flexibility in their schedules should visit www.opensections.ku.edu and view the complete graduate course offerings in each department of interest.

ANTH 673 (class # 43907): Neoliberalism & Globalization; Dr. Jane Gibson
Tuesdays, 1:00-3:30pm

ANTH 775 (class # 34742) Seminar in: Anthropology of Insurgency; Dr. Felix Moos
Mondays, 2:00-4:30pm

EALC 790 (class # 43744) Topics in East Asian Language & Culture: War and Memory
Dr. Michael Baskett; Wednesdays, 6:30-10:00pm

HIST 806 (class # 34208): Studies in World Environmentalism; Dr. Gregory Cushman
Thursdays, 4:00-6:20pm

HIST 975 (class # 44147): History of US Foreign Relations; Dr. Sheyda Jahanbani
Tuesdays, 7:00-9:20pm

POLS 789 (class # 43585) Topics in International Relations: Critical Security Studies
Dr. Brent Steele; Fridays, 1:00-3:50pm

POLS 850 (class # 25320): Introduction to Comparative Politics; Dr. Ronald Francisco
Fridays, 1:00-3:50pm

POLS 870 (class # 25322): International Relations; Dr. Juliet Kaarbo
Wednesdays, 1:00-3:50pm