

Summer Quarter 2014 descriptions

Summer Session I: 16 June- 11 July 2014 (4 weeks)

INTS 1500 - Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy (Specialization: CORE)

Introduction to a range of pressing problems and debates in today's global economy, such as global economy, global markets, and the global commons. Students will have a good understanding of the policy challenges posed by global economic integration and of the theoretical frameworks for understanding the functioning of the global economy.

NOTE: This section is ONLINE.

INTS 3701 – Topics: Urban Farming (*Specialization(s)*: Global Political Economy and International Politics; International Development and Health)

This course is designed to introduce students to the complex issues surrounding the urban farming movement and to give students hands-on experience in an urban farming setting. Grounded in ideas of “food sovereignty,” “sustainable development” and “de-globalization,” urban farming is becoming a key approach in both developed and developing countries to combating problems of food insecurity, hunger, malnourishment and obesity, import-dependence, urban unemployment, climate change and environmental degradation, among others. In this course students will gain exposure to the various concerns and problems with the global food system that have led to calls for an enhanced focus on local, urban food production. Students will also compare and contrast different models of urban farming being employed in locales as diverse as Havana, Cuba, Nairobi, Kenya and Denver, Colorado. Students further have the opportunity to participate in several site visits of urban farms here in Denver. The site visits are designed to solidify the student's understanding of the values and priorities embedded in urban farming initiatives, allow for more substantive comparison of urban farming models, and enable us to get our hands dirty and actually do some farming.

INTS 3702 – Topics: Participatory Development in Practice and Politics: Local Voices and Knowledge (*Specialization(s)*: International Development and Health)

Who gets to say how development projects are created and implemented? In international development, this privilege traditionally goes to government authorities and specialists in international organizations who plan and implement what they think is best for a community. That practice is changing. This course engages students with the changing nature of development theory and practice in the 2000s related to participatory development. Beyond the classroom, we will meet with development organizations and leaders in the Denver area to understand and experience the practice of participatory development first-hand. We will tour the Posner Center for International Development, hear from guest lecturers who are engaged in the Denver and international Community, and attend a local City Council Meeting.

Summer Session II: 21 July - 14 August 2014 (4 weeks)

INTS 1700 - Introduction to International Politics (Specialization: CORE)

Central concepts and major theories that assist in organizing an understanding of international politics including balance of power, international organizations, foreign policy decision making, and conflict theory; application to current topics.

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INTS 3703 - Topics: State and Society in Global Mountain Regions (*Specialization(s)*: Global Political Economy and International Politics; International Development and Health; International Organizations, Security and Human Rights)

The world's mountainous regions are increasingly under stress from climate change, the global hunt for precious resources from timber to gold, and as mountainous states consolidate porous borders and territorial control. Their inhabitants, meanwhile, are frequently socially marginalized communities who suffer disproportionately from economic displacement, weak health indicators, and even violent conflict. This course first surveys the peculiarities of state-society relations in the world's mountainous regions, with particular attention to: regional security (including inter-governmental relations to govern human and drug trafficking through mountainous borders), human security (with special attention to the relationship between conflict and mountainous regions, local governance and state service delivery) and economic development (with a special focus on the tensions between sustainability, resort-based tourism and large-scale resource extraction). This last theme will be explored more deeply as we venture into our own Rocky Mountain foothills to meet with local leaders in several small communities confronting these same conundrums closer to home. This course is scheduled to meet T and Thursday for 4 hours, though at least once we will meet for one long class, instead of two, in order to meet in a nearby mountain community.

INTS 3705 - Topics: Women, War and Peace (*Specialization(s)*: International Organizations, Security and Human Rights)

If men make war, do women make peace? Traditionally, men fight while women play supportive roles in war. Men become heroes, while women become victims, and heroes negotiate peace. Modern warfare challenges these stereotypes. Come explore these issues as we examine the ways in which political violence affects men and women differently. Areas explored include: Northern Ireland, South Africa, Syria, Kashmir, Bosnia and more.

Full Summer Session: 16 June - 14 August 2014 (9 weeks)

INTS 2370 - Global Political Economy (Specialization(s): Global Political Economy and International Politics)

This course provides theoretical discourse on the political and economic dynamics of markets and governments, the changing economic and political role of the U.S. in the international arena and the post-Cold War trend towards globalization while focusing on the tension between national security and the global economy.

NOTE: "Culture, Society and International Politics" is a specialization available only to majors that entered DU prior to Fall Quarter 2011 (AY 2011-12).