



Summer Quarter 2015 descriptions

Summer Session I: 15 June- 10 July 2015 (4 weeks)

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

NOTE: This section is offered ONLINE.

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.

INTS 2701 - Topics: Development in Global Mountain Regions: People, States, and Environment (*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 2704 – Topics: Culture and Identity in Politics (*Specialization(s)*: International Organizations, Security and Human Rights)

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How can a cartoon represent both humor and distain? How can it become a symbol for freedom of speech and a trigger for violence? As recent episodes in Paris, Ukraine, Guinea and the US show, the symbolic importance attached to actions and artifacts vary and trigger very different responses. This course will examine how culture and identity influence the perception of world issues and reactions to them. We will look at the construction of meaning and how this meaning informs priorities and political action. We will also explore power dynamics and political voice.

INTS 3701 – Topics: Regional Trade Agreements: Use and Abuse (*Specialization(s)*: Global Political Economy and International Politics)

Since the 1990s there has been a proliferation of regional trade agreements; today, almost all countries in the world are involved in at least one. What is the goal of these regional agreements, how have they been successful, and how have they fallen short? This class will look at regional agreements starting with the EU

and then move into developing regions around the world including Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Southeast Asia. It will look at the theories behind forming such agreements, differences/similarities between various agreements, and finally, what effects, if any have these agreements had.

Summer Session II: 20 July - 13 August 2015 (4 weeks)

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

NOTE: This section is offered ONLINE.

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.

INTS 2702 - Topics: Faith, Sex and Guns: Religion and Political Violence (*Specialization(s): International Organizations, Security and Human Rights*)

Religion has been key to a number of recent cases of political violence. Since women fulfill often strictly prescribed roles within religion, political violence often leads to women being targeted in specific ways in these cases. This course will focus take a case study approach to look at the intersection between religion, gender and political violence. ISIS and Boko Haram are two examples of the cases that will be addressed in this course.

Full Summer Session: 15 June - 13 August 2015 (9 weeks)

INTS 2703 – Topics: Environment in Crisis! (Specialization(s): International Development and Health)

We are dependent on the environment for air, water, food, shelter, and energy. However, this dependence has caused significant damage to the environment. The field of environmental studies strives to solve existing environmental problems and avoid future problems. Therefore, understanding how the natural world works, how to evaluate major environmental issues, and how to identify solutions to these issues is needed. This course is designed to provide an opportunity to explore a broad range of environmental issues, and to develop an appreciation for the complexity of these problems. The course is specifically for those without an environmental scientific background but have an interest in environment science and management. The goal is to educate and inform future leaders on the complexity of environmental issues.

INTS 3703 – Topics: Gender and Global Health ((Specialization(s): International Development and Health)

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The course will explore multiple theoretical and topical areas relating to gender and health in order to understand the social determinants of health for women and men in a global context. The theoretical portion of the course will provide an understanding of the social construction of gender and sex and their varied impacts on the health of populations and on the policymaking process. Topical areas we will cover include: poverty and health; obesity; cancers; HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases; violence against women; reproduction and sexual health; and tobacco/alcohol use.

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