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JOSEF KORBEL SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts Program

Summer Quarter 2018 Course Descriptions **Updated 4/3/2018**

Summer Session 1 (4 Weeks): 18 June – 13 July 2018

INTS 1500 – Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy (Online)

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.

INTS 3703 – Topics: Women, War, & Peace (Online)

Specialization(s): International Organizations, Security and Human Rights

Conflict is gendered: it affects men and women differently. Traditionally, men fight while women play supportive roles, men are perpetrators of violence while women are victims of this violence. However, this simple story is not only inaccurate, it limits our capacity to identify and analyze the full range of activities that men and women pursue during conflict. This story encourages us to valorize the warrior man and condemn men as cowards who do not take up arms. This story encourages us to expect women to be the victim and to ignore women who are perpetrators of violence themselves.

This class will explore a range of activities pursued by men and women in conflict focusing on the question: how is conflict gendered? Gender is a social construct, treated as a dichotomy of identity through which we understand one through understanding the other. The focus will be primarily on women but in understanding the constraints of social structure on women, we also better understand the constraints on men. The processes of peacebuilding are similarly gendered as it is elites who sit down to discuss the cessation of violence and design peace agreements and these are nearly always men. Moving forward, post-conflict environments are structured by peace agreements. When agreements are written by men, institutions and social structures tend to maintain the same kinds of gender bias that existed during conflict. This class focuses on the gender elements of these processes through a range of mostly recent cases.

Summer Session 2 (4 Weeks): 23 July – 16 August 2018

INTS 1700 – Introduction to International Politics (Online)

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.

INTS 3702 - Comparative Politics of the Middle East (Online)

Specialization(s): International Development and Health; International Organizations, Security and Human Rights

In this course we will consider the political systems of the contemporary Middle East, with particular attention to forces of stability and change. Our methodology is comparative, meaning that we will compare, contrast, and make qualified generalizations about different national experiences within the context of Middle East area studies. The course introduces students to contemporary Middle Eastern politics. The goal is to provide students with historical background and theoretical tools to answer the following core questions: (i) Why does (or, did!) authoritarianism persist in the Middle East? (ii) What accounts for the rise and spread of popular uprisings in the Arab world since 2010? (iii) Why do some Middle Eastern countries suffer from high levels of political violence while others are spared? (v) What accounts for the region's current economic underdevelopment? (vi) Would the adoption of Western-style political institutions improve governance and stability in the region? We will evaluate possible explanations by scrutinizing the internal logic of theories, identifying their observable implications, and assessing them with data. All of these questions will be examined in the context of the ongoing Arab uprisings.

Full Summer Session (9 Weeks): 18 June – 16 August 2018

INTS 2470 – Crime & International Politics (Online)

Specialization: Global Political Economy & International Politics, International Development & Health; International Organizations, Security & Human Rights

What constitutes a crime in one location may constitute a personal right, a survival strategy or legitimate business opportunity in another. So how then does one address criminality in a global society? This course explores the roots of transnational crime and both domestic and international response to criminal networks. Topics include corruption, the drug trade, and human trafficking.

INTS 2975 – Global Issues Research Practicum (Online)

Specialization: CORE

Pre-Requisites: INTS 1500 and INTS 1700

NOTE: This is a hybrid course. All of the material and interaction is online. However, all students are required to participate in a scheduled online discussion on Tuesday's between 4:30pm to 6:40pm Mountain Standard Time. Students will need to connect to the online discussion using [Zoom](#).

This is the third and final required course for all international studies majors. In the first two introductory classes, you acquired knowledge about international politics and the global economy. In this class, we investigate where that knowledge came from. How do researchers learn things about the political world? And how can you do this kind of research yourself?

Students will learn about different types of international studies research, and will practice collecting and evaluating evidence from interviews, surveys, the written record, and quantitative sources. You will learn to ask a compelling research question, critically evaluate existing research on your subject, and find evidence that will help you answer your question. Your final project will be to design a research project that you could feasibly conduct in a future semester.

INTS 3975 – Data Science in International Relations

Specialization(s): International Development and Health; International Organizations, Security and Human Rights

Pre-Requisites: INTS 1500 and INTS 1700

Students will use research methods and data science tools to describe, analyze, and evaluate contemporary topics in international security. We will use the R statistical programming language to generate descriptive statistics, visualizations, and basic inferential statistics while using data on international conflict, human security, trade, development, and many other topics relevant to INTS. The course will culminate in a group presentation and report on a specific topic related to international studies. These tools will help equip students for additional coursework, research, and careers that use data science and quantitative analysis.

INTS 2975 (Global Issues Research Practicum) is required, or the consent of the instructor. There is no pre-requisite in terms of statistics or computer science, but students should be willing to engage with new and challenging content.