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JOSEF KORBEL SCHOOL OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts Program

INTS Summer Quarter 2023 Descriptions

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INTS 1500 – Contemporary Issues in the Global Economy

Specialization: CORE

An 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 gain 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 1700 – Introduction to International Politics

Specialization: CORE

This course critically examines the nature of contemporary global society. It is designed to familiarize students with the broad parameters of international politics and takes into account numerous methodological and theoretical perspectives. The course explores both the historical development of international politics and how the business of international politics is “done.” The course examines issues such as war and peace, human security, the politics of climate change, and international human rights. The overall goal of this course is to introduce students to the field of International Politics and to make them conversant about the major issues facing the global system in the 21st century.

INTS 2470 – Crime and International Politics

Specialization(s): Global Political Economy and International Politics; Global Governance and Human Rights; Global Health and Development; International Peace and Security

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 2725 – Comparative Politics of the Middle East

Specialization(s): Global Political Economy and International Politics; Global Governance and Human Rights; Global Health and Development; International Peace and Security

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PPOL 2710 – Demography of Public Policy

"Demography is destiny." The consequences for American public policy are profound. America is aging, but becoming more diverse. A society in the midst of dynamic change is a society full of possibilities, but vulnerable to conflict. Values become indeterminate, with traditional communities vying for legitimacy with emergent cultures. Social movements, often populist in nature, challenge the established political order. This course focuses on the delineation of effective public policies to deal with demographic challenges, including (1) immigration policy; (2) the process of assimilation; (3) education; (4) geographic realignment; (5) competitive advantage of the United States relative to the European Union, Russia, and China. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement.

INTS 2235 – Gender and International Relations

Specialization(s): International Development & Health; International Organizations, Security & Human Rights; GWST; RES

The study of gender and international relations (IR) is multi-faceted and complex. Both in theory and in practice, gender inheres in all aspects of IR—from globalization, to development, to security and human rights. Conversely, the ideas and processes that comprise the international political realm directly impact the everyday lives of women and men all over the world. What is it like to be a woman in post-Taliban Afghanistan? Why is homosexuality taboo in Iran, but not in many other parts of the world? Did Soviet communism really promote gender equality? These are only a few of the questions that we will address over the ten weeks of this course. After an introductory discussion of the broad implications of gender for international political issues and vice-versa, we will embark upon a quest to unravel the ways in which gender identities and sexualities come to be defined and practiced in different times and places, while simultaneously considering how these same identities constitute the contexts in which they are situated. Our journey will begin in Ancient Greece, where we will explore meanings of love and sexuality as presented by the great philosopher Plato.

Continuing on this historical expedition, we will venture to the Soviet Union to investigate the construction of gender and sexuality under communism, before embarking on a contemporary trip to the Middle East, Latin America, and Asia. At each stop along the way, we will endeavor to discover the mechanisms through which gender and sexuality are constructed, and reflect critically upon what these diverse constructions mean for the lived realities of men and women in different parts of the world.

INTS 2975 – Global Issues Research Practicum

Specialization: CORE (pre-requisites: 1500 & 1700)

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 quarter.

All 3xxx-Level Classes Require INTS 1500 and INTS 1700 as Pre-Requisites

INTS 3030 – Sports and International Politics

Specialization(s): Global Political Economy and International Politics; International Organizations, Security and Human Rights

This advanced undergraduate course in international studies explores the complex connections between sports and international politics in the past and present and sport's relationships to international peace, both historically and in contemporary times. At the heart of this contribution is the need to examine sport as an international issue, to explore and its relationship to the protection and advancement of human rights (to include gender equality and the rights of those with disabilities), and to critically examine the role of sport in fostering community-level social cohesion and inclusive national unity. Participants in the course will gain a critical knowledge of the origins, background, and issues in global sport, especially the Olympic Games, and a critical awareness of the potential opportunities and obstacles for sport in social development. Learning outcomes are attained through faculty presentations, guided discussions, and student-led research. The course is designed as a research colloquium in which participants develop and share a research dossier on course topics with a capstone seminar to integrate learning and share findings on historical and contemporary issues at the intersection of sport, power, profit, and peace. **Note: Prerequisites have been waived for this course.**