SUMMER QUARTER 2016 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The information provided below is meant to give you a sense of the content of these courses as you prepare for registration.

For your reference, special topics course are new and/or special course offerings that are not currently a part of our permanent course listings and, therefore, do not have course descriptions listed in the annual DU bulletin.

SUMMER SESSION I: June 13 to July 08, 2016

INTS 4050 (Section 1 – CRN 1457): Statistical Methods I
NOTE: This is an ONLINE course
An intermediate course covering survey research methods, analysis of variances, t-test, correlation, and various methods in multivariate analysis, such as regression, time series, and causal models. Prerequisites INTS 4050.

INTS 4501 (Section 1 – CRN 1456): Comparative Politics in the 21st Century
This course is designed to provide a basic foundation of knowledge essential to expertise in contemporary international affairs. The course critically explores theories, approaches and research methods for analyzing political processes within countries and societies around the globe. The point of departure is new approaches to governance - a term that refers to how governments and societies interrelate to manage social problems in the globalized 21st century. Why is the "inside-out" perspective of comparative politics so important to today's interdependent world? How do domestic social forces interact with political institutions and how do these interactions affect prospects for democracy, development, and conflict management? Which emerging theoretical approaches offer the most explanatory power in today's rapidly changing world? Through readings, instructor presentations, guided discussion, and multimedia curriculum resources (including an Internet-based module) the curriculum facilitates a broad overview and critical assessment of the current state of comparative politics.

INTS 4706 (Section 1 - CRN 1455): Special Topics - Culture and Identity in World Politics
NOTE: This is an ONLINE course
What role does identity play in some of the world’s most pressing political issues? How do our own biases influence our perceptions and understandings of world politics? How can references to identity enable us to become more effective political scientists and policy analysts? Addressing these questions and others, this course will consider the ways in which national, ethnic, religious, and gender identities influence and reflect significant political events around the world. Students will develop the skills
necessary to critically evaluate some of the world’s most vexing problems by reference to identity and will apply these skills to contemporary and historical case studies.

SUMMER SESSION II: June 18 to August 11, 2016

INTS 4599 (Section 1 – CRN 1459): Ethics & International Affairs
This course examines the following: social "science" and ethics, power-rivalry and capitalism versus human rights and democracy, what are the dimensions of poverty, what role does the World Bank play, "laws of people," two classes of human rights (according to Rawls), national interest, and tolerance.

INTS 4900 (Section 1 – CRN 1458): International Politics
Topics on discussion include: levels of analysis; realism; neo-realist structuralism; international society and the English school; international anarchy; process variables and international institutions; international security institutions; rationalism, constructivism, and the purposes of theory; norms and ideas; gender and identity; and postmodernism and post-structuralism.

SPECIAL STUDY ABROAD OPTION: July 11 to 29, 2016

INTS 4708 (Section 1 – CRN 1469): Special Topics - WASH in Malawi
NOTE: This is a STUDY ABROAD course
This three week graduate study abroad course in Malawi will provide students with opportunities for cross cultural exchange, applied research, and community development experience in the context of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene). We will be based at Mzuzu University and work with students and faculty at the Center for Excellence in Water and Sanitation. DU Students will work alongside students from Mzuzu University to explore a wide range of WASH issues both in the classroom and through community based research projects. The course is well suited for students interested in working in the water or public health sectors and students seeking careers in international development.
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