General Information

The Department of International and Area Studies (IAS) works with colleges and departments across campus to promote internationalization of the curriculum of the University of Oklahoma and to train students to succeed in an increasingly interdependent world. At the center of the department’s academic programs are the B.A. in International and Area Studies and the M.A. in International Studies. The goal of these degrees is to prepare students to take positions of leadership in fields such as international affairs, international business, and international nonprofit services. In addition to a core faculty appointed within IAS, some faculty are jointly appointed in IAS and another academic department. In addition, more than 100 faculty across campus are involved as affiliate faculty of IAS.

Students take a wide range of courses drawing from the Department of International and Area Studies; the departments of Anthropology, Communication, Economics, History, History of Science, Film and Media Studies, Modern Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Philosophy, Political Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, Women’s & Gender Studies (Dodge College of Arts and Sciences); Art History, Music History (Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts); Geography (College of Atmospheric and Geographical Sciences); Architecture (Gibbs College of Architecture), among others.

Careers

The Department of International and Area Studies provides the first stage for students interested in foreign service, international relations, business, law, research, teaching, public service, or any other career where international knowledge and experience is useful and desirable.

Student Organizations

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation’s oldest college honor society, was founded at the College of William and Mary in 1776. Alpha Chapter of the University of Oklahoma was chartered in 1920. Membership in Phi Beta Kappa is open by invitation only to seniors in the Department of International and Area Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, Gaylord College of Journalism, and a limited number of other programs. Seniors with distinguished academic records are elected in March/April of each year. Students who graduate at the end of the summer session or fall semester are eligible for election the following spring. For additional information about the University’s Phi Beta Kappa chapter, contact the Department of International and Area Studies academic counselor, or visit the Phi Beta Kappa website.

Phi Beta Delta

Phi Beta Delta is an honor society which serves to recognize and encourage high achievements in the field of International Education. It encourages interdisciplinary contacts and promotes the exchange of ideas in the area of international affairs among students, faculty, and staff of the university community, and between it and other academic institutions. Membership is open to all students and faculty whose study includes an international focus. For more information, visit the department’s website.

Undergraduate Study

Bachelors of Arts Degrees


Asian Studies

Asian Studies challenges students to integrate language and cultural skills to prepare for careers in the Pacific region. The objectives of the program are to provide an understanding of the fundamentals of the civilizations of Asia in both traditional and modern settings, and to provide a more in-depth comprehension of specific areas within the region. This major features courses from such departments as Anthropology, Art, Communication, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Modern Languages, Literatures and Linguistics, and the Department of International and Area Studies. Students will obtain an educational foundation appropriate for teaching, business, research, foreign service, technological and economic development, as well as other careers related to Asia.

European Studies

European Studies immerses students in European history and culture. The course of study includes literature, art, and geography, as well as the politics and economics of the region. The scope of the program includes western, central and Mediterranean Europe since approximately 1500. European Studies graduates will be capable of functioning in at least one European country in which a language other than English is spoken, and they will be able to read materials in the language of that country.

European Studies: Russian & East European Studies

Russian & East European Studies is a special concentration within the European Studies major. It allows students to specialize in the study of Russia and its neighboring countries in Eastern Europe and Eurasia in preparation for careers in teaching, research, business, government or foreign service. The program provides a broad and multi-disciplinary introduction to the larger region, with course offerings in languages, literature, political science, history, economics, geography, music, and film.

Global Energy, Environment, and Resources

Global Energy, Environment, and Resources students receive training that emphasizes policy, management, and sustainability in an international context. This major provides students with the skills they need to succeed in an international field with growing employment opportunities.

International Development

The International Development major equips students with a comprehensive set of skills enabling them to analyze and understand socioeconomic issues in developing countries. Students will take courses in development economics and political economy as well as courses that...
examine development from historical, cultural, and social perspectives. Students will be strongly encouraged to make an internship with a development agency part of their international experience.

**International Security Studies**

International Security Studies is designed for the student looking for a career in the fields of foreign policy or national security. The program allows students to develop proficiency in any language recognized to be a critical security language, as well as the culture where that language is spoken. Specialized classes help students to understand international organizations and the global issues that affect security around the world. This degree prepares students for careers with US federal and state agencies, international organizations and companies in the private sector that operate in critical regions of the world.

**International Studies**

The International Studies major allows students to gain a global perspective on world affairs. Through an interdisciplinary curriculum that focuses on world history, international relations and international economics, students learn how the international system operates and prepare themselves for careers in foreign affairs or international business, for advanced training in international law or business. Like the area studies programs, the international studies program requires strong understanding of a foreign language and a period of study or work abroad. Students may also combine International Studies with a minor in one of the Area Studies programs.

**Latin American Studies**

Latin American Studies provides a concentration in the region's history and culture. The course of study features Latin America's economic, geographic, social and political patterns as well as its problems. With a population nearing half a billion people, Latin America has traditionally been, and is now more than ever, a critical area for the United States. Students will examine the historical ties between the two regions in relation to the commonality of cultures and objectives that are becoming increasingly stronger as interdependence grows. Students majoring in Latin American Area Studies will choose their language specialization and begin studying the Spanish and/or Portuguese language as early as their freshman year.

**Middle Eastern Studies**

Middle Eastern Studies allows students to combine their study of either Arabic or Hebrew with courses in the history, religions and cultures of the Middle East from Ancient to Modern Times. This program will provide the student with a basic understanding of the peoples and history of this diverse and culturally-rich region of the world and a firm foundation for further study. The cultural and language proficiency achieved will also serve as excellent preparation for a variety of job opportunities in teaching, business, government or foreign service.

**International Studies Undergraduate Certificate**

**Global Engagement**

The Global Engagement undergraduate certificate is designed to enhance students’ knowledge of the global community, including international affairs and modern global issues, as well as encourage them to become active global citizens.

**BA/MA Accelerated Degree**

The International Studies, Bachelor of Arts/Global Studies, Master of Arts is an accelerated program designed for exceptional students to earn both the BA and MA in International Studies in 5 years of study.

**Minors**

International and Area Studies also offers Minors in most major fields, as well as a minor in African Studies and Iranian Studies. An attractive advantage of an International and Area Studies minor is that it can allow a student in any major to earn a minor while completing General Education requirements. Many of the courses required for an IAS Minor are approved for certain general education credits, thus, students can fulfill General Education requirements and earn credit for a minor simultaneously. Students currently majoring in an area of International and Area Studies may also minor in a different area of International and Area Studies with approval of the department.

- African Studies Minor
- Asian Studies Minor
- European Studies Minor
- Global Energy, Environment and Resources Minor
- International Development Minor
- International Security Studies Minor
- International Studies Minor
- Iranian Studies Minor
- Latin American Studies Minor
- Middle Eastern Studies Minor
- Russian and East European Minor

**Graduate Study**

**Master of Arts Degrees**

The Global Studies, Master of Arts equips students with the tools to engage a globally integrated environment, whether in the realm of diplomacy and Foreign Service, non-profit and non-governmental organizations, think-tanks, research institutes, or academia. With a focus on international politics, foreign policy, and policy analysis, the program also provides a rigorous foundation in global economics, global security law and institutions, and area studies, and allows students to concentration their coursework in one of these four sub-fields. The Global Studies program emphasizes a "cohort model," whereby students admitted the same year take many of the same classes together, participating in various group activities, projects, and assignments, most notably culminating in the Global Policy Workshop in the final semester.

The Global Affairs, Master of Arts enables students to pursue studies with a focus on the political, economic and social interactions that have an impact on global turbulence. The program’s coursework is designed to provide students with a global vision from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. Additionally, students will develop expertise in one or more geographic areas of the globe. The program will provide valuable and practical experience through a planned policy exercise and collective study abroad program. Students will increase their knowledge of global affairs, enhance their ability to operate in a dynamic global environment and expand their global connections, contributing to professional success.

**Courses**

IAS 1223  Introduction to Asian Philosophy  3 Credit Hours  
(Crosslisted with PHIL 1223) Survey of the major figures and schools of philosophy in Asia. Includes study of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and Daoism. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].
IAS 2003 Understanding the Global Community 3 Credit Hours
The world today is an interdependent global community that requires an awareness of international politics and economics. This course seeks to enhance our understanding of the global community because of the impact of international relations on our lives and the lives of others around the world. (F, Sp) [III-SS].

IAS 2123 China Today 3 Credit Hours
China has the largest population and standing army in the world with a GDP of over $7 trillion. Long-term economic development of every country depends on China, and China's rapid modernization is changing the face of global politics and culture. Students will be exposed to the diversity and complexity of modern China. (F, Sp) [IV-WC].

IAS 2603 Governments Around the World 3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with P SC 2603) Prerequisite: Political Science 1113. Gateway course in political science and international and area studies. Provides an introduction to the varieties of politics and governmental systems around the world. Students will develop skills in comparative analysis to understand why countries have distinct types of government. (F) [IV-WC].

IAS 2970 Special Topics/Seminar 1-3 Credit Hours
Special Topics. 1 to 3 hours. May be repeated; Maximum credit nine hours. Special topics course for content not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. May include library and/or laboratory research, and field projects. (Irreg.)

IAS 3000 Special Topics in International and Area Studies 1-4 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 12 hours. Special topics are courses of variable credit that examine international or global issues. (Irreg.)

IAS 3003 Topics in International and Area Studies 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 15 hours. A maximum of 12 hours may be applied to the major. An examination of several selected topics in international and area studies. (Irreg.)

IAS 3013 International Law 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines international law. Broad issues include the different sources of international law, the relationship between international law and states, individuals and other international actors, the content of international law as it pertains to different issues areas, and how these bodies of law generally affect international relations. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 3033 International Human Rights 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the increasingly complex body of substantive law and political practices related to the protection and promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms in international law and politics. Explores major international and regional systems of enforcement, and the growing role of human rights in domestic politics and international relations. (Irreg.)

IAS 3043 Global Security 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines some of the major security challenges confronting the United States and the international community in the 21st century, and how these challenges differ from our expectations of conflict – major, minor, inter-state, and intra-state – in recent decades. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 3053 Globalization: The Politics of Global Governance 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Introduces students to the actors, institutions and processes by which international cooperation and coordination are created and maintained. The first part introduces students to key concepts, puts global governance into historical context, and provides a brief introduction to International Relations theories that will serve as analytical foundations. The second part of the course explores several major themes in the study of global governance: power, authority and legitimacy; institutions; intentionality and design; centralization versus subsidiarity; and the appropriate roles for both public and private actors. The third part of the course applies theoretical and thematic knowledge to specific areas of global governance including humanitarian intervention, Internet governance, the global economy, the environment, public health and poverty/inequality. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 3073 Global Economic Relations 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite; junior standing or permission of instructor and Economics 1113 or Economics 1123. Examines relations among states from the perspective of economic competition and cooperation. Explores political conflicts that have risen over trade, capital flows, and other international economic exchanges. The primary focus is on the role of states and international organizations in shaping the global economy. (Irreg.) [III-SS].

IAS 3083 International Activism 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the role that nongovernmental actors play in international relations as they work independently and in concert to advocate for various transnational causes. Specifically, explores the concept of transnational advocacy and the ways in which individual and group activists affect change around the world. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 3093 Global Health Perspectives 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course provides an anthropological approach to global health. It examines how health conditions change over time as economic and social culture changes. Students will meet with health professionals and researchers in the field of health and nutrition and explore how health care is intertwined with cultural and social elements, such as the environment, the economy, religion, politics and development. (Irreg.)

IAS 3103 Activism, Art & Leadership 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Departmental permission. This course is taught on-site in Arezzo, Italy, and is for President's Leadership Class students only. This course examines the leadership role that governmental actors and individual activists play in international relations and various other sectors as they work independently and collectively to advocate for certain local, regional, national and transnational causes. Specifically, the class explores the concept of international advocacy and the ways in which individual and group activists frame and promote issues of concern in an effort to affect change around the world. The goal of this course is to raise our awareness about and enhance our understanding of the multitude of actors - from individual political leaders, to nongovernmental organizations, to artists - that work to address issues of concern. (Irreg.).
IAS 3143  Chinese Politics  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. This course provides a systematic investigation into how the political system works in contemporary China. Specifically, it will examine how the Chinese state structures and adjusts the country's political system, governs the Chinese society, performs the fundamental functions of a modern state, coordinates interests, builds system resilience, and manages political developments at home and abroad in the 21st century. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3153  Chinese Foreign Policy  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Provides a comprehensive introduction to Chinese foreign policy. Examines several key issues and concepts, including China's external relations prior to "Liberation" in 1949, international relations theory, the history of the PRC's foreign relations, and vital foreign policy issues confronting China in the 21st century. (Irreg.)

IAS 3173  Work, Family, and Religion in Rural China  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines changes over the last century in work patterns, family life, and religion in rural China. It particularly focuses on issues causing instability and transformation both in China and the developing world, including sexuality, gender, and family dynamics; the rural-urban divide; internal migration; religious conflict and repression; and the agency of marginalized populations. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3193  Environment and Disease Crises in China  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Explores the intertwined relationship of environment, agriculture, economic development, pollution, disease, patriotism, domestic security, and international conflict in China and how it deals with environmental issues and disease crises. Of particular concern are China's devastating water shortage that threatens to leave much of northern China without water in the next twenty years, major epidemics, and China's aging, rural population. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3203  The Middle East Since World War I  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines major religions and ethnic groups of the Middle East; also explores how the largest ethnic groups have decided to define their national identities: Arabs, Jews, Turks, Iranians and Kurds. Topics include the Arab-Israeli conflict and possibilities of peace, and the Gulf regions where Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have fought for supremacy and control of oil and the Gulf. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3223  Modern Iran: Islam, Politics, and the State, 1500 to the Present  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Surveys the history of Iran from the 16th century to the present. Topics include the rise of the Safavid dynasty in the sixteenth century, the establishment of Shi‘ism, reform in the nineteenth century, great power politics, Western cultural and intellectual influence, nationalism, the Islamic revolution of 1979, and Iran since the revolution. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3233  Nationalism and the Middle East  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Survey of the history of the Middle East from 1800 to the present. Analyzes the origins of politics of national identity in the region as a result of transformations rooted in the nineteenth century, its rise to dominance as a form of politics and ideology during the twentieth century, as well as countervailing trends that today challenge its continued dominance. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3273  The European Union  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Is EU an economic superpower? Can the EU reach the objective of rivaling the U.S. diplomatically shared by many political leaders in Europe? This course will help students understand contemporary debates about the nature of the European Union, its place in the world, and its current economic and political challenges. Topics of discussion includes the historical development of the EU, the institutions of the EU and how they function, the emergence of the single European market and the project of economic and monetary union that culminated in the introduction of the euro. The course also examines the global engagement of the EU, including EU-US relations; the role of the EU in the global economy; EU relations with China; the global diplomatic role of the EU; the relationships between the EU and its neighboring countries in the Balkans and Eastern Europe; and the EU as a provider of development and humanitarian aid. (Irreg.)

IAS 3283  Culture, Power, and Global Environment  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course surveys some of the diverse ways in which human populations adapt to, understand, and transform their environments. It explores how social and cultural differences within and among human populations complicate efforts to address the myriad environmental problems we face - from neighborhoods struggling with contaminated soil, to regional ecosystem restoration and wildlife management, to transnational climate-change mitigation efforts. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3313  Latin American International Relations  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines international relations of Latin America in an interdisciplinary fashion. International relations is broadly defined in this course, and includes economic and cultural aspects as well. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 3323  The Political Economy of Development  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the relationship between politics and economics in less developed countries. Reviews the history of economic theories of development and also examines the economic effects of inward looking trade policies and political stability in Latin America and India, as well as the political economy of recent reforms in both areas. (Irreg.) [IV-NWC].

IAS 3343  Chinese Philosophy  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with PHIL 3343) Prerequisite: six hours of philosophy or junior standing. Survey and analysis of the major texts and schools of philosophy in China, from the ancient world to the contemporary era. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3353  Modern Brazil  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: junior standing or permission of instructor. Introduction to contemporary Brazilian history and culture. Broad overview of Brazil’s colonial history and emergence as a modern nation, and an exploration of the country’s incredible cultural and regional diversity, as well as some of the challenges it currently faces. Course material includes exploration of indigenous realities, the rural landless movement, poverty and crime, gender, family, race, contemporary religion, etc. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 3383  The United Nations & World Politics  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. The focus of this course will be on understanding the roles played by the UN and related inter-governmental organizations in world politics pertaining to four broad issue areas: international peace and security, human rights and humanitarian affairs, the global environment, and global trade and development. (Irreg) [IV-WC].
IAS 3393  Iranian Society through Cinema  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course provides an introduction to the study of Iranian society and culture through the lens of Iranian post-revolutionary cinema. It explores the ways in which cinema has been used to represent social and political issues, and the ways in which it has been used to challenge and resist cultural and political oppression. Students will analyze both Iranian and Kurdish films, and will consider the ways in which cinema has been used to represent and resist political and cultural oppression. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3403  US-Iranian Relations: History, Politics, and the Road to Confrontation  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the history of US-Iranian relations from the earliest contact in the nineteenth century to the present. Issues to be examined include: the history of American missionaries in Iran and their contribution to the history of Iranian education, the literary discovery of Persian literature by Americans, political and economic relations in the early twentieth century, the Cold War and the overthrow of Mohammad Mossadegh, the U.S.-Iranian relationship with the Shah, the Islamic revolution and the hostage crisis of 1979-1981, and the recent political history of US relations with the Islamic Republic. Emphasis will be placed on the long-term evolution of this relationship from friendship and cooperation to political conflict and diplomatic impasse. (Irreg.)

IAS 3413  Iran & Islam to 1800: History, Culture, and Society in the Pre-Modern Period  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Surveys the role of Iran within Middle Eastern history, culture, and society from antiquity to eve of modern period. Topics include: Iranian empires in ancient period, history of Zoroastrianism, advent of Islam and Arab conquest of Iran; emergence of Persian literary tradition in Islamic culture; emergence of the Turk-Persian Safavid state in 16th century and formation of Shi'ite-Iranian culture. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3423  Middle East Through Film  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course provides a survey of Middle Eastern history and politics through film. Emphasis will be on how the history and politics of the Middle East has been portrayed through the medium of cinema, with special focus on cultural representation and the role of film in determining contested historical and political understandings of the region. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3433  International Relations in the Middle East  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the major wars of the region from the First World War and ending with the US invasion of Iraq. Covers the Arab-Israeli conflict, the cold war, and the contest for control of the Persian gulf and oil markets. Investigates the role of the great powers and the major Middle Eastern states in shaping international relations in the region. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3440  Mentored Research Experience  3 Credit Hours
0 to 3 hours. Prerequisites: ENGL 1113 or equivalent, and permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. For the inquisitive student to apply the scholarly processes of the discipline to a research or creative project under the mentorship of a faculty member. Student and instructor should complete an Undergraduate Research & Creative Projects (URCP) Mentoring Agreement and file it with the URCP office. Not for honors credit. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 3443  Political Islam  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the Muslim brotherhood since its founding in 1928, its radicalization under Sayyid Qutb, and the many groups that look to it for inspiration. Covers Al-Qaeda, Hizbullah, and Hamas, the tensions between Sunnis and Sunnis, and how some Middle Eastern countries have dealt with the growth of radical Islamic groups. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3473  The Arab-Israeli Conflict  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. A survey of the history of the conflict around Eretz Israel/Palestine, with the aim of providing a better understanding of its roots and recent developments. The land which for Jews in ancestral Eretz Israel and for the Arabs is Palestine has been the center of one of the modern world’s longest and most intricate disputes. The course also looks at both sides of the conflict at various moments throughout its history and will present two very different historical narratives: the Israeli/Jewish and the Palestinian/Arab. (Irreg.)

IAS 3503  The United States and the Middle East: 1945-Present  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course is an introduction to the historical and contemporary relationship between the United States and the Middle East from the nineteenth century until the present, with a concentration on the period since 1945. The course will focus on the political and economic aspects of US-Middle East relations but will also consider the cultural and social dimensions of this interaction. At the end of the course students should have a basic historical knowledge of some of the major events in the Middle East over the last sixty years and how they have impacted US foreign policy. Topics include the domestic politics of the Middle East; wars, social movements, and revolution in the Middle East; Oil and US foreign policy; the US relationship with Iran from the 1950s to the present; Afghanistan (1979-present); Iraq (1989-present); reasons behind the 9/11 attack; definitions of terrorism; terrorist networks; and US national security. (Irreg.)

IAS 3523  Women and Gender in South Asia  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Considers how women/gender have been thought from 19th century articulation of "The Women's Question" and Women's Reform to present day rethinking of state based rights strategies and normative gender constructions in the Indian Subcontinent. Scholarly articles, primary sources, fiction, and film interrogate questions about women's place in society, women and the state, gendering work, and women's lives in South Asia. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3533  Political Violence in Comparative Perspective  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course examines the major topics within the study of political violence, including civil war, terrorism, genocide, organized criminal violence, and electoral violence. It focuses on the diverse drivers of violence as well as its social, political, and economic consequences for individuals and communities within North and South America, Europe, Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. (Irreg.)

IAS 3543  International Peacebuilding  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course examines how countries put an end to war and the role of international actors in this process. It also analyzes the pursuit of justice and accountability following conflict and human rights violations and efforts to achieve sustainable peace and stability in the longer-term, with particular emphasis on social and economic development, statebuilding, political inclusion, and democratization. (Irreg.)

IAS 3553  Violence and Culture in the Developing World  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the cultural practice of violence in the ‘developing world’ from an anthropological perspective. Begins with a discussion of warfare and aggression on the part of colonial powers and the modern state, and subsequently covers the ‘everyday violence’ of inequality and poverty, as well as individual and collective acts of physical violence, and the ways in which violence is ‘witnessed’ and memorialized in different cultural contexts. (Irreg.)
IAS 3583 Managing US-China Relations 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Provides comprehensive and systematic assessment of the bilateral relationship between a rising power aiming to return to its historical prestige and a currently dominant power searching to augment its over-stretched power resources. In-depth examination of the historical context of how the two countries have engaged with each other at the global, regional, and bilateral levels primarily since 1949. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3603 Energy, Environment & Climate Change in China 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines how China confronts the challenges of energy security, environmental pollution, and climate change. It explores not only how the country addresses each of the three challenges individually, but also identifies areas where policy coordination can be enhanced so as to promote a holistic approach to three interconnected challenges simultaneously. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3643 Illicit Trafficking 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Focuses on some of today's most troubling security issues - the persistent and growing problems associated with the trafficking and smuggling of drugs, money, humans, guns, and commodities of all sorts. Closely examines the issue of trafficking in a global context, providing case studies of trafficking in women, illegal workers, drugs, weapons, and even butterflies. Includes case studies and examples of illicit trafficking and the local, national and global consequences. (Irreg.)

IAS 3653 Energy, Climate, and Security 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines how states pursue and protect energy security. It provides an analytical framework of energy security and detailed case studies of the constant quest for energy security by states around the world. Climate and energy security have increasingly become two prominent issues of global governance in the 21st century assuming the characteristics of global public goods and requiring global collective action. The course examines challenges and prospects of global energy governance. (Irreg.)

IAS 3663 Comparative Politics of the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Introduction to comparative politics approaches to Middle East politics. Students will become familiar with the major concepts and theories involved in the study of Middle Eastern politics. Topics and themes to be discussed in class include: states and state formation in the Middle East; the persistence and dynamics of authoritarianism in the region; political liberalization and democratization; civil society; nationalism and identity; oil and the theories of the rentier state; Islamist politics, and the Arab Uprisings or “revolutions”. (Irreg.)

IAS 3683 Poverty and Inequality in the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. An introduction to poverty and inequality in the Middle East which will give students an overview of how poverty has been defined, represented and contested in international development discourse. The course will examine causes of economic underdevelopment, inequality and poverty, including regional politics, urbanization and the Middle East’s legacy of colonialism. (Irreg.)

IAS 3693 Military, State & Society 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course is concerned with some of the key problems and puzzles of civil-military relations such as military intervention in politics and the role militaries play in social revolutions. This course will examine different political contexts across the world, including the U.S., Europe, Latin America, China/Asia, Africa and the Middle East. (Irreg.)

IAS 3703 South Asian Security 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course introduces students to security and conflict in South Asia. South Asian security has significant ramifications for global order and security. Topics covered include Hindu nationalism in India, military domination in Pakistan, India’s economic ascendance, the Kashmir conflict, nuclear deterrence, terrorism & counterterrorism, the rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan, and the China-Pakistan axis. (Irreg.)

IAS 3713 Race & Immigration in Europe 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Explores how questions of race have shaped European society and politics, as well as the ways that immigration has created the multi-cultural Europe that we know today. Topics of discussion include the origins of immigration policy in interwar Europe; anti-Semitism and the Holocaust; immigration and imperialism; post-colonial immigration from Africa and Asia; the place of Islam in European society, and the emergence of anti-immigration political movements on the extreme right. (Irreg.)

IAS 3723 Sexuality & Identity in the Islamic World 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course explores expressions of sexuality and sexual identity across a broad range of time and throughout a variety of Muslim-majority regions in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3742 Model UN 2 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Provides students with a fundamental understanding of the institutions and activities of the United Nations. Issues of current interest in the UN will also be discussed. Students will acquire skills not only to prepare them to participate in a Model United Nations conference, but also to prepare them to develop, implement and manage such a conference. (Irreg.)

IAS 3743 The Politics of the International System 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course introduces students to the international system. This interconnected set of institutions establishes the rules of the game for world politics, and shapes world order. The course takes a hands-on approach, providing students the chance to study historical variants of international systems, as well as the opportunity to study the origins and evolution of the current international system. (Irreg.)

IAS 3753 Youth Culture in Contemporary Iran 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course seeks to better understand strategies that Iran’s third generation is deploying in order to navigate Iran’s maze of structural constraints and opportunities. This course will also serve as an introduction to Iran’s post-Revolution history, and examine how Iran’s youngest citizens have engaged in this history. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3763 Women and Gender in the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Introduction to study of women and gender in contemporary Middle East. Examines how depictions of Muslim, Middle Eastern women and debates surrounding gender have shaped and been shaped by wider local and global forces over time. Topics include debates on women and gender in the Middle East; the rise of women’s movements; and ways Muslim women conceptualize themselves. (Irreg.) [IV-WDC].

IAS 3773 State & Society in Pakistan 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examine the history, politics, and important social issues of Pakistan. Drawing on materials from a variety of social science disciplines, topics of discussion will include: nation-state building, ethnic conflict, political Islam, terrorism, civil-military relations, democratization, civil society, and gender politics. (Irreg) [IV-WDC].
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IAS 3930 Journey to China 1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: sophomore standing and completion of ENGL 1213, or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. Journey to China is a summer study abroad program designed for OU students, who will be hosted by OU partner universities in cities across China. Students will travel with an OU faculty member and other OU students throughout China, and learn about various cultural, historical, political, social, economic or linguistic issues relevant for an understanding of contemporary China. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English. (Su)

IAS 3933 Intelligence & National Security 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course provides a survey of the historical origins and continued development of US intelligence capabilities. Students will learn about intelligence processes, and the roles, missions, and structure of the organizations which comprise the US Intelligence Community. Other topics of discussion include ethical and moral issues associated with intelligence operations, foreign intelligence services, their targets, and operational successes and failures. (Irreg.)

IAS 3940 Journey to Latin America 1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: sophomore standing and completion of ENGL 1213, or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. Journey to Latin America is a summer study abroad program designed for OU students. Students will travel with an OU faculty member and other OU students throughout a Latin American country or region, and learn about various cultural, historical, political, social, economic or linguistic issues relevant for an understanding of one or more Latin American countries. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English. (Su)[IV-NW].

IAS 3943 Global Intelligence Challenges 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course provides an overview of current and future global security challenges. Students will explore key, contemporary security issues in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Topics of discussion include transnational security issues, collective security/alliances, international conflict, conflict, WMD proliferation, nuclear strategy, deterrence, arms control, cyber security, and terrorism. (Irreg.)

IAS 3950 Journey to Turkey 1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours: Prerequisite: sophomore standing and completion of ENGL 1213, or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. Journey to Turkey is a summer program designed exclusively for OU students. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for up to one month throughout the country of Turkey. Experimental activities, cultural events and lectures from host national add to expert OU faculty lectures to give Journey to Turkey participants a broad introduction to the historical context and contemporary issues facing Turkey and the Middle Eastern region today. All accepted applicants will receive a travel fellowship to offset the cost of international airfare. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English. (Irreg.)

IAS 3960 Honors Reading 1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program, permission of instructor and junior standing. May be repeated once with change of content. Independent study in international and area studies for students enrolled in the Honors Program. Will consist of topics not usually presented in regular courses. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 3963 US-Russia Relations 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. An overview of US-Russia relations over the past 200 years with an emphasis on Cold War tensions and the contentious relationship since the "re-emergence" of Russia from the post-Soviet morass in the Putin era. Students will examine various attempts to "reset" the relationship under different Administrations and will explore potential areas of cooperation including space, climate change, and humanitarian assistance. (Irreg.)

IAS 3970 Honors Seminar 3-6 Credit Hours
3 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program. May be repeated once with change of content. Small group seminar on topics not covered by normal coursework. Restricted to students in the Honors Program. (Irreg.)

IAS 3973 Cultural Diplomacy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines the role of cultural diplomacy in the process of diplomatic interaction. Areas of study include the European Union, the Middle East and East Asia; the Cold War and the role of cultural diplomacy in foreign policy of the Soviet Union and the US; Juxtapositions of cultural diplomacies and institutional organizations of France, Great Britain, Germany, Russia and Canada. (Irreg.)

IAS 3980 Honors Research 1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: admission to Honors Program, permission of instructor and junior standing. May be repeated once with change of content. Provide international and area studies students an opportunity to work on an international research project. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 3983 Anti-Muslim Racism 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of instructor. This course will examine anti-Muslim racism in the United States while simultaneously understanding anti-Muslim racism as a global project. We will further investigate how anti-Muslim racism is implicated in imperialist projects in the Middle East. Examining anti-Muslim sentiment through the lens of racism will show how both race and religion come together to inform present day structural inequality and violence. (Irreg.)

IAS 3990 Independent Study 1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and junior standing. May be repeated once with change of content. Independent study may be arranged to study a subject not available through regular course offerings. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 4013 Senior Capstone Seminar in International and Area Studies 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: international and area studies major, senior standing, and permission of the department. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit 6 hours. Devoted to analysis, research, writing, and synthesizing on one of several selected interdisciplinary topics in international and area studies. (F, Sp) [V].

IAS 4343 Early Chinese Philosophy 3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with PHIL 4343) Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Survey of pre-Qin Chinese philosophy, including the major texts and figures of Confucianism, Daoism, and other notable schools. No student may earn credit for both 4343 and 5343. (Irreg.)
IAS 4513  Intellectuals & Artists in Modern Latin America  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with HIST 4513) Prerequisites: History 2613 or 2623 or junior standing or permission of instructor. Examines both the history of ideas in modern Latin America as well as the history of intellectuals as a social group. We will consider intellectuals in the process of independence and the consolidation of nation states, the role of “race” in Latin American thought, and the relationship between European and Latin American thought. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 4523  Latin American Left  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with HIST 4523) Prerequisite: History 2613 or 2623 or junior standing or permission of instructor. This course will examine the shifting political tactics and theoretical positions of a variety of leftist movements in Latin America since the early 20th century. We will examine leftist thought on the nature of Latin American development, approaches to commercial culture, and labor organizing, among other topics. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 4533  Populism in 20th-Century South America  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with HIST 4533) Prerequisites: History 2613 or 2623 or junior standing or permission of instructor. This course will examine the phenomenon of Latin American “populism,” a set of political movements that held a central place in 20th century Latin American history. We will focus on three cases as they relate to the broader economic and social processes in the region as a whole: Brazil; Argentina; and Chile. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 4543  Latin America in the Age of the Cuban Revolution  3 Credit Hours
(Crosslisted with HIST 4543) Prerequisites: History 2613 or 2623 or junior standing or permission of instructor. We will cover changes in politics, economics, literature, film, music, and theology in what many Latin Americans called the “revolutionary process” of the period. (Irreg.) [IV-WC].

IAS 4960  Directed Readings  1-4 Credit Hours
1 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: good standing in University; permission of instructor and dean. May be repeated; maximum credit four hours. Designed for upper-division students who need opportunity to study a specific problem in greater depth than formal course content permits. (Irreg.)

IAS 4970  Special Topics/Seminar  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: Senior standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit nine hours. Special topics or seminar course for content not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. May include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (Irreg.)

IAS 4990  Independent Study  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: Senior standing and permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit nine hours. Contracted independent study for a topic not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. Independent study may include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (Irreg.)

IAS 5003  U.S. Foreign Relations  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines current events and the historical and economic aspects of American foreign policy. Gives students an understanding of the main theories, actors, and debates in the field. (Irreg.)

IAS 5013  International Law  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines different sources of international law; the relationship between international law and states, individuals and other international actors; the content of international law as it pertains to different issue areas (e.g. the use of force, human rights, the environment); and how these bodies of law affect international relations more generally. (Irreg.)

IAS 5023  The Practice of Diplomacy  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course is designed to provide an understanding of how day-to-day diplomacy is conducted by the U.S. Department of State and other entities. The class will review the structure of the U.S. Department of State as well as a U.S. Embassy, major recent diplomatic challenges, and provide the case for renewal of American Diplomacy. (Irreg.)

IAS 5043  Global Security  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines some of the major theoretical and practical approaches to the study of global security, and focuses on the causes of war, the impact of various actors, technologies, resources and other transnational problems on violent conflict, and the different approaches to and dimensions of security solutions. (Irreg.)

IAS 5053  Global History  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Defines global history not only as the history of globalization or the history of state-to-state relations, but also more broadly as the evolution of events, forces, ideas, and processes that were common to several areas of the globe and that led to the shaping of the modern world. Considers a wide range of ways of being global through the centuries. (Irreg.)

IAS 5063  Civil Military Relations  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course focuses on the key questions about civil-military relations: What is the proper relationship between the politician and the soldier? How does professionalism affect the military's political behavior? Should military organizational ethos reflect societal values? Why are some and not other societies prone to coups? How do new democracies exert control over militaries? (Irreg.)

IAS 5073  International Terrorism  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will cover how terrorist organizations have spread and how their goals have been taken up by like-minded organizations. How has terrorism changed? What effect does the psychology of terrorism have on the free societies? The course will attempt to answer these questions and develop an understanding of the fundamental reasons that terrorism has been at times effective. (Irreg.)

IAS 5083  International Activism  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course examines the role that nongovernmental actors play as they work independently and in concert to raise awareness about various international issues and to advocate for change on behalf of others. The course will explore the history of the study of activism, the evolution of theory on social movements, and the marketing tools employed by activism organizations. (Irreg.)
IAS 5093  U.S. Intelligence Community  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will provide a survey of the origins of US intelligence capabilities, including collection disciplines and analytic techniques the US Intelligence Community (IC) uses, examine how the US IC supports national security decision making, review the ethical and moral issues associated with intelligence operations, and study contemporary issues facing the US IC. (Irreg.)

IAS 5113  Field Seminar in International Studies  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines practical issues of contemporary global affairs. Course topics include the practice of diplomacy as a profession, the role of transnational institutions such as the United Nations, the international role of NGO’s as well as career opportunities in international affairs. (Irreg.)

IAS 5123  African Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course is designed for the MA in International Relations degree through OU’s Advanced Programs. The course covers peacekeeping and peace enforcement operations in Africa. These missions combine the efforts of governmental, intergovernmental, and nongovernmental actors. The class will examine nation building, stabilization, reconstruction, and transition across the spectrum of peace operations with emphasis on peacekeeping and peace enforcement. (Irreg.)

IAS 5203  Post-Brexit Ireland  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will examine the impact of British exit from the EU on Ireland in a broad context. This includes the history of British repression in Ireland and the struggle for independence, the border with Northern Ireland, and Ireland’s economic standing. (Irreg.)

IAS 5213  Politics of the European Union  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines the historical process of European integration. Topics include the structure of the EU institution, the process of law making in the EU, the international role of the EU, the trans-Atlantic relationship. (F)

IAS 5233  Western Hemispheric Security - An American Dilemma  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. The Cold War threat has been replaced by a long list of smaller security problems. How has America chosen to manage security in the Western Hemisphere amidst all this change? The resulting dilemma for America is whether to "go it alone" or engage a myriad of international partners to ensure global stability that ultimately affects life at home. (Irreg.)

IAS 5243  Nations and Nation States in Europe  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. In this class, we will study and discuss nation and nation states in Europe since 1789 until 1939. Our key nations and nation states will be France, Germany, and Poland. Ultimately, nationalism resulted in the complete destruction of four Empires in Europe (and Asia) during World War I, a legacy that is still felt in Europe today. (Irreg.)

IAS 5253  US-Russia Relations  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will provide an overview of United States (US)-Russia relations over the past 200+ years with an in-depth look at Cold War tensions and the contentious relationship since the "re-emergence" of Russia from the post-Soviet morass in the Putin era. (Irreg.)

IAS 5323  The Political Economy of Development  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Studies the relationship between politics and economics in less developed countries. Reviews the history of economic theories of development and examines the economic effects of different trade strategies in Latin America, India, and East Asia. (Irreg.)

IAS 5353  Latin American International Relations  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Surveys the hemisphere's international relations with emphasis on U.S.-Latin American relations. Focuses on post-Cold War issues in hemispheric affairs, and gives students a skill set appropriate for internationally related careers. (Irreg.)

IAS 5363  Cultures of Latin America  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course is designed to be taught in the MA in International Relations degree through OU's Advanced Programs. Students will develop the analytical skills necessary to better understand Latin America's rich cultural diversity and complexity. This introductory survey course uses a multidisciplinary approach to Latin America-its social, economic, political, religious, and cultural structures and practices. (Irreg.)

IAS 5373  Media and Conflict in Latin America  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. Many Latin American countries have been affected by conflict. Government propaganda, news coverage, and social media affect our understanding of conflict in the region. Students will study how revolutions, political ideologies, and the Cold War have impacted Latin America. They will also gain a deeper understanding as to how traditional and social media can help relieve tensions in the region. (Irreg.)

IAS 5383  Political Economy of the Underworld: Organized Crime and Conflict  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. Organized crime is a global presence that fuels instability, corruption, and violent extremism. Many conflicts cannot be fully understood without assessing the presence of organized crime groups as agents of instability, arms trafficking, resource extraction, and informal governance. This class will cover the origins of organized crime, organized crime in post-Soviet conflict, organized crime and globalization, and interdisciplinary research methods. (Irreg.)

IAS 5393  Terrorism in Africa  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course is an introduction to the terrorism groups that operate on the African continent. Various terrorist groups, including Tuareg and ISIS, and their impact on local populations will be discussed. The course will also examine the efforts of African nations, the African Union, and the international community to combat the threat of terrorism that these groups present. (Irreg.)

IAS 5403  Humanitarianism and Africa  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. The course explores the longstanding need of Westerners to "help" Africans, examines the historical basis of this particular mode of thought and how it has changed over time, and seeks to understand how Western humanitarian intervention shaped and, perhaps more important, was shaped by Africans. (Irreg.)
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and permission of instructor. This course will expose students to key topics related to immigration in various regions around the world. Students will seek out and interpret the ways that media portrayals impact immigration and how immigration patterns influence that very media framing. This course seeks to break down stereotypes and create new perspectives on the global movement of people. (Irreg.)

IAS 5423 Media and the Global World 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will investigate the media to see connections between the media and the democratization process, media and change, and media and conflict. We will see how traditional, online, and social media can influence politics, economics, and society. We will also examine the connection between media, trust and transparency, and its implications in the global world. (Irreg.)

IAS 5433 International Relations in the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Surveys how the modern states of the region were constructed by the European powers and local authorities following the destruction of the Ottoman and Persian empires in WWI. Concentrates on two regional conflicts, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf conflict, and discusses how policy could have been improved and what the U.S. should be doing in the Middle East today. (Irreg.)

IAS 5443 Qualitative Research Methods 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will expose students to a broad range of qualitative research methods in the social sciences, emphasizing research design, data collection, and writing proposals and reports. It will focus on observing, interviewing, and conducting qualitative research in international relations. Upon completion, students will be able to read qualitative research and understand the relationship between qualitative and quantitative methods. (Irreg.)

IAS 5453 Politics and Policy of the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Focuses on the historical issues of state formation and emergence of the modern Middle East; the contemporary question or persistent authoritarianism from social, economic, and political perspectives; and aspects of the U.S. involvement in the Middle East. (Irreg.)

IAS 5463 Comparative Politics of the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course examines themes in Arab and Middle East politics. This includes states and state formation; identity, nationalism, and politics; political economy; the persistence and dynamics of authoritarianism; oil wealth, Gulf politics, and its impact on domestic politics; Islam and politics; the 2011 Arab uprisings; sectarianism; regional politics, and the current state of the Middle East. (Irreg.)

IAS 5473 Arab-Israeli Conflict 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. The Arab-Israeli conflict attracts a disproportionate amount of attention in the news media, international politics and law, and the socio-cultural sphere. This course examines the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict in an attempt to place it in its historical context, while tracing its developments from multiple angles, in order to provide understanding of the dynamic that constitutes ‘the conflict’. (Irreg.)

IAS 5483 Minorities in the Middle East 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will discover the Middle East’s heterogeneity by examining the experiences and changing positions of minorities since the rise of Islam. Specific topics will include the non-Muslims in classical Islamic and Ottoman societies, the rise of nationalism, Kurds and other Muslim ethnic minorities, Jews, Druzes and other heterodox Muslim minorities, Middle Eastern Christians, and the Bahais. (Irreg.)

IAS 5493 Global Islamophobia 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. What is Islamophobia and what are the strengths and limitations of the term in capturing the global complexity of Muslim experiences? This course will study the theoretical and practical iterations of Islamophobia on a global scale and examine the concept through specific sites of contemporary anti-Muslim sentiments in the United States, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. (Irreg.)

IAS 5503 Theory and Practice of International Politics 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Focuses on political relations among states, the role and function of non-state actors, the nature of the international system, factors that affect state behavior, analytical and practical tools relevant for foreign policy decision-making, and various policy relevant issues in the international arena. (Irreg.)

IAS 5513 US Diplomatic History 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course focuses on the establishment and evolution of U.S. foreign policy from 1776 to the present. It introduces key events and the roles of key players, including the President, National Security Council, State Department, and Congress, in the development of U.S. foreign policy. (Irreg.)

IAS 5523 Global Political Economy 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Examines economic relations, cooperation, and competition among states and non-state actors. Students in this course can gain a familiarity with the principles of international trade and finance, understand the functions and power of international economic institutions and how these have evolved and changed, and understand different theories that have been offered to explain international political economy. (Irreg.)

IAS 5533 Modern Statecraft 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. Geopolitics has its basis in statecraft, the application of the power of the state toward other states, organizations, and peoples. The key to managing international relationships to further one’s prosperity and security is embodied by statecraft and the multi-faceted aspects of state power. (Irreg.)

IAS 5543 International Organizations 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will give participants the opportunity to critically reflect on the reasons why sovereign states have collectively decided to create International Organizations (IOs). The course will also provide a survey of some of the main IOs in existence as well as their current political and institutional challenges. Finally, this course will discuss challenges to global governance. (Irreg.)

IAS 5553 Global Cybersecurity Issues 3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. Virtually every area of political, economic, and social life is increasingly dependent on networked computing and related information and communications technologies (ICTs). As a result, states and societies now face an array of pressing cybersecurity challenges. This course will introduce students to contemporary global cybersecurity challenges and to the policy tools available to cope with them. (Irreg.)
IAS 5563  Illicit Trafficking  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course focuses on some of today's most troubling security issues - the persistent and growing problems associated with the trafficking and smuggling of drugs, money, humans, guns, and commodities of all sorts. The course will demonstrate the very broad and encompassing nature of illicit trafficking and how this activity has an impact on global security and underdevelopment. (Irreg.)

IAS 5623  Inequality Around the World  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will derive coherence from a focus on economic inequality, specifically on the social and political consequences of economic inequality. Material will address such questions as: what is the scope of economic inequality in modern societies? Why does inequality matter? Do societies necessarily become more unequal as they grow more prosperous? Might inequality at some level harm economic growth? (Irreg.)

IAS 5633  Political Development  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will discuss different approaches to international development. At the end of the course, participants will have a comprehensive view of how development has evolved historically, how it has been disputed by different scholars, and how various stakeholders have worked for the promotion of development at the international level. (Irreg.)

IAS 5643  Global Perspectives on Gender  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. From this course, students will be able to understand critiques of Western feminism, analyze the lived experiences of non-western women and communities of color, be conversant with critical epistemologies and anti-oppressive research methodologies, and discuss and apply intersectionality in a way that is historically and contextually accurate. (Irreg.)

IAS 5653  Global Environmental Politics  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. A comprehensive introduction to key themes relating to global environmental politics. The course is divided into three core sections: (1) global environmental governance; (2) global political economy as it relates to the environment and natural resources; and (3) contemporary, global challenges in global environmental politics. Students will also evaluate documents prepared by government agencies, think tanks, non-profits, and global institutions. (Irreg.)

IAS 5693  Political Economy of China  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Explores debates over the political economy of China. Examines theories of institutional change and economic performance, state capacity and political development, rent-seeking and corruption, and class formation and collective action. How do China's reforms over the past three decades confirm or challenge the assumptions and propositions central to these established social science theories? How have recent studies of political economy in China advanced our understanding of these theories or suggested new approaches to the study of comparative political economy? These and other core questions will be covered including topics such as popular protest, global capitalism, corruption, and the nature of one-party rule in China. (Irreg.)

IAS 5703  International Studies Colloquium  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will introduce the broad, multi-disciplinary field of International Studies. Students will practice analytical writing, reading, and public speaking, and become familiar with IAS faculty members and their areas of expertise. The culminating assignment will require each student to present the work they completed to members of the IAS faculty and graduate program. (F)

IAS 5713  Policy Analysis and Writing  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course will prepare students for policy-oriented careers. Students will develop an understanding of the policy value chain, from policy making to policy implementation and from diffusion to evaluation, and how associated feedback loops shape the policy trajectories. Building on an understanding of the policy cycle, it will give students an opportunity to engage in policy analysis. (Irreg.)

IAS 5723  Global Policy Workshop  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This course serves as a culminating experience for the MAIS program. It is intended for students to integrate the knowledge and skills they have gained in their program and to apply them in a practical and/or experiential manner to contemporary global policy issues. The applied component will typically involve an extended simulation exercise or a project for a real-world organization. (Sp)

IAS 5743  Graduate Studies in International Relations  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. Designed to provide students with a foundation for success in coursework for the MA degree in International Relations. The course begins with a focus on effective analytical writing in the field of international relations. The remaining sections of the course concentrate on essential building blocks in the field of international relations, with a particular emphasis on the relationship between domestic and international levels of explanation of international phenomena, from treaties/international agreements to economic sanctions to war. (Irreg.)

IAS 5803  Global Affairs Practicum  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. All students are expected to engage in a research project resulting in a written document that examines a specific government or international policy. The paper should ultimately propose specific policy recommendations that are intended to be an improvement upon the current policy. The project may be conducted under the auspices of the Diplomacy Lab. (Irreg.)

IAS 5810  Field Studies in Africa  1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. The Field Studies in Africa course is a summer program designed exclusively for OU students. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for up to one month throughout one or more countries in Africa. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English, but some foreign language training may be included in the program. Experiential activities, cultural events and lectures from host nationals add to expert OU faculty lectures to give Field Studies in Africa participants a comprehensive understanding of the historical context and contemporary issues facing the countries of study and the African continent today. All accepted applicants receive a travel fellowship to offset the cost of international airfare. (Su)
IAS 5820  Field Studies in Italy  1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. The Field Studies in Italy course is a summer program designed exclusively for OU students. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for up to one month throughout the country of Italy. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English, but some foreign language training may be included in the program. Experiential activities, cultural events and lectures from host nationals add to the end of this course, students should have a firmer grasp on societal interaction and reaction along a number of important areas. (Irreg)

IAS 5830  Field Studies in China  1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. The Field Studies in China course is a summer program designed exclusively for OU students. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for up to one month throughout the country of China. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English, but some foreign language training may be included in the program. Experiential activities, cultural events and lectures from host nationals add to the end of this course, students should have a firmer grasp on societal interaction and reaction along a number of important areas. (Irreg)

IAS 5840  Field Studies in Latin America  1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. The Field Studies in Latin America course is a summer program designed exclusively for OU students. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for up to one month throughout the one or more Latin American countries. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English, but some foreign language training may be included in the program. Experiential activities, cultural events and lectures from host nationals add to the end of this course, students should have a firmer grasp on societal interaction and reaction along a number of important areas. (Irreg)

IAS 5850  Field Studies in Turkey  1-6 Credit Hours
1 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit 12 hours. The Field Studies in Turkey course is a summer program designed exclusively for OU students. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for up to one month throughout the country of Turkey. Academic instruction for this program takes place in English, but some foreign language training may be included in the program. Experiential activities, cultural events and lectures from host nationals add to the end of this course, students should have a firmer grasp on societal interaction and reaction along a number of important areas. (Irreg)

IAS 5902  Global Political Turbulence  2 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This is one of three core courses in the MAGA program focused on aspects of global turbulence. The Global Political Turbulence course explores the sources, consequences and implications of turbulence in the international political system. It will examine political turbulence in a global context, as well as turbulent affairs in each region of the world. We will concentrate on the political turbulence that characterizes global affairs today and will highlight turbulent relations in each region of the world. (Irreg)

IAS 5912  Global Economic Turbulence  2 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This is one of three core courses in the MAGA program focused on aspects of global turbulence. This course explores sources of turbulence in the global economy and their consequences – from the increasing global diffusion of economic power, to the volatility produced by free movement of large amounts of capital around the world. We will begin by examining shifts in the global distribution of economic power. We also will consider the 2008-9 global financial crisis, the aftermath of which continues to have dramatic consequences across governments and international organizations worldwide. (Irreg)

IAS 5913  International Studies Internship  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Students receive academic credit for internship work with an internationally oriented public or private organization. Internship credit requires an element of reflection, research, and writing about the work undertaken, and can strongly enhance the internship opportunity and improve a student’s ability to articulate knowledgeably the requirements, benefits and lessons of work in the public or non-profit sector. (Irreg)

IAS 5922  Global Social Turbulence  2 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. This is one of three core courses in the MAGA program focused on aspects of global turbulence. This course examines the layered causes and consequences of social turbulence around the world. It explores how peoples interact with each other and the world around them. Additionally, students will address how people react to societal and environmental changes. At the end of this course, students should have a firmer grasp on societal interaction and reaction along a number of important areas. (Irreg)

IAS 5923  International Studies Policy Exercise  3 Credit Hours
Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. Policy exercise offers students the option of a Capstone project that demands the integration of skills developed in the MAIS program core. Each semester the faculty will develop a policy exercise based on a contemporary global problem. Students will be responsible for gathering extensive evidence and analyses bearing on the problem at hand from a variety of perspectives. (Irreg)

IAS 5940  Topics in International Studies  1-4 Credit Hours
1 to 4 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit nine hours. Analysis of one or several selected topics in international studies, international development, and/or international management. (Irreg)

IAS 5950  Research Problems  2-5 Credit Hours
2 to 5 hours. Prerequisite: graduate standing. May be repeated with change of content; maximum credit six hours. Directed research and writing on selected topics in international relations, international development, and international management. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 5960  Directed Readings  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Directed individual readings on selected topics in international relations; international development, and international management. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 5970  Special Topics/Seminar  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or permission of instructor. May be repeated; maximum credit nine hours. Special topics or seminar course for content not currently offered in regularly scheduled courses. May include library and/or laboratory research and field projects. (Irreg)
IAS 5980  Research for Master's Thesis  2-6 Credit Hours
2 to 6 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and admission to M.A. in International Relations. May be repeated; maximum credit four hours. Directed individual research and writing on master's thesis. Student must be admitted to the M.A. in International Relations program. (F, Sp, Su)

IAS 5990  Independent Study  1-3 Credit Hours
1 to 3 hours. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and graduate standing. May be repeated; maximum credit six hours. Directed individual work on topics in international relations, international development, and/or international management. (F, Sp, Su)

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