International Studies (IS)

IS 200  Introduction to International Studies  (3 credit hours)
Introductory analysis of the diverse processes of globalization, and an interdisciplinary survey of the social, political, economic, and cultural patterns reflected in the interrelations between various regions of the world. Emphasis on the historical and cultural contexts of debates in current global issues. A foundation course for students preparing an International Studies major or minor.

GEP Global Knowledge, GEP Interdisciplinary Perspectives
Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

IS 250  Globalizing North Carolina  (3 credit hours)
Examines from an anthropological and historic perspective the impact of transnational and global forces on specific communities in North Carolina post World War II. Emphasis placed on studying the consequences of urban growth and economic shifts away from the agricultural and manufacturing industries and toward financial services, scientific and technological research, and the knowledge-based industries. Consequences include increased infrastructural demands, environmental issues, increased income and educational inequalities, food production, socio-cultural clashes, and migration and immigration concerns.

GEP Interdisciplinary Perspectives, GEP U.S. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, GEP U.S. Diversity
Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

IS 301  International Cultural Competency before Study Abroad  (1 credit hours)
Study abroad experiences are often instrumental moments in a student’s personal and intellectual development, when someone may "connect the dots" between local and global issues for the first time in ways that are intimately unique to their own experience. This course provides students with a chance to meaningfully develop their international cultural competency before they embark on a study abroad experience.

Typically offered in Spring only

IS 393  Theories of Globalization  (3 credit hours)
This course offers an in-depth and interdisciplinary examination of various aspects of globalization including economics, human dimensions of environmental change, culture, ethics and power. The course aims to build student understanding of the relationship between theory and application in the field of international studies. This course is designed for international studies minors, as well as majors who are expected to bridge between introductory materials and capstone coursework.
Restriction: Minimum of 45 credit hours complete; IS majors and minors only

Prerequisite: IS 200
Typically offered in Fall and Spring

IS 395  Special Topics in International Studies  (1-3 credit hours)
Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

IS 471/ANT 571/ANT 471  Understanding Latino Migration  (3 credit hours)
This collaborative, hands-on class examines what ultimately drives migration and how families, communities, and policy-makers respond to migration in ways that can keep the process going. Focusing on emigration from Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, the course reviews the historical foundation for today's migration with attention to migration to North Carolina.

GEP Global Knowledge, GEP Social Sciences, GEP Interdisciplinary Perspectives
Typically offered in Summer only

IS 491  Senior Seminar in International Studies  (3 credit hours)
An intensive study of selected international issues, global dimensions and implications, leading to a major research paper.

Prerequisite: IS 393
Typically offered in Fall and Spring

IS 495  Advanced Special Topics in International Studies  (3 credit hours)
Detailed investigation of an advanced topic in International Studies. Topic and mode of study to be determined by faculty member.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer

IS 498  Independent Study in International Studies  (1-6 credit hours)
Independent Study of a topic in International Studies. Mode of study determined by a faculty member and student(s). Independent Study courses require a "Course Agreement for Students Enrolled in Non-Standard Courses" to be completed by the student(s) and faculty member prior to registration by the department.

Typically offered in Fall, Spring, and Summer