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 302 International Cultural Competency after Study Abroad (1 credit hours)
This course provides students who have recently completed a study abroad program with a chance to make sense of their own international experience on multiple intellectual, personal, and ethical levels, as well as to consider how these connect with their burgeoning international cultural competency and their future educational or professional plans.
Typically offered in Fall 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/IS 571/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.
Prerequisite: Graduate Standing
GEP Global Knowledge, GEP Interdisciplinary Perspectives, GEP Social Sciences
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

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