Graduate Courses by Major Field

Core Courses:

GEO 6473 Space, Place and Identity — MA and PhD
INR 6706 Political Economy of International Relations — MA and PhD
INR 5609 Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations — MA and PhD
INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations — MA and PhD
INR 5017 Approaches to Area Studies — MA requirement only
INR 6604 International Relations Theory I — PhD requirement only
INR 6608 Contemporary International Relations Theory — PhD requirement only

Four Fields:

(1) Global Institutions and Issues (GL) — MA and PhD
(2) Comparative Area Studies (AS) — PhD
(3) Foreign Policy and Security Studies (FP) — MA and PhD
(4) International Law (IL) — PhD

INR 5007 Seminar in International Politics (3) - Core. An advanced graduate course designed to give students a specialized knowledge of the classics in international politics. The course traces the development of international politics from Thucydides to the present.

INR 5012 Global Issues and Human Rights (3) - GL, FP, IL. Identification, articulation and clarification of global issues that affect Human Rights and the global strategies used to challenge and overcome obstacles. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5017 Approaches to Area Studies (3) – MA Core / AS. Provides students the necessary tools to approach global issues from the comparative perspective of how they play out in different regions of the world.

INR 5036 Politics of Globalization (3) - GL, AS, FP, IL. Intensive examination of state and global institutions that have shaped process of economic globalization. Topics include impact on sovereignty, human rights, labor and agenda-setting of large and small nation-states.

INR 5062 War, Peace and Conflict Resolution in INR (3) - FP. Explores the genesis of interstate conflict, the evolution of crisis, the outbreak of war and peace. Analyzes conflict resolution and post-conflict reconstruction processes in international relations.

INR 5066 Global and Human Security (3). – GL, FP. Global and human security is an emerging paradigm intensified by the process of globalization and epitomized by transnational issues affecting the individual, state, region, and global system.

INR 5072 The Media and International Relations (3) - GL. Explores impact of visual and print media on practice and theory of international relations. Encourages students to question how representations of international relations issues are produced by everyday media culture. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5086 Islam in International Relations (3) - AS, FP. Analysis of the role of Islam in shaping the dynamics of contemporary international relations. Emphasis on the ideological, cultural, and political role of Islamic movements and states, and their relations with the West.
INR 5087 Ethnicity and the Politics of Development (3) - AS, FP. This course examines the conceptual and substantive dimensions of ethnicity in the context of world politics and political development. The course will highlight ethnicity and ethnic groups as critical factors in North-South politics.

INR 5088 Feminism and International Relations (3) - GL, FP. Familiarizes students with major theoretical traditions of feminist thinking and surveys feminist literature in the sub-fields of security studies, political economy, and global governance. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5105 American Foreign Policy (3) - FP. Compares different perspectives in foreign policy analysis. Provides a comprehensive understanding of major issues in U.S. policy.

INR 5255 Seminar in African Development (3) - AS. Examines political, economic and social development in Sub-Saharan Africa in an international context. Introduces students to sources for research in African international development. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5256 Conflict and Peacemaking in Africa (3) – AS, FP. An examination of the root and proximate causes of national and transnational conflict in Africa, and the range of approaches used to attempt to restore peace to such conflicts. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5275 International Relations of the Middle East (3) - AS, FP. Focuses on IR of the contemporary Middle East, the foreign policy of major regional states, regional conflicts, and the US and other great powers’ involvement, and dynamics of social and religious movements and revolutions. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5276 Seminar on International Relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf (3) - AS. Study of the contemporary international relations of Iran and the Persian Gulf since the Islamic Revolution in 1979, relations with the Middle East, Eurasia, the Western World and the United States.

INR 5315 Foreign Policy Analysis (3) - FP. Comparative examination of theories of foreign policy making, emphasizing the international, domestic, and organizational contexts in which national policies are formulated and enacted. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5352 Environment and Security (3) - GL, FP, IL. Examines the relationship between environmental issues and international security. Surveys such topics as resource scarcity, environmental degradation, and deforestation and their implications for national and regional security. Considers such topics as international environmental law, and international environmental regimes.

INR 5409 International Law I (3) - GL, FP, IL. Role of international law in the relations of states; nature, development, theory, sources of law; international personality; jurisdiction, including territory and nationality; dispute settlement.

INR 5507 International Organizations I (3) - GL, FP, IL. Study of international organizations and their role in international relations. Emphasis on their legal status, rule-making capacities, and role in dispute settlement and maintenance of peace.

INR 5543 International Political Economy of East Asia (3) - AS, FP. Introduction to the international political economy of East Asia with a focus on different paradigms that explain the rise and fall of the economy of a number of states in East Asia.
INR 5544 The New Asian Century (3) - AS, FP. Critically examines Asian regional identity, Asia’s role in the modern world economy, national and regional institution building, new security challenges, and the legacy of the past. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5607 International Relations and Development (3) - GL, FP. An analysis and conceptualization of the process of development as it takes place in the international context. Special attention given to the role of international organizations in promoting development and the manner in which differences in developmental levels conditions international relations.

INR 5609 Contemporary Dynamics of International Relations (3) - Core. Surveys the 20th century’s large events and important tendencies decade by decade, as registered by intellectual and policy elites at the time.

INR 5615 Research Design in International Relations (3) - Core. Introduces graduate students to the principles of formulating and defending a compelling research design, gathering and analyzing evidence, and producing scholarship.

INR 5906 Independent Study (VAR). Directed independent research. Requires prior approval by instructor. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 5934 Topics in International Politics (3). A rigorous examination of a topic in international politics. Subject matter varies according to instructor. Topic to be announced in advance.

INR 5935 Topics in International Relations (3). Varies according to the instructor. Prerequisites: Graduate standing or permission of the instructor.

INR 5943 Internship in International Relations (1-6). Permits student to gain direct experience with analysis and conduct of international affairs. Work required for internship must be determined in consultation with instructor. Prerequisites: Graduate standing and permission of the instructor.

INR 5945 Graduate Pedagogy (1) – PhD Core. The development of teaching skills required by graduate assistants, including classroom skills, designing examinations, etc. Prerequisite: Graduate Assistants.

INR 6008 Colloquium in International Studies (3) - GL, IL. A systemic and International Relations theory supplemented with a consideration of legal, institutional, and developmental issues. Prerequisite for MIB students: INR 6603 (World Politics).

INR 6010 Global Governance (3) - GL, FP, IL. Surveys contemporary writings on international regimes, global civil society, the relationship of global economics and politics, changing models of world order, and intergovernmental organizations. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 6019 Seminar in Comparative Area Studies (3) - AS. Examines contemporary issues in area studies, with focused attention on the interplay between domestic and international forces and the conditioning effects of global structures. Topics vary by instructor. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 6056 Environment and Development (3) - GL, FP. Examines the relationship of development and the environment from a social theory perspective. Emphasizes Third World problems such as deforestation and soil erosion.
INR 6067 Human Security (3) – GL, FP. Explores the debates and dilemmas of human security with an emphasis on the processes and policies actors develop in response to global threats.

INR 6080 Seminar on Non-State Actors (3) - GL, AS, FP. Explores the nature of non-state actors in international politics, including cities, interest groups, multi-nationals, and individuals.

INR 6089 International Relations and Human Rights (3) - GL, FP, IL. Examination of national and international factors affecting respect for human rights. Special emphasis on international human rights groups, foreign policy, and politics of policy implementation.

INR 6107 U.S. Foreign Policy: Processes and Institutions (3) - FP. Examines the structures and processes that shape U.S. policy toward other nations. Topics include: systemic constraints, state/society relations, interest groups, bureaucracy, and leadership.

INR 6209 Comparative Foreign Policy of Latin America (3) - AS, FP. Theories, history, and political-economic dynamics of Latin American foreign policies and international relations. (S)

INR 6245 The Military, Latin America and International Security (3) - AS, FP. Explores the supranationalization of the military institution in Latin America and how this has caused a transformation of its functional missions in the international and regional security and peace. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

INR 6266 Seminar in Russian Foreign Policy (3) - AS, FP. Close analysis of the theoretical foundation and policy evolution of Soviet/Russian role in international affairs of the 20th century.

INR 6338 Seminar in Strategic Studies (3) - FP. Close analysis of key traditional and non-traditional concepts of the field of Strategic Studies, i.e. the genesis of power, war and peace, security and their relevance to and impact on International Relations.

INR 6406 International Law II (3) - GL, FP, IL. The course, which is the second of a two course graduate sequence, focuses on special topics, e.g., treaties, state responsibility, force and jurisdiction. Prerequisites: INR 5409 or permission of the instructor.

INR 6604 International Relations Theory I (3) – PhD Core. An analysis of the traditional approaches to international relations theory, beginning with the classic works in the field. Emphasizes the philosophical and normative underpinnings of realism, idealism, liberalism, and radicalism.

INR 6605 Contemporary International System (3) - GL, FP. Study of synthetic review of theories of development and approaches to the study of development as a process of social, political, and economic change. Prerequisites: CPO 5036 and ESC 5025.

INR 6606 Political Psychology of International Relations (3) - GL, FP. Study of psychological explanations for political behavior in international relations. Topics include: cognitive, motivational, and bureaucratic decision theories; leadership; and public opinion.

INR 6608 Contemporary International Relations Theory (3) – PhD Core. Surveys contemporary theories of International Relations, including neorealism, theories of cooperation among states, approaches to international political economy, and critical theories.

INR 6705 Seminar in International Political Economy (3) - Core. Theories of economic cooperation and conflict among nation-states. Liberal, economic nationalists and Marxist theoretical paradigms are explored in an examination of the internationalization of capital, trade, and investment and the role of the
State in the global economy.

**INR 6706 Political Economy of International Relations (3) - Core.** Examines contemporary theoretical and policy debates in the area of international political economy. Reviews key concepts, theories, and approaches used in the study of IPE. Prerequisites: INR 6604 or permission of the instructor.

**INR 6936 Seminar in Inter-American Politics (3) - AS, FP.** Focus on U.S.-Latin American relations. Attempts to link the theoretical literature on U.S. foreign policy with empirical developments.

**INR 6967 Preparation: Comprehensive Examination (19).** Students prepare for comprehensive examination under the direction of a faculty member.