**International Studies**

http://krieger.jhu.edu/internationalstudies

The International Studies major is an interdisciplinary program drawn from the departments of political science, history, economics, languages, sociology, and anthropology. There are three programs in International Studies: a regular undergraduate major leading to the B.A. degree in four years, and two accelerated programs leading to a B.A. and M.A. degree in five years. One of the accelerated programs is in partnership with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. and the other is with political science institute Sciences Po in Paris. The three programs, and all other aspects of the International Studies Program, are described on the International Studies website.

**Requirements for the B.A. Degree**

Also see Requirements for a Bachelor's Degree. (http://e-catalog.jhu.edu/undergrad-students/academic-policies/requirements-for-a-bachelors-degree)

Students considering a major in International Studies should begin introductory courses required of the major early in their college careers. Choices may include an introductory history course at the 100-level, AS.180.101 Elements of Macroeconomics, AS.180.102 Elements of Microeconomics, the appropriate level of a foreign language, and one of the core political science courses.

**Major Requirements**

The international studies major is comprised of three main components:

- Foreign language study
- Core courses in history, political science, and economics
- A focus area of the student’s choosing

In addition, students must earn a grade of C- or better in all courses applied towards major requirements and courses may not be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory. Students must also complete at least 5 courses at the 300 level or higher within the history, political science, and/or economics components of the major. This excludes courses used to fulfill the language requirement and focal area.

**Foreign Language**

Language proficiency through the second semester of the advanced/third-year level is required. If students have proficiency above the advanced/third-year level, they must take either: Option A, two semesters of an upper level literature or culture course offered by the language departments and taught in the language of proficiency, or Option B, take two semesters of another language. Waivers indicating advanced level/third-year language proficiency must be documented in the student’s official academic record in order for a student to be eligible to complete Option A or B. To receive these waivers, students must contact the Center for Language Education or the Department of German and Romance Languages & Literatures to complete a proficiency exam on campus.

**Core Courses**

Courses fulfilling the specific requirements below are listed on the International Studies website (http://krieger.jhu.edu/internationalstudies/courses).

- Five courses in history, including one introductory course at the 100-level from the History Department at Johns Hopkins University.

Four out of the five courses must be Global history (identified by the POS-Tag INST-GLOBAL on the course description in the schedule of classes).

- One Gateway course: AS.190.111 Introduction to Global Studies, AS.190.108 Contemporary International Politics, or AS.230.150 Issues in International Development
- One course in international relations (POS-Tag INST-IR)
- One course in American politics (POS-Tag INST-AP)
- Two courses in comparative politics (POS-Tag INST-CP)
- One course in political theory (POS-Tag INST-PT)
- Four courses in economics. Two courses must be AS.180.101 Elements of Macroeconomics and AS.180.102 Elements of Microeconomics. One must be an internationally-oriented course identified by the POS-Tag INST-ECON on the course description in the schedule of classes. The final course may be of the students’ choosing from courses offered in the Economics Department at Johns Hopkins University. Please note that both the Elements courses must be taken at Johns Hopkins and should be completed by the end of the sophomore year.

**Focus Area Specialization**

Every major in International Studies selects a specialization area, which consists of four semester courses within a coherent field of interest. Specialization fields may be organized in terms of area (e.g., Latin America, East Asia), theme (e.g., security studies, international economics), or language (e.g., Mandarin, Arabic). These courses may not overlap with other requirements of the major.

**Major Requirements:**

**Foreign Language Study**

Two courses beyond the intermediate level or, if proficient based on exam, two additional language courses

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**One Gateway Course**

| AS.190.111 Introduction to Global Studies | 3 |
| AS.190.108 Contemporary International Politics | 3 |
| AS.230.150 Issues in International Development | 3 |

**Political Science Courses**

- One international relations course
- One American politics course
- Two comparative politics courses
- One political theory course

**Economics Courses**

- AS.180.101 Elements of Macroeconomics
- AS.180.102 Elements of Microeconomics
- One AS.180.xxx course
- One approved internationally-focused economics course

**History Courses**

- One AS.100.xxx history course
- Four additional history courses with the POS-Tag INST-GLOBAL

**Focus Area**

- Four courses within a coherent field of interest

**Total Credits**

| 63-65 |
Approved internationally-focused economics courses are listed each semester on the International Studies website and can be identified by the POS-Tag INST-ECON on the course description in the schedule of classes.

* Sample Four Year Plan of Study
Note: Not displayed on the plan below is the requirement that at least 5 courses be taken at the 300 level or higher within the history, political science, and/or economics components of the major. This excludes courses used to fulfill the language requirement and focal area.

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**Total Credits: 77**

### Double-Major and Major-Minor Programs

Students may pursue one of International Studies’ unique double-major or major-minor programs. These are offered in conjunction with affiliated departments and allow students to concentrate their course of study within a specific department or program while simultaneously benefiting from the interdisciplinary training offered by the International Studies major.

Students pursuing a double-major program will receive a major in International Studies as well as a major in the affiliated department or program. For example, students pursuing the Global Social Change and Development track will receive a double major in International Studies and Sociology. The student’s faculty adviser will be a faculty member from the affiliated department or program.

Students pursuing a major-minor program will receive a major in International Studies and a minor in the affiliated department or program (e.g., students pursuing the Global Italy track will receive a minor in Italian Studies) and benefit from a faculty adviser in the affiliated department or program.

Successful completion of an approved double-major or major-minor program will satisfy the International Studies major’s focus area requirement.

### Senior Thesis and Honors in the Major

International Studies majors also have the opportunity to write a senior research thesis. A senior thesis is an extended original research project written under the supervision of a faculty adviser during the student’s senior year. Thesis projects are best suited for students who have an interest in exploring a specific question and/or a field of knowledge beyond their previous course work. Students may complete a senior thesis regardless of GPA; however, those students with a 3.7 GPA (or above) in their International Studies major coursework, and who complete a senior thesis, will be eligible for honors in International Studies. Theses completed for any of the major’s affiliated departments may be used to earn honors both in that departmental major and in International Studies.

### Study Abroad

Studying abroad is especially valuable for International Studies majors. JHU encourages all IS majors to spend one or both semesters of their junior year abroad. International Studies sponsors a number of study abroad programs designed for IS majors and administers them in collaboration with the Office of Study Abroad.

The Junior Year or Semester Abroad at SAIS Europe, offered through the Bologna, Italy campus of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), allows motivated International Studies majors to spend all or part of their junior year taking graduate level classes. Students who spend their junior year or a semester in Bologna and subsequently apply for graduate studies at SAIS will receive advanced credit at SAIS for part of their work.

A similar exchange program with the French political science institute Sciences Po allows students to spend a semester or a year studying at Sciences Po’s seven regional campuses: Paris, Menton, Reims, Poitiers, Le Havre, Nancy, or Dijon. Courses are offered in English as well as French and thus are open to students regardless of their knowledge of French. One of Europe’s most prestigious universities, Sciences Po has a strong international focus and allows students to develop a cross-cultural and transatlantic perspective, while simultaneously offering unique access to the field of international affairs.

Additionally, the Office of Study Abroad offers a wide range of study abroad opportunities across the globe tailored to students’ specific interests.
Five-Year Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program with the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

For students wishing to pursue a master's degree after graduation from Hopkins, the university offers an accelerated and competitive International Studies B.A./M.A. Program drawing upon its resources at SAIS, located in Washington, D.C. Combining a liberal arts curriculum with a strong specialization in international studies, the program allows those enrolled to receive the B.A. and M.A. degrees in five years instead of the usual six.

Approximately eight sophomores are selected for the program each year. Admission is limited to those majoring in International Studies, Political Science or East Asian Studies (Nanjing, China campus only) and who are highly motivated toward careers for which a background in international studies is essential: research, teaching, or practice in international affairs. Financial assistance is available to those admitted based on need and on academic achievement. For more information go to http://krieger.jhu.edu/internationalstudies/bama-programs/bama-program-with-sais/.

Students admitted to SAIS through the Direct Matriculation Program (DMP) may be subject to additional requirements. https://apply.jhu.edu/apply/direct-matriculation-programs/

Five-Year Accelerated B.A./M.A. Program with Sciences Po

Students may also apply to participate in a five-year accelerated B.A./M.A. program with Sciences Po, one of Europe's finest schools of political science. The B.A./M.A. Program is aimed principally at students who are interested in international affairs and who would like to develop their intellectual and professional capabilities from an international and multidisciplinary perspective. After the junior year, students spend two years at Sciences Po's Paris campus completing graduate-level coursework at the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA), which houses the majority of Sciences Po's internationally-oriented master's programs. PSIA is a bilingual institution, thus students may choose to pursue either an English or French track. Students may also elect to pursue a master's degree at the School of Journalism, School of Communication, or School of Law. Students interested in an academic career may also choose to pursue a research master's with the Doctoral Program at Sciences Po. Students who are not proficient in French will also pursue French language training during their course of study.

Applicants follow an application and review process similar to the one for the SAIS program. Approximately three to four sophomores are selected each year for the Sciences Po program. Students pay tuition to Johns Hopkins for the first year in Paris and to Sciences Po for the second. Financial aid from Johns Hopkins continues only through the end of a student's fourth year.

Progress toward the B.A./M.A. Degrees

Students in both programs described above spend their first three years at the Homewood campus and the last two at either SAIS or Sciences Po. Students receive the B.A. degree at the end of their first year at either SAIS or Sciences Po and the M.A. at the end of their second year.

Students selected for either of the accelerated programs may study abroad during their Homewood years on a case by case basis and should discuss their plans with the International Studies Program Director before submitting an application to the Office of Study Abroad.

For current faculty and contact information go to http://krieger.jhu.edu/internationalstudies/directory/

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For current course information and registration go to https://sis.jhu.edu/classes/
Courses

AS.192.110. Special Opportunities in Undergraduate Learning: Library Research & Proposal Writing Skills for International Studies Students. 1.0 Credit.
This course offers training to undergraduate students in International Studies (and related majors) on the fundamentals of library research and research/grant proposal writing. The course will introduce students to the major research resources in global studies in the humanities and social sciences, strategies and techniques to conduct effective research, and how to use library research to enhance research and grant proposal writing. This course aims to help students learn the basics of research and grant proposal writing and develop research skills for use in their major coursework and major-related research projects.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Y. Ye
Area: NA

Are you planning to do a research project for your independent study class, or preparing for a grant application, or working on a big research project for a research intensive class or graduation thesis, or just wishing to improve your research skills? If so, this course is for you! Through weekly two hour sessions over ten weeks, you will receive systematic training on major research tools, resources and techniques useful for any research project in international studies, political science, and other social science subjects. By the end of the course, you will be able to come up with a viable research topic, and complete a research statement that includes an abstract, problem statement and literature review based on in-depth research utilizing tools and techniques covered in the course. The skills you learn through the course will prepare you for any future research projects and advanced studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Y. Ye
Area: NA

AS.192.310. Program Abroad: Populism in Comparative Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
International Studies elective offered on the JHU Summer Program Abroad in Bologna. Open to students on the JHU Bologna Summer Program only. Permission required.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Karatasli; S. Morgan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.192.320. Colonialism and Foreign intervention in the Middle East and Africa. 3.0 Credits.
How did colonial rule and post-colonial foreign intervention shape the history and politics of states in the Middle East and Africa? The first part of this course focuses on the colonial period, examining the era of conquest, considering how and whether colonial rule differed from other types of ruling arrangements, and studying how people in colonized territories reacted to conquest and foreign rule. Part Two focuses on post-colonial foreign military interventions. Part Three considers the potential long-term consequences of colonialism and foreign intervention. The course focuses on British, French, and American imperialism.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Lawrence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.192.340. Refugees, Human Rights, and Sovereignty: Focus on Italy. 3.0 Credits.
Summer course in International Studies offered on the JHU Summer Program in Bologna.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): I. Naveh Benjamin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.192.350. Capital and Climate: Italy in the Mirror of World History. 3.0 Credits.
Summer course offered on the JHU Summer Abroad Program in Bologna, Italy
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Allan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.192.401. Political Violence. 2.0 Credits.
This class will function predominantly as a discussion seminar that uses the case of the Lebanese Civil War to examine the causes, duration, and dynamics of civil war as well as the debates surrounding foreign intervention and peacebuilding. Themes include: ethnic violence; economic explanations for civil war; civilian targeting; intra-rebellion dynamics; sexual and gender-based violence; election violence; occupation; peacekeeping; and the Responsibility to Protect.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Parkinson
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.192.402. Military Organizations in the Middle East and North Africa. 2.0 Credits.
This course will examine the diverse roles state and non-state military organizations play in MENA politics, economics, and society. Each week will use an organizational case study as a window into core themes such as military involvement in state economies, militia politics, or combatant discipline in war.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Parkinson
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.192.403. Qualitative Research. 3.0 Credits.
This class is designed to introduce students to qualitative methodology. Practically, students will gain first hand experience with qualitative research methods via research design, ethics review, in-depth interviewing, participant observation, and archival/primary source research. They will learn to deploy analytical techniques such as discourse analysis and process tracing. Students will also be asked to consider the merits of qualitative approaches more generally, and discuss the relative advantages of qualitative, experimental, and quantitative approaches. Questions that we will discuss include: What place should qualitative research have in a research design? Can qualitative research test hypotheses, or only generate them? Can qualitative research explain social phenomena, or only interpret them? What are the disadvantages and advantages of qualitative approaches compared to quantitative approaches? For what kinds of research questions are ethnographic techniques best suited? Is replicability possible for ethnographic field research? What criteria of evidence and analytical rigor apply on this terrain?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Lawrence; S. Parkinson
Area: NA
NA.

AS.192.410. Kissinger Seminar on American Grand Strategy. 3.0 Credits.
Enrollment is via an application and at the discretion of the instructors. Space in the course is limited. To apply, email a one-page resume, one-page personal statement on why you want to take the class including how it contributes to your professional interests, and a writing sample of less than ten pages to KissingerCenter@jhu.edu. Applications are due by Wednesday, October 24, 2018. This course is a new initiative of the Henry A. Kissinger Center for Global Affairs at Johns Hopkins SAIS, meant to link SAIS with the undergraduate International Studies major at Homewood. It will expose exceptional undergraduate students in all disciplines to the study of grand strategy and the history of U.S. foreign policy. The bulk of the course will explore critical moments, themes, and people in the history of American grand strategy, from Washington’s Farewell Address to the statecraft of Donald Trump. The seminar will be rooted in applied history—the study of the past as a way of better understanding the challenges and opportunities of the present and future. It will also be interdisciplinary, drawing on international relations theory and contemporary policy studies. The seminar will equip students to evaluate and contribute to intense debates about the future of American grand strategy. In addition to regular classroom meetings at Homewood campus, the course will feature events at the SAIS campus in Washington, DC, including meetings with current and former policymakers. These sessions will take place on February 11th, March 4th, April 2nd, April 30th. Transportation between Homewood campus and SAIS will be provided. These sessions will be followed by a dinner hosted by the Kissinger Center.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): F. Gavin; H. Brands; S. Morgan
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.192.501. Internship- International Studies. 1.0 Credit.
NA
Prerequisites: You must request Independent Academic Work using the Independent Academic Work form found in Student Self-Service: Registration > Online Forms.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: NA
NA.

AS.192.551. Program Abroad: International Studies - Leadership Seminar. 1.0 Credit.
The International Studies Leadership Seminar builds core leadership skills and introduces students to critical social, political and economic policies in their local and international contexts. The seminar takes place in different countries each year and builds upon global partnerships that exist between the International Studies Program, Johns Hopkins University, and academic institutions worldwide. Global partners include Waseda University, SAIS Europe, and Sciences Po, among others. Students engage in joint projects, panel presentations and other assignments designed to develop skills in critical analysis and public speaking. Seminar may be taken multiple times.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: NA
NA.

AS.192.591. Research- International Studies. 1.0 Credit.
NA
Prerequisites: You must request Independent Academic Work using the Independent Academic Work form found in Student Self-Service: Registration > Online Forms.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: NA
NA.

AS.192.598. Independent Study- International Studies. 1.0 Credit.
Approval Required.
Prerequisites: You must request Independent Academic Work using the Independent Academic Work form found in Student Self-Service: Registration > Online Forms.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: NA
NA.

AS.192.599. Independent Study- International Studies. 3.0 Credits.
Approval Required.
Prerequisites: You must request Independent Academic Work using the Independent Academic Work form found in Student Self-Service: Registration > Online Forms.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: NA
NA.
Cross Listed Courses

Anthropology

AS.070.124. Freshman Seminar Anthropology. 3.0 Credits.
Freshman Seminar in Anthropology will cover a wide variety of topics. This course is intended for freshman only and is meant as a broad survey course. Topics are approved by the department and dean's office, and may change frequently. Each section will be a unique topic. To learn more about each topic, view the section description found in class search.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Khan; S. Bagaria
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.143. Anthropology of Markets. 3.0 Credits.
Capitalism is built on social and cultural processes. In this course, we explore the culture of capitalism across diverse settings — a fish market in Tokyo, an investment bank in Wall Street, and the organ donation economy in China, among many others. We ask what motivates the makers of markets today, as well as their critics.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Ozden-Schilling
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.070.209. Urban Citizenship in Latin America. 3.0 Credits.
Latin American cities are among the largest in the world, but also among the most unequal. Significant proportions of the urban populations reside informally on the fringes of metropolitan areas without access to services or amenities, secure tenure, or adequate sanitary conditions. This course will study several ethnographies to examine the intricacies of the notion of "urban citizenship" and how the "right to the city" has been imagined, demanded and struggled for in Latin American cities. Cases will include Sao Paulo in Brazil, El Alto in Bolivia, or Bogota in Colombia.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Procupez
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.070.214. Politics and Poetics of Mobility in Africa. 3.0 Credits.
This course considers a broad survey of contemporary themes in African mobility, displacement, and re-settlement. Drawing on historical, anthropological, and literary texts and film, the course uses mobility as a window into a range of topics that are of scholarly interest in contemporary African studies: from urbanization and labor, to violence, political subjectivity and the changing nature of the state, formal and informal economy, gender and domesticity, and religious movements.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. McGlennen
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.249. Latin American Cities: Public Spaces and Private Lives. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the relationship between public space and forms of political expression as well as the cultural implications of various senses of privacy and domesticity in contemporary Latin American cities. Drawing on recent anthropological and historical texts, we will study the formation of urban public space in the region, as well as its use and representation by different social, political and ethnic groups.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Procupez
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.267. Culture, Religion and Politics in Iran. 3.0 Credits.
This is an introductory course for those interested in gaining basic knowledge about contemporary Iran. The focus will be on culture and religion and the ways they in which they become interwoven into different kinds of political stakes.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Haeri
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.295. Conflict and Security in a Global World. 3.0 Credits.
Students will be introduced to problems of global governance in the context of transnational conflicts, changing nature of war, new epidemics and pandemics, and the threats of planetary extinction. What are the ways security is imagined and what kinds of political passions are mobilized for security of people versus security of states.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Das
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.070.296. Introduction to Migration Studies. 3.0 Credits.
How can we understand the city from positions of marginality and risk? What challenges does urban living pose to its most vulnerable residents? We will examine these questions, and methodological and conceptual issues they raise, with anthropological research from five cities: Johannesburg, São Paulo, Ibadan, New York, Kuala Lumpur. We will explore each city from the perspective of particular residents and the specific struggles they face, including crime and security, economic uncertainty, and sexual discrimination.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Richlin
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.299. From Palestine to the Pipeline: Land, Property, and Indigenous Politics. 3.0 Credits.
What are the ideas, histories, and forces that set the conditions of possibility and foreclosure of indigenous politics today? We will explore this question through the lens of property through readings from anthropology, political theory, history, and geography. As is well known, control over land (and its resources) has historically constituted the core of the struggle between settler and native. Within settler colonies, however, land is governed and regulated as property by the settler state. As such, the imagining, making, regulating, and exchanging of property all have important implications for indigenous territory and sovereignty. Focusing on North America, Australia, and Israel/Palestine, this course considers the following questions: how did ideas about rights and ownership develop in settler colonies in relation to the native inhabitants? How did these ideas shape market relations, regulations, and property law? And how does indigenous land struggle navigate the constraints and possibilities of property in the struggle for territory?

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Kohlbry
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.302. Crisis and Futurity: New Ethnographies of Africa. 3.0 Credits.
“Africa Rising” or “The Hopeless Continent?” Within the span of a decade, The Economist magazine famously declared each to be true. In this class we turn to the genre of ethnography, with its focus on lived experience and critical nuance, to make sense of this seeming contradiction. We explore the themes of crisis and futurity through new works by Mbembe, De Boeck, Obarrio, and others.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Degani
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.314. Activism and Assembly, Local and Global Connections. 3.0 Credits.
This course offers an anthropological perspective on political mobilization and struggles for social change and citizenship rights in several regions of the world. It charts collective action among the urban poor, indigenous peoples, queer rights activists, feminists, environmentalists and grassroots groups in various cultural and political contexts, to examine methodologies, representations, and local and global networks.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Procupez
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.070.318. The Atlantic World. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores the formation of the South Atlantic through a reading of historical and ethnographic texts. We examine the making of history and culture as contentious fields of struggle.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Angelini
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.333. Theologies of Political Life. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the relationship between modern political forms and theological traditions. Looking at developments both in the West and the postcolonial world, we will examine the multiple ways in which theological traditions have continued to inform how political life is conceived and pursued. In particular, we will focus on the relation between liberalism and the Christian tradition; the turn to messianism in critical theory; the transformation of the shari’a into a legal form; and its imbrication in anti-colonial politics.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Al-Bahloly
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.336. Ethnographic Perspectives on Brazil. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar offers an examination of Brazilian culture and politics through close readings of classic and contemporary ethnography. The course will track how anthropologists have approached the complexities and contradictions of Brazilian society. And, conversely, we investigate how studies in Brazil have prompted challenges to and generated innovations in anthropological thought.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Angelini
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.070.359. Korean War. 3.0 Credits.
This course takes the Korean War as a site to both explore: 1) contemporary historical and political transformations in East Asia and globally and 2) the ways in which violence, catastrophic loss, and separation are woven into everyday life. It will explore the Korean War through film, fiction, historiography, and draw on comparative materials in anthropology
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Han
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.380. Slumworld: Life in informal Settlements. 3.0 Credits.
One quarter of the planet’s urban population lives today in slums, shantytowns, favelas, chawls, colonias and other forms of rudimentary settlements (according to UN Habitat). Despite their prevalence throughout the world, these places are still depicted as spaces of informality and abjection, rather than as sites of emergence of innovative -even if disadvantaged-; makeshift ways of producing the city. This course will combine ethnographic and geographical literature, as well as works of fiction and film to explore the lives of squatters and slum-dwellers in many regions of the world and examine in what way their practices, forms of dwelling, sociality, conflict and cooperation are constitutive of the urban experience.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Procupez
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.465. Concepts: How to Read Hindu and Islamic Texts. 3.0 Credits.
What is the nature of anthropological concepts and what relations do they bear to concepts internal to a society? We invite students to think with key ideas from Hindu and Islamic traditions, asking if anthropological concepts are best seen as abstractions from the particular or as intertwined with ongoing lines of inquiry, say into the nature of the real and continual efforts to test it? Topics in ritual theory, grammar, aesthetics, translation, revelation, luminosity, figuration and the mythological among those to be considered.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Khan; V. Das
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.070.473. Readings of Foucault. 3.0 Credits.
We will do a close reading of selected texts of Foucault to track the concepts of power, subjectivity, government, and care of the self.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Das
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences

History
AS.100.102. The Medieval World. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore selected topics in the political, economic, social, and intellectual history of Western Europe in the period between the fall of the Roman Empire and the thirteenth century. Special emphasis will be given to understanding the ways in which medieval society functioned as a pioneer civilization, compelled to reorganize itself after the almost total collapse of the ancient world, and to the interplay between material and cultural forces in the processes of social organization.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Spiegel
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.103. Early Modern Europe & the Wider World. 3.0 Credits.
This course surveys the history of Europe and its interactions with Africa, the Americas, and Asia during the early modern period (c. 1400-1800). Topics include: the Renaissance, the Reformation, International Relations and Warfare, Colonialism, the Enlightenment, and the Age of Revolutions.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.104. Modern Europe and the Wider World. 3.0 Credits.
The Modern European World familiarizes students with key moments, ideas, communities, individuals, and movements which have formed European History since the Revolutionary era.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Hindmarch-Watson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.108. Making America: Black Freedom Struggles to 1896. 3.0 Credits.
From slave revolts on the West African coast to national conventions and civil war, people of African descent have defined freedom and struggle in terms of kinship, diasporic connection, and fighting antiblack violence. This course explores the arc of that history and its role in the making of America.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Johnson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.113. Making America: Race, Radicalism, and Reform. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines race and social movements in America from the Revolution to 1921.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Walters
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.115. Modern Latin America. 3.0 Credits.
From Simón Bolívar to the Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo to the Zapatistas, this course asks what it means to be Latin American through the lenses of state formation, artistic expression, and international relations.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lurtz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.117. History of Brazil. 3.0 Credits.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Paquette
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.100.122. Introduction to History of Africa (since 1880). 3.0 Credits.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Thornberry
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.123. Introduction to African History: Diversity, Mobility, Innovation. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to African history with emphasis on diversity, mobility, and innovation. Considers both early and modern times.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.129. Introduction to Modern Jewish History. 3.0 Credits.
Jewish history 1750-present in Europe, the Near East, the US, Israel; the challenges of modernity and new forms of Jewish life and conflict from Enlightenment and emancipation, Hasidism, Reform and Orthodox Judaism to capitalism and socialism; empire, nationalism and Zionism; the Holocaust. Extensive attention to US Jewry and State of Israel.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Moss
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.130. Freshman Seminar: US-USSR Cold War. 3.0 Credits.
Focus on Stalin, Khrushchev/Truman-Eisenhower period but includes Brezhnev-Nixon. 2 sides of cold war, write 6 journals of 300 words, 2 papers of 1200 words, 2 quizzes, no midterm or final.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.154. Modern Mexico from the Alamo to El Chapo. 3.0 Credits.
In this course we will use popular depictions of Mexico's heroes and villains, tragedies and triumphs to delve into both the nation's history and the importance of thinking historically.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lurtz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.170. Chinese Cultural Revolution. 3.0 Credits.
The Cultural Revolution was Mao Zedong's last attempt to transform Chinese society spiritually and structurally. The events of this period were marked by social upheaval, personal vendettas, violence, massive youth movements, and extreme ideological pressure. This course will explore the Cultural Revolution from a variety of perspectives, focusing on the relationship between events in China from 1966-1976, and their interpretation in China and the West during the Cultural Revolution decade and since. (Previously offered as AS.100.219 and AS.100.236.)
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. Meyer-Fong
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.180. Themes and Concepts in Jewish History. 3.0 Credits.
The course will introduce the student to the main themes and debates in Jewish historiography.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Maciejko
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.233. History of Modern Germany. 3.0 Credits.
There is more to Germany than beer, BMWs, and Bayern Munich. We will explore politics, culture, economics and society to understand Germany and its position within Europe and the world.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Harms
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.234. The Making of the Muslim Middle East, 600-1100 A.D.. 3.0 Credits.
A survey of the major historical transformations of the region we now call the "Middle East" (from late antiquity through the 11th century) in relation to the formation and development of Islam and various Muslim empires. Cross-listed with Near Eastern Studies and the Program in Islamic Studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. El-leithy
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.241. American Revolution. 3.0 Credits.
This course provides an intensive introduction to the causes, character, and consequences of the American Revolution, the colonial rebellion that produced the first republic in the Americas, and set in motion an age of democratic revolutions in the Atlantic world. A remarkable epoch in world history, the revolutionary era was of momentous significance.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Morgan
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.243. China: Neolithic to Song. 3.0 Credits.
This class offers a broad overview of changes in China from Neolithic times through the Song Dynasty (roughly from 5000 BCE through the 13th century CE) and will include discussion of art, material culture, and literature as well as politics and society. Close readings of primary sources in discussion sections and extensive use of visual material in lectures will help students gain firsthand perspective on the materials covered. Not open to students who have previously taken AS.100.208.
Cross listed with East Asian Studies
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. Meyer-Fong
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.246. Colonial Latin American History Survey. 3.0 Credits.
This course offers a general survey of Colonial Latin American history, covering both Spanish and Portuguese America, from European conquest to the revolutionary wars of independence. Emphasis will be placed in exploring the nature and effects of conquest, the making of new pluri-ethnic societies, and the eventual break of these societies from Spain and Portugal.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Garcia Montufar
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.248. Japan in the World. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to Japan's history from 1700 to the present, with emphasis on the influences of an increasing global circulation of ideas, goods, and people in early modern and modern times. Topics include samurai, nation-building, gender, imperialism, World War II, the postwar economy, and contemporary popular culture.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kim
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.252. Invisible Borders: Exchanges and Migrations in the Modern Mediterranean. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the patterns of movement formed and transgressed by empire, trade, sex tourism, cultural exchange, war, and nationalism, starting from the nineteenth century to the present-day refugee crisis.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Rahnama
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.256. Prostitution in a Global Perspective, 1750-2012. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines topics such as the ‘medical model’ of prostitution regulation, the rise of international anti-prostitution, and the responses of modern nationalists to sex work in a global context.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Stewart
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.265. The Medieval City. 3.0 Credits.
This course focuses on the development and growth of medieval cities in western Europe. Students will explore the various functions of cities, uses of urban space, and challenges they faced.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Daniels
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.268. Jewish and Christian mysticism in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period. 3.0 Credits.
This course will trace the historical development of Jewish and Christian mysticism between the 12th and the 17th centuries.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Maciejko
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.270. Europe since 1945. 3.0 Credits.
In this class we focus on such topics as the transatlantic alliance, the Cold War divide, the arms race, détente, migration, European integration and the EU from the end of World War II until today. We will discuss academic literature, movies, documentary films, textual and visual primary sources, and more.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Harms
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.273. A Comparative History of Jewish and Christian Mysticism. 3.0 Credits.
This course will trace the historical development of Jewish and Christian mysticism between the 11th and the 19th centuries.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Maciejko
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.282. Race & Power in Modern South Africa. 3.0 Credits.
South African history from 1800 to the present, with focus on the rise and fall of the apartheid racial state
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Thornberry
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.283. Making and Unmaking Queer Histories: identities, cultures, and the politics of queer pasts in North America and Western Europe, 1900-Present. 3.0 Credits.
Making and Unmaking Queer Histories introduces students to the major themes and historical developments which shape contemporary understandings of queer-identified subjects and communities in the US and Western Europe.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Hindmarch-Watson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.303. Old Regime and Revolutionary France. 3.0 Credits.
Examines the history of France from the reign of Louis XIV to the French Revolution, focusing on early modern society, popular culture, absolutism, the Enlightenment, overseas empire, and the French and Haitian Revolutions.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Kwass
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.305. Peter to Putin: Survey. 3.0 Credits.
Seminar on modern Russia. No midterm and no final. 6 short weekly journals, two short papers, and two small quizzes.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.308. Introduction to the History of Jewish Mysticism. 3.0 Credits.
The course will familiarize the student with the history of the main phenomena of Jewish mysticism from the ancient times to the present.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Maciejko
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.310. The French Revolution. 3.0 Credits.
Political, social and cultural history of one of the great turning-points in European history. Previously offered as AS.100.204.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Mason
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.312. The Transatlantic Slave Trade, c. 1450-1850. 3.0 Credits.
The course explores the origins, organization and abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade c. 1450-1850. It delves into the historiographical debates over the impact of the trade on the development of Africa, Europe and the Americas in the early modern period.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Krichtal
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.320. Writing U.S. Empire. 3.0 Credits.
Attends to the composition and interpretive problems raised by studying the history of American imperialism, 1880s-1930s.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Connolly
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.324. Dostoevsky's Russia. 3.0 Credits.
Dostoevsky and the culture of his era but also echoes of his ideas of Russia, religion, ethnicity, freedom, authority, and gender from 1917 until today. Short papers, quizzes.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.329. Russian Imagination in Three Revolutions. 3.0 Credits.
Russian Literature and the arts in Revolutions of 1905, 1917, and Stalin era to 1941. Req: 6 journals of 350 words, 2 papers 1250, 2 quizzes. No midterm or final.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.330. National Identity in 20th Century China & Japan. 3.0 Credits.
Using primary sources, including literature and film, we will explore the changing ways in which ideologues, intellectuals, and ordinary citizens defined national identity in 20th century China and Japan.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. Meyer-Fong
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.331. Reading through Things: Early Modern Chinese Medicine, Technology, and Art. 3.0 Credits.
This course introduces the history of late imperial China from the perspective of medicine, technology, and the arts.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): X. Ji
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.332. Persecution and Toleration in Early Modern Europe. 3.0 Credits.
Explores hostilities and fears provoked by religious diversity and deviance from orthodoxy in early modern Europe. Outlines theories, practices, and limits of early modern religious tolerance and intolerance.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Fradkin
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.343. Diaspora, Nation, Race, and Politics. 3.0 Credits.
For millions of people across the globe, political fate in the 20th century was defined at the intersection of diaspora, race, and nation — and this may be true in the 21st century as well. This course, a collaborative effort involving a historian and a political scientist, explores the parallels and divergences in the deployment of these terms in nationalist and transnational mobilization, literature and aesthetics, and group identity formation in Eastern Europe, Africa and the New World of the Americas. Set against the backdrop of the fall of significant empires in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, we will explore themes of migration, human rights, the nation-state system, and racism through history, political sociology, and political and social theory. We will pay particular attention to the theoretically exemplary Jewish and Black experiences of diaspora, race, and nation, engaging both with how those experiences were specially shaped by the imposition of national and racial logics and with Black and Jewish politics and thought in relation to those categories. Readings include Max Weber, W. E. B. Du Bois, Booker T. Washington, Theodor Herzl, Hannah Arendt, Benedict Anderson, Rogers Brubaker, Andrew Zimmerman, Michele Mitchell, David Scott.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Moss; M. Hanchard
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.346. Soviet-American Cold War. 3.0 Credits.
The focus will be on Soviet-American interactions, Cold-War Cultures, and the impact on both societies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.347. Early Modern China. 3.0 Credits.
The history of China from the 16th to the late 19th centuries.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): W. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.348. 20th-Century China. 3.0 Credits.
The history of China from the last years of the Qing Empire to the post-Mao reforms.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): W. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.352. Age Of Pasternak. 3.0 Credits.
This course concerns Russian literature and the arts, including ballet, from the 1910s to the 1950s. Two short papers, journals, two quizzes, and no midterm or final.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.353. Youth and Youth Movements during 20th Century: Germany, Britain, and the U.S. 3.0 Credits.
Through texts, music, and films, this course examines the rise of "youth" as a social and cultural category in a variety of forms, ranging from spontaneous (such as Rock'n'Roll and Techno) to state-organized (Hitler Youth).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Balz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.357. Panic and Liberation: The Politics of Sex in 20th Century Europe. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the 20th century history of sexual attitudes, desires, behaviors, identities, communities, and movements in Western Europe (most notably, Germany, France, and the United Kingdom).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. Shepard
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.358. Black Code Studies: Black History and Digital Media. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores doing histories of people of African descent in an age of digital and social media. The focus will be on African-descended communities in the United States, but content will range across time space. Examples include: West African digital art communities; the use of slave trade databases to write Caribbean history; and the use of social media in social justice organizing from Paris to Baltimore. Students will explore questions of blackness, race, ethnicity, sex and sexuality, violence and justice while creating digital content using platforms like Wordpress, Omeka, Twitter, and Tumblr. Students will be evaluated on their acquisition of African American and Afro-Diasporic history; their knowledge of digital and social media platforms; and their ability to creatively and accurately relate the histories of blackness and black people to their representation and discussion online.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Johnson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.100.359. Gender, Patriarchy, and the English Revolution. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the varied experiences of gender and gender roles in seventeenth-century Britain and analyzes how these roles were challenged, changed, and sometimes upended during the English Revolution (1642-1660).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Hinchliff
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.360. The Modern British World: Imperial Encounters, Regimes, and Resistance, from the American Revolution to the present. 3.0 Credits.
The Modern British World introduces some of the major themes and contestations tied to Britain's rise to global dominance and its ultimate decline as an imperial power.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Hindmarch-Watson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.361. Age of Tolstoy. 3.0 Credits.
Tolstoy and his era, 1820s to 1910s. Topics include state and politics, empire, the Russian identity, and forms of cultural expression. Students consider "War and Peace" and other masterworks.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Brooks
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.369. Themes and Concepts in Jewish History. 3.0 Credits.
The course will introduce students to the main themes and debates in Jewish historiography.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Maciejko
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.371. Modernity, Catastrophe, and Power in Jewish History: 1881 to the Present. 3.0 Credits.
Jewish history, politics, and culture across a century of enormous transformations and transformative enorities in Europe, the US, and the Middle East. Topics include: impacts on Jewish life of World War I, the Russian Revolution, and the post-imperial reordering of the Eastern Europe and the Middle East; Zionism and other modes of Jewish contestatory politics; the consolidation of American Jewry; Nazism and the Holocaust in Europe; formation and development of the State of Israel; the global reordering of Jewish life amid cross-currents of the Cold War, conflict in the Middle East, and success in the US. Substantial attention to recent and contemporary history including the dramatic changes in Israeli society and polity over the past forty years and the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Moss
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.374. Conquest, Conversion, and Language Change in the Middle Ages. 3.0 Credits.
Examines case-studies of imperial conquests (Islamic, Mongol, reconquista, early colonialism) and attendant changes in religion (Christianization; Islamization) and in language (Arabization; transition from Latin to European vernaculars) across medieval Eurasia.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. El-leithy
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.376. The Haitian Revolution in Global Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
An advanced undergraduate seminar tracing the history of the Haitian Revolution from its origins in the early modern Atlantic world to its global impact and continuing legacies in the present.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Gaffield
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.382. Intoxicated: Commodities & Globalization in the Early Modern World. 3.0 Credits.
Each week we examine a commodity that defined a new era of global connectivity in the centuries after 1492, including money, medicines, slaves, and fashion.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Z. Dorner
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.386. The Cold War as Sports History. 3.0 Credits.
We will investigate how the Cold War has shaped sports, the role of athletes and international competitions and how sports relate to race, gender, and class. We will discuss the ways in which sports confirm and consolidate but also challenge and change social structures and opportunities of self-fulfilment and social advancement.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Harms
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.100.387. Everyday Life in the Medieval Middle East. 3.0 Credits.
In this seminar, students will explore the daily lives of non-elites in medieval Egypt (i.e. average folk, not kings in palaces)—including their food and cooking; clothes (and government edicts regulating fashion); the houses they inhabited; their marriage patterns, divorce rates, and child custody battles; and the burden of taxes on the working poor (e.g. urban craftsmen). We will examine and discuss artifacts and documents, including surviving hats (stuffed with recycled documents), private letters, marriage contracts (and the clauses women inserted into them), petitions for charity, and court records.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. El-leithy
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.389. History of Law and Social Justice. 3.0 Credits.
Cause lawyering aims to change the status quo. This course examines histories of this approach to social justice, from battles against the slave trade to contemporary campaigns for marriage equality.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Jones
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.394. Brazilian Paradoxes: Slavery, Race, and Inequality in Brazil (from a Portuguese Colony to the World’s 8th Largest Economy). 3.0 Credits.
Place of contrasts, Brazil has a multi-ethnic cultural heritage challenged by social and racial inequalities. Its political life remains chaotic. We will examine these problems through Brazilian history and culture.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Hebrard
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.395. History of Global Development. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores development as an ideology and a practice. From colonialism to the Cold War to contemporary NGOs, we will interrogate the history of our attempts to improve the world.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lurtz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.398. Images of Postwar Japan. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores Japan’s changing place in the world in the decades following World War II, with an emphasis on analyzing visual media such as photographs, films, advertisements, and comic books. Topics include relations with the U.S. and other countries in East Asia, particularly the two Koreas; the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; and the global contexts for an expanding Japanese consumerism in the late 20th century.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kim
Area: NA
NA.

AS.100.399. Decolonization and Citizenship in Africa, 1945-2015. 3.0 Credits.
Critically explores issues of decolonization and citizenship in Africa from WWII to the present. Emphasis on political inclusion and exclusion, and violence, fostered by nationalist movements and postcolonial African governments.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.403. Law & Custom in Colonial Africa. 3.0 Credits.
Examines how colonial rule transformed African legal systems, while Africans used European law for political resistance and personal gain. Research project based on colonial South African court records.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Thornberry
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.408. Theorizing the Age of Enormity: Social Theory and the History of the 20th Century. 3.0 Credits.
We will read and analyze key works of social and critical theory produced in relation to 20th and 21st century problems of state and society, nationalism, empire, totalitarianism, genocide, capitalism, political order, gender, race, sexuality, secularism, religion, environmental catastrophe. Possible readings include Weber, Du Bois, Adorno, Arendt, Foucault, Balibar, Beck among others.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Moss
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.413. London 1580-1830: The History of Britain’s capital city. 3.0 Credits.
Seminar-style class analyzing the social, cultural, gender, religious, economic, and political history of London from Shakespeare’s time through revolutions, plague, fire, and commercial, colonial, and industrial expansion.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Marshall
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.418. Comparative Slavery: Haiti and Brazil. 3.0 Credits.
Haiti is born after a powerful slave insurrection (1804). Brazil was the last country to abolish slavery (1888). Why did these slave societies, which shared many common characteristics, have such different histories?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Hebrard
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.421. Sex, Law and Islam. 3.0 Credits.
ISIS, “virgins” in paradise, the sexual slavery of Yazidi women.... This course will use anthropological and historical studies to examine the long history of how rules and understandings about sex, sexuality, and gender have mattered in how people think about Islam.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Khan; T. Shepard
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.422. Society & Social Change in 18th Century China. 3.0 Credits.
What did Chinese local society look like under the Qing Empire, and how did it change over the early modern era?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): W. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.423. Multiethnic Japan. 3.0 Credits.
An advanced undergraduate seminar on the intertwined histories of race, ethnicity, and empire in Japan and its former colonies from the early twentieth century to the present.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kim
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.424. Women & Modern Chinese History. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the experience of Chinese women, and also how writers, scholars, and politicians (often male, sometimes foreign) have represented women's experiences for their own political and social agendas. Cross listed with East Asian Studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. Meyer-Fong
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.426. Popular Culture in Early Modern Europe. 3.0 Credits.
Witchcraft, magic, carnivals, riots, folk tales, gender roles; fertility cults and violence especially in Britain, Germany, France, and Italy.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Marshall
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.430. Gender and Sexuality in African History. 3.0 Credits.
An upper-level history reading seminar with a focus on histories of gender and sexuality in colonial and postcolonial Africa.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.441. Migration and the Americas. 3.0 Credits.
From the Spanish Conquest to contemporary debates in the US, this course looks at the great diversity of migrations that have shaped life in the Americas.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lurtz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.442. The Intellectual History of Capitalism, 1900 to present. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines shifting understandings of the philosophical foundations, political implications, and social effects of the market economy since the early twentieth century.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Burgin
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.444. Migrants and Refugees in Africa. 3.0 Credits.
A history of forced and voluntary migration and displacement in Africa, its causes and consequences, with a focus on refugees and labor migrants since 1960.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.445. African Fiction as History. 3.0 Credits.
An exploration of Modern African history through the African historical novel.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Larson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.456. Getting Medieval? Public Violence in the Middle Ages. 3.0 Credits.
Traditional studies and popular culture often consider violence as a hallmark of medieval life and hence, present it as a fundamental difference between a ‘brutal and violent’ Middle Ages and a ‘civilized and humane’ (Western) modernity. To evaluate these claims and images, we will examine different forms of violence in medieval societies—European and Middle Eastern—especially (i) martyrdom, (ii) communal violence, and (iii) public punishment. After exploring the specific cultural meanings of these practices, we will re-examine those modern polemics that invoke ‘the medieval’ (often vis-à-vis non-Western traditions and societies).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. El-leithy
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.100.478. Japan from its Peripheries. 3.0 Credits.
An advanced undergraduate seminar on the history of modern Japan from the perspective of regions and people often considered as belonging to its geographical, cultural, social, and political peripheries.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kim
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.482. Historiography Modern China. 3.0 Credits.
A survey of assumptions and approaches in the study of modern Chinese history, as written by Chinese, Japanese, and Western historians.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): W. Rowe
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.100.488. The Caribbean World, 1450-1850. 3.0 Credits.
The Caribbean was the key focal point of overseas European expansion in the early modern world. This course traces developments in the region from the Tainos to Toussaint Louverture.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Morgan
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.497. The Year 1968: Rebels, Revolutions & the Right-Wing Backlash. 3.0 Credits.
The shorthand “1968” stands for rebels and revolutions, but also for incremental changes throughout the 1960s that fundamentally changed the post-war order and the Cold War in East and West.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Harms
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.100.499. Film and Propaganda in Nazi Germany. 3.0 Credits.
By examining a range of cinematic works—from explicitly ideological pseudo-documentaries to entertainment films—this course will explore the transmission of propaganda into the everyday culture of Nazi Germany.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Balz
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Near Eastern Studies
AS.130.170. Diplomacy and Conflict in the Ancient Middle East. 3.0 Credits.
The Middle East is home to the invention of agriculture, cities, and writing. It is also in the Middle East that we find evidence of humanity’s earliest diplomatic activity in, for instance, the actual letters sent by ancient kings to one another, the treaties drawn up after their conflicts, and the inscriptions that commemorate their conquests. In this course, we examine texts such as these to explore questions such as: How do we characterize the international system of the ancient Middle East? Does this system change over the approximately two millennia for which we have documentation? Is it better to approach ancient diplomacy through present-day eyes or in the context of ancient world-views? Is an understanding of diplomacy in the ancient Middle East relevant to our understanding of modern international relations? All texts read in translation.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Lauinger
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.130.216. History of the Jews in Modern Times, from the Middle Ages to 1917. 3.0 Credits.
A broad survey of the significant political and cultural dynamics of Jewish history in the Medieval, Early-Modern, and Modern Eras.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Katz
Area: Humanities
NA.

History of Science, Medicine, and Technology
AS.140.146. History of Public Health in East Asia. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the history of disease, epidemics, and public health responses in East Asia from the 17th-20th centuries. This public health history emphasizes the interactions, connections, and comparisons among China, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Hanson
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.140.328. Science and Technology in Slave Regimes. 3.0 Credits.
What does science and technology look like in slave regimes? This seminar explores this question from a trans-national perspective by comparing cases in the Antebellum US, Cuba, Brazil and other countries.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Portuondo; R. Kargon
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.140.398. Godzilla and Fukushima: Japanese Environment in History and Films. 3.0 Credits.
Juxtaposing Japanese environmental history and its reflection in popular media, the course will explore the intersection between technology, environment, and culture. The course will be accompanied by relevant movie screenings.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Y. Frumer
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Philosophy
AS.150.205. Introduction to the History of Modern Philosophy. 3.0 Credits.
An overview of philosophical thought in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. We shall focus on fundamental questions in epistemology (knowledge, how we acquire it, its scope and limits), metaphysics (the ultimate nature of reality, the relation of mind and body, free will), and theology (the existence and nature of God, God's relation to the world, whether knowledge of such things is possible): all questions that arose in dramatic ways as a result of the rise of modern science. The principal philosophers to be discussed are Descartes, Locke, Hume and Kant, though we shall also make the acquaintance of Spinoza, Leibniz and Berkeley.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Williams
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.150.237. Foundations of Modern Political Philosophy. 3.0 Credits.
This course is an introduction to modern political philosophy through an intensive study of the classic texts. The focus will be on the nature and limits of political authority under modern social conditions. Authors included are Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau and Mill.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Moyar
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.150.240. Intro-Political Philosop. 3.0 Credits.
NA
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lebron
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.150.355. Philosophy of Law. 3.0 Credits.
In this course we will examine major issues in the philosophy of law, including the relation of law to moral theory, the role of the Constitution in legal decisions, and the justification of punishment. No previous knowledge of law or philosophy is required.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Moyar
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.150.404. The Idea of Power. 3.0 Credits.
The idea of Power surveys seminal texts in the history of political thought on the nature, promise, and dangers of political and social power; it also critically engages contemporary texts on race and gender power relations.
Prerequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lebron
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.150.408. The Ethics of Climate Change. 3.0 Credits.
In this course we consider ethical issues related to climate change and climate change policy. These include issues about how we ought to distribute the burden of mitigation and adaption, what we owe to future generations and to the non-human world, and about our responsibilities as individuals (with respect, for example, to our diets). We briefly consider geoengineering and issues related to the widespread reliance on cost-benefit analyses in climate policy.
Prerequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. McBee
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.150.411. Arabic-Islamic Philosophy. 3.0 Credits.
Introduction to major philosophers of the Arabic-Islamic tradition, including Avicenna, al-Ghazali, and Averroes. Topics addressed include the existence of God, metaphysics (e.g., causality), human freedom and knowledge, revelation and reason.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Ogden
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.150.428. Spinoza's Theological Political Treatise. 3.0 Credits.
The course is an in-depth study of Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise. Among the topics to be discussed are: Spinoza's Bible criticism, the nature of religion, philosophy and faith, the nature of the ancient Hebrew State, Spinoza's theory of the State, the role of religion in Spinoza's political theory, the freedom to philosophize, the metaphysics of Spinoza's Theological-Political Treatise, and finally, the reception of the TTP.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Y. Melamed
Area: NA
NA.

AS.150.440. The Making of Black Lives Matter. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the history of black thought that informs the ethics of the contemporary movement for black lives.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Lebron
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
Economics

AS.180.101. Elements of Macroeconomics. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to the economic system and economic analysis, with emphasis on total national income and output, employment, the price level and inflation, money, the government budget, the national debt, and interest rates. The role of public policy. Applications of economic analysis to government and personal decisions. Prerequisite: basic facility with graphs and algebra.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Barbera
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.102. Elements of Microeconomics. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to the economic system and economic analysis with emphasis on demand and supply, relative prices, the allocation of resources, and the distribution of goods and services; theory of consumer behavior, theory of the firm, and competition and monopoly, including the application of microeconomic analysis to contemporary problems. Prerequisite: basic facility with graphs and algebra.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): O. Khan; S. Lepoev
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.210. Migrating to Opportunity? Economic Evidence from East Asia, the U.S. and the EU. 3.0 Credits.
Increased mobility of people across national borders, whether by choice or by force, has become an integral part of the modern world. Using a comparative perspective and an applied economics approach, the course explores the economic and political determinants, and (likely) consequences of migration flows for East Asia, the US and the EU. Lectures, assignments and in class discussions, will be built around the following topics: i) migrants’ self-selection; ii) human capital investment decision-making; iii) remittance decisions and effects; iv) impacts on labor markets of both receiving and sending countries; and v) the economic benefits from immigration. Overall, the course will give students perspective on the why people choose or feel compelled to leave their countries, how receiving countries respond to migrants’ presence, and the key economic policy concerns that are influencing the shaping of immigration policy in East Asia, the US, and the EU.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Dore
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.214. The Economic Experience of the BRIC Countries. 3.0 Credits.
In 2001, Jim O’Neill, the Chief Economist at Goldman Sachs, coined the acronym BRIC to identify the four large emerging economies, Brazil, Russia, India and China. These economies have since had an amazing run, and have emerged as the biggest and fastest growing emerging markets. In this course, we look at the economic experiences of the BRIC countries for the past 50 years. We discuss the reasons that have contributed to their exceptional growth rates, with particular emphasis on their transformation into market economies. We also analyze the challenges that these countries continue to face in their development process.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Dasgupta
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.217. Game Theory in Social Sciences. 3.0 Credits.
Game Theory is the study of multiple person decision problems in which the well-being of a decision maker depends not only on his own actions but also on those of others. Such problems arise frequently in economics, political science, business, military science and many other areas. In this course, we will learn how to model different social situations as games and how to use solution concepts to understand players’ behavior. We will consider various examples from different fields and will play several games in class. The emphasis of the class is on the conceptual analysis and applications and we will keep the level of mathematical technicalities at the minimum – high school algebra and one term of calculus will be sufficient. Students who took AS.180.117 are not eligible to take AS.180.217.
Prerequisites: Students may not have previously taken AS.180.117; AS.180.102 or instructor permission
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Y. Chen
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.228. Economic Development. 3.0 Credits.
A comprehensive survey of economic behavior by households, farms and firms in poor countries and the role of and for governments. Discussions include measurement of income levels, economy-wide equilibrium, sources of growth, agriculture and industry, international trade and investment, savings, population, fertility, education, health, income distribution and public finances. Applies economic theory rigorously to interpret and evaluate the economic experience of poor countries. Diagnostic test on Elements of Economics is required in the second week. Grading based on 3 exams and one paper.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Gersovitz
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.240. JHU Bologna: History of Banking. 3.0 Credits.
Economics course offered on the JHU Summer Program in Bologna. Permission required. Must be taken for a letter grade. Open to students on the JHU/Bologna summer program only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Faust; R. Barbera
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.180.241. International Trade. 3.0 Credits.
Theory of comparative advantage and the international division of labor; the determinants and pattern of trade, factor price equalization, factor mobility, gains from trade and distribution of income, and theory and practice or tariffs and other trade restrictions. Recommended Course Background: AS.180.101.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Dasgupta
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.242. International Monetary Economics. 3.0 Credits.
This course presents International Monetary Economics theory and applies it towards gaining an understanding of recent events and current policy issues. The theory presented in this course covers a broad range of topics including exchange rate determination, monetary and fiscal policy in an open economy, balance of payments crisis, the choice of exchange rate, and international debt. The insights provided by these theoretical frameworks will enable us to discuss topics such as the global financial crisis, global financial imbalances, the Chinese exchange rate regime, and proposed changes in the international financial architecture.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Firat
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.261. Monetary Analysis. 3.0 Credits.
This course analyzes the financial and monetary system of the U.S. economy and the design and implementation of U.S. monetary policy. Among other topics, we will examine the role of banks in the economy, the term structure of interest rates, the stock market, the supply of money, the role of the Federal Reserve in the economy, the objectives of monetary policy in the United States and current monetary policy practice.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 and AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Poliakova
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.266. Financial Markets and Institutions. 3.0 Credits.
Understanding design and functioning of financial markets and institutions, connecting theoretical foundations and real-world applications and cases. Basic principles of asymmetric information problems, management of risk. Money, bond, and equity markets; investment banking, security brokers, and venture capital firms; structure, competition, and regulation of commercial banks. Importance of electronic technology on financial systems.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Wright
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.289. Economics Of Health. 3.0 Credits.
Application of economic concepts and analysis to the health services system. Review of empirical studies of demand for health services, behavior of providers, and relationship of health services to population health levels. Discussion of current policy issues relating to financing and resource allocation.
Prerequisites: AS.180.102
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Bishai
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.303. Topics in International Macroeconomics and Finance. 3.0 Credits.
The course will review selected topics in international macroeconomics and finance. The topics for the Fall of 2019 include: financial globalization; international portfolio diversification; capital account liberalization and the choice of the exchange rate regime in emerging markets; the global financial safety net; macroeconomic adjustment in the euro area.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102 AND AS.180.302
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): O. Jeanne
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.338. Political Economy and Development. 3.0 Credits.
Good governance is associated with desirable outcomes across countries and societies: higher life satisfaction, greater income per capita, lower child mortality, longer life expectancy, less disease, etc. But these statistical associations in the data are not sufficient to establish either that good governance truly causes such societal outcomes, or what types of policies produce them. This course asks: What are the determinants of good governance? Is good governance "good" beyond its intrinsic desirability? Is it possible to measure good governance? How do we sort out what is good governance and what is not? How does good governance impact the global economy? The course will review selected topics in international macroeconomics and finance. The topics for the Fall of 2019 include: financial globalization; international portfolio diversification; capital account liberalization and the choice of the exchange rate regime in emerging markets; the global financial safety net; macroeconomic adjustment in the euro area.
Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102 AND AS.180.302
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): O. Jeanne
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
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Prerequisites: AS.180.101 AND AS.180.102 AND AS.180.302
Corequisites: NA
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Prerequisites: (AS.180.301 OR AS.180.401) AND AS.180.334
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): F. Campante
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.351. Labor Economics. 3.0 Credits.
The course discusses various issues in labor markets from the perspective of economic theory. We first study the major forces at work that shape labor market behavior, firms’ labor demand and workers’ labor supply. Then we discuss the equilibrium behavior of employment and wages. Using these tools, we also cover various applied topics in labor economics, such as minimum wage regulations, male-female wage differentials, human capital investment, worker mobility, and unemployment.
Prerequisites: AS.180.301 OR AS.180.401
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Husain
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.180.355. Economics of Poverty/Inequality. 3.0 Credits.
This course focuses on the economics of poverty and inequality. It covers the measurement of poverty and inequality, facts and trends over time, the causes of poverty and inequality with a focus on those related to earnings and the labor market, and public policy toward poverty and inequality, covering both taxation and government expenditure and programs. By the nature of the material, the course is fairly statistical and quantitative. Students should have an intermediate understanding of microeconomic concepts. Basic knowledge of regression analysis is also helpful.
Prerequisites: AS.180.301
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Papageorge
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.361. Rich Countries, Poor Countries. 3.0 Credits.
Why are some countries rich while some other countries poor? Why does a country's income per person generally grow over time? We try to analyze these questions using the theoretical and empirical growth literature. We will study seminal growth models, and also try to explain cross-country income differences in terms of factors like geography, institutions and global integration. Knowledge of regression analysis (including instrumental variables estimation) is required.
Prerequisites: AS.180.302 AND (AS.180.334 OR AS.180.434)
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Dasgupta
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.389. Social Policy Implications of Behavioral Economics. 3.0 Credits.
Economists increasingly incorporate insights from psychology into models of rational decision-making. Known as "behavioral economics", this line of research considers how, for example, emotions, rules-of-thumb, biased beliefs and time-inconsistent preferences influence how we make choices. Behavioral economics increasingly pervades policy discussions on topics as diverse as: obesity, the role of media, subprime mortgages and voting patterns. Behavioral models are certainly novel, but do they help us to design superior social policies? With the goal of preparing students to address this question, this course (1) provides a thorough overview of the main contributions of behavioral economics, highlighting departures from more traditional economic models and (2) emphasizes how behavioral economic models might (or might not) improve how we think about social policy.
Prerequisites: AS.180.301 OR AS.180.401;AS.180.334 OR AS.180.434 can be taken concurrently.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Papageorge
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.180.390. Health Economics & Developing Countries. 3.0 Credits.
Benefits of good health and its costs. Health demand and supply in poor countries. Welfare economics of Public Health. This is a writing seminar. There are some lectures on how to write a paper and on the substance of the economics of international health but the focus and only assignment is a 40-page paper by each student under the supervision of the instructor.
Prerequisites: AS.180.301 or AS.180.401;Students may not take AS.180.390 if they took AS.180.391.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Gersovitz
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.180.391. Economics of China. 3.0 Credits.
Discussion of the economic experience of Post-War China, primarily emphasizing topics rather than historical narrative: agriculture, industry including corporate governance and public enterprises, international trade, population, migration, education, health, public finances among other topics.
Prerequisites: AS.180.301 OR AS.180.401;Students may not take AS.180.390 if they took AS.180.391.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Gersovitz
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

Political Science
AS.190.101. Introduction to American Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the ideals and operation of the American political system. It seeks to understand how our institutions and politics work, why they work as they do, and what the consequences are for representative government in the United States. Emphasis is placed on the federal government and its electoral, legislative, and executive structures and processes. As useful and appropriate, attention is also given to the federal courts and to the role of the states. The purpose of the course is to understand and confront the character and problems of modern government in the United States in a highly polarized and plebiscitary era.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Lieberman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.102. Introduction To Comparative Politics. 3.0 Credits.
To understand politics, the sound bites of the modern media take us only so far. In this course, we will take a step back and implement an intellectually rigorous method. Scholars of comparative politics use the method of comparison in order to illuminate important political phenomena of our times. Following this method, we will embark on a scholarly tour of the world and compare the politics of various countries. We will also trace these politics back to their historical sources. We will work from the assumption that there is something to be gained from such comparisons across space and time.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Jabko
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.190.108. Contemporary International Politics. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to international politics. Emphasis will be on continuity and change in international politics and the causes of war and peace. The first half of the course will focus on events prior to the end of the Cold War, including the Peloponnesian War, the European balance of power, imperialism, the origins and consequences of WWI and WWII, and the Cold War. The second half will focus on international politics since 1990, including globalization, whether democracies produce peace, the impact of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, and the prospects for peace in the 21st century. Theories of realism and liberalism will also be considered. This course was previously AS.190.209.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): S. David

AS.190.109. Politics of East Asia. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines some of the central ideas and institutions that have transformed politics in the contemporary world through the lens of East Asia, focusing on Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China. We analyze two enduring themes of classic and contemporary scholarship in comparative politics: development and democracy. The purpose is to introduce students to the various schools of thought within comparative politics as well as to the central debates concerning East Asian politics.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): E. Chung

AS.190.111. Introduction to Global Studies. 3.0 Credits.
This course surveys scholarly approaches to processes, relations, institutions, and social structures that cross, subvert, or transcend national borders. The course will also introduce students to research tools for global studies. Students who have taken Contemporary International Politics 190.209 or International Politics 190.104 may not register.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): R. Marlin-Bennett

AS.190.180. Introduction to Political Theory. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to Euro-American political thought, with a focus on the role of language, rhetoric, and eros within politics. Texts by Plato, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Walt Whitman, and Emma Goldman.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): J. Bennett

AS.190.204. Ancient Political Thought. 3.0 Credits.
The premise of this course is that a political perspective is tied up with a (meta)physical one, that is to say, with ideas about the nature of Nature and of the status of the human and nonhuman elements within it. How is the universe ordered? Who or what is responsible for it? What place do or should humans occupy within it? How ought we to relate to nonhuman beings and forces? We will read three different responses to such questions and show how they are linked to a particular vision of political life. In the first, the world into which human are born is ordered by gods whose actions often appear inexplicable: Prometheus Bound by Aeschylus, Oedipus the King by Sophocles, and Hippolytus by Euripides will represent this tragic vision of the cosmos. In the second, Plato, in Republic and in Phaedrus, the forces of reason and eros play central and powerful roles. In the third, Augustine of Hippo presents a world designed by a benevolent, omnipotent God who nevertheless has allowed humans a share in their own fate. We end the course with Nietzsche's Birth of Tragedy, which offers a perspective on these three visions of the world – the tragic, the rational, and the faithful – which will help us evaluate them in the light of contemporary political and ecological concerns.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): J. Bennett

AS.190.207. The Power of Rhetoric. 3.0 Credits.
In a time when people claim language "has no preference to facts, truths, or realities," the power of rhetoric is both vilified and lauded in the strongest possible terms. According to some, rhetoric is responsible for the dismissal of everything from political dissent to science as a species of "fake news". By contrast, others argue public life cannot be repaired without a "restoration" of rhetoric. What are these people talking about? This course will help us figure this out. Students will be introduced to the art of persuasive speech, writing, and visual media so as to be prepared to critically examine and evaluate the claims made for and about the role of language in contemporary politics. Topics will include informal logic, appeals, fallacies, figures and tropes. Among others, we will read texts by Aristotle, Austin, Barthes, Foucault, Freud, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, and Zizek. In addition to a number of short exercises and writing assignments throughout the semester, there will be a mid-term and a final paper.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: NA

AS.190.217. Introduction to International Relations Theory. 3.0 Credits.
This course is a broad introduction to international relations theory in a format that encompasses lecture and discussion. We will explore mainstream theoretical perspectives and critiques of those perspectives, as well as more recent developments in the field.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): S. Schmidt
AS.190.220. Global Security Politics. 3.0 Credits.
Contemporary and emerging technologies of nuclear (weapons, terrorism, energy) outer space (missiles, missile defense, asteroids), biosecurity (biowarfare, pandemics, terrorism) and cyber (war, spying, surveillance) and implications for security, international politics, arms control, and political freedom.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Deudney
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.226. Global Governance. 3.0 Credits.
Global problems like poverty, financial instability, human rights abuses, and climate change threaten both international order and human well-being. In the absence of a world state, these problems must be addressed by an increasingly complex, transnational network of organizations and social groups. First, we will aim to understand and explain how global problems are governed through detailed case studies of International Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations such as the United Nations, World Bank, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Amnesty International and more. Second, we will critically evaluate the successes and failures of these organizations and explore the possibilities for improving democratic governance at the global level.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Allan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.227. U.S. Foreign Policy. 3.0 Credits.
This course will provide an overview of U.S. foreign policy with a focus on the interests, institutions, and ideas underpinning its development. While the course will offer a broader survey, the emphasis will be on important developments during the Cold War, such as the articulation of containment strategies and nuclear deterrence, and the analysis of contemporary foreign policy questions, including the problems of terrorism and failed states. In addition to security issues, attention will also be paid to significant developments in international trade policy.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schmidt
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.245. The Politics of Global Development. 3.0 Credits.
Development is often assumed to be an economic issue. In this course we examine the politics of development on a global scale. We begin by looking at the colonial and Cold War histories of development. We then use these histories to contextualize contemporary development issues that directly affect international relations such as aid and debt, humanitarianism, food security, land “grabs”, migration and indigenous rights. The course also seeks to understand the ways in which the issues underlying global development have always connected and continue to connect the peoples and polities of the Global North and Global South.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Shilliam
Area: NA
NA.

AS.190.281. Virtue, Labor, and Power (Classics of Political Thought II). 3.0 Credits.
This is not a class in the history of political thought. Instead, it is an opportunity for a selective, circumscribed, but very focused engagement with some of the most powerful and provocative texts in that history. We will read selections from six thinkers (Socrates, Machiavelli, Locke, Marx, Nietzsche, and Foucault), focusing on three themes (Virtue, Labor, and Power). These texts have all profoundly shaped the way we think about politics, and they are texts that resonate with our own political problematics today.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Culbert
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.308. Democracy and Dictatorship: Theory and Cases. 3.0 Credits.
The course will cover three topics: 1) The conceptualization of political
regime, democracy and authoritarianism. We will also consider
neighboring concepts of other macro-political structures—government,
state, and administration—in order to be able to demarcate what is
distinctive about the study of political regimes. 2) The characterization
of political regimes in most Western and some non-Western countries,
in history and today. We will centrally focus on the so called "Waves
of Democratization," but we will also consider stories with less happy
outcomes, that is, processes that led to the breakdown of democracies
and the installation of repressive dictatorships. 3) The explanation(s)
of the stability and change of political regimes around the world.
Theoretical accounts of regime change come in many flavors—emphasis
on economic versus political causes, focus on agents and choices versus
structures and constraints, international versus domestic factors, among
others. We will consider most of them.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Mazzuca
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.311. Disposable People: Race, Immigration and Biopolitics. 3.0
Credits.
This course will explore theories and practices of race and immigration in
order to illuminate the proliferation of populations regarded as disposable
in contemporary politics. We will pay special attention to the contestable
criteria used to determine eligibility for membership in the human race.
We shall also examine how political power influences the relays between
citizenship status and those whose lives are worthy of protection, and
those who should be allowed to die.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.314. Struggles for Democracy: from the French Revolution to the
Arab Spring. 3.0 Credits.
This course is a systematic introduction to theories of regime
change, which includes episodes of democratic transitions (gradual
or revolutionary) and breakdowns, as well as trajectories of regime
stability, like the persistence of various types of authoritarian rule and
democratic polities. Two thirds of the course will cover theories, which in
comparative politics are mostly inductive constructions from historical
experiences. The remaining third will be case studies of exemplary events
and processes, for instance, the differentiation of political regimes in
post- WWI Europe in terms of liberal, fascist, and social-democratic
regimes; the convergence towards democracy in Western Europe and
Latin America between 1950 and 1990, and the fragility of democracy in
Tropical Africa and the Middle East.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Mazzuca
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.315. Asian American Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines issues of political identity, political incorporation,
and political participation of Asian Americans. Themes include Asian
American panethnicity, the struggle for immigration and citizenship,
Asian American electoral politics, political activism and resistance since
the 1960s, and the impact of Asian Americans on the politics of race and
ethnicity in the United States.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.320. Politics Of East Asia. 3.0 Credits.
Examines some of the central ideas and institutions that have
transformed politics in the contemporary world through the lens of East
Asia, focusing on Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and China. Topics include
state-society relations, late development, nationalism, democratization,
political culture, social movements, and globalization.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.322. Future of American Democracy. 3.0 Credits.
For the most part, observers of American politics have not considered
the possibility that the American democratic regime might be at risk. But
the unexpected election of Donald Trump in 2016 and the subsequent
course of his presidency have occasioned a great deal of uncertainty
and anxiety about whether democracy in the United States is at risk and
whether American political institutions can withstand the stresses of
contemporary politics. This course will use the Trump era to explore the
conditions that seem to threaten the stability of the American regime.
We will begin by exploring the political circumstances that led to Trump's
rise. We will then examine what we can learn from the experience of
other countries about the conditions that make democracy either robust
or fragile. Finally, we will consider how a set of contemporary political
conditions in the United States — extreme partisan polarization, intense
racial antagonism, growing economic inequality, and expanded executive
power — contribute to the challenges facing American democracy today
and in the future.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Lieberman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.325. Finding Equality in Law and Society. 3.0 Credits.
In this class, we will ask questions about the relationship between
equality, law, and society. We will investigate how people have used law
in their movements for greater equality, and ask whether law has served
these movements well and how it has worked. We will pay particular
attention to movements based on race, gender, and economic class.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Zackin
Area: NA
NA.
AS.190.326. Democracy And Elections. 3.0 Credits.
An examination of most aspects of democratic elections with the exception of the behavior of voters. Topics include the impact of various electoral systems and administrative reforms on the outcome of elections, standards for evaluations of electoral systems, and the impact of the Arrow problem on normative theories of democratic elections.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Katz
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.327. Politics of Information. 3.0 Credits.
Considers global and comparative politics of information, information technologies, and the Internet. Examines governance of information (ownership of information, rights to information, privacy) and governance of information technologies (domain names, social media websites, etc.). Students who previously took AS.190.327 Politics of Information may not take this course.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Marlin-Bennett
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.329. National Security-Nuclear Age. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the impact of weapons of mass destruction on international politics with an emphasis on security issues. The first half of the course focuses on the history of nuclear weapons development during the Cold War and theories of deterrence. The second half of the class considers contemporary issues including terrorism, chemical and biological weapons, ballistic missile defense and proliferation. Requirements include a midterm, final and a ten page paper.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. David
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.330. Japanese Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This course introduces students to the major debates and issues of postwar Japanese politics. Topics include nationalism, electoral politics, civil society, and immigration.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.331. America and the World. 3.0 Credits.
This course is a survey of the unique position of the United States in world politics. We will cover the broader international relations literature on the dynamics of hegemony, empire, and asymmetrical relationships, from work in the realist tradition to more critical approaches. We will also assess the importance of American domestic institutions in understanding past and contemporary developments.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schmidt
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.333. American Constitutional Law. 3.0 Credits.
This course covers enduring debates about the way the Constitution has structured the U.S. government and about which powers the Constitution assigns to the federal government and to the states. We will examine these debates in the context of American political history and thought by studying the writings of prominent participants, and landmark Supreme Court cases.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Zackin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.334. Constitutional Law. 3.0 Credits.
Topics include executive and emergency power, racial and gender equality, and selected free speech and religious freedom issues.

Prerequisites: AS.190.333
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Zackin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.335. Imagining Borders. 3.0 Credits.
What is a border and why do borders matter in global politics. What do borders mean under conditions of globalization? An examination of the politics of borders, transborder flows, and networks within and across borders. The readings which come from political science and other disciplines, will include theoretical and case-specific works.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Marlin-Bennett
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.338. Comparative Political Behavior. 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to the study of political behavior, emphasizing electoral behavior in democratic countries.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Katz
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.339. American Racial Politics. 3.0 Credits.
Recommended Course Background: AS.190.214

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.341. Korean Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This course introduces students to the historical and institutional foundations of modern South Korean politics. Topics include nationalism, political economic development, civil society, globalization, and ROK-DPRK relations. (CP)

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.343. Research Seminar on Political Parties. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar has two basic objectives: both theoretical and empirical study of selected topics in the comparative literature on political parties, and the ultimate production of a publishable-quality (or conference-presentable-quality) paper. Topics will include (but not be limited to) the place of parties in political theory and the nature of party systems, party organization, and party behavior in the United States and other countries.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Katz
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.344. Seminar In Anti-Semitism. 3.0 Credits.
Jews exercise a good deal of power in contemporary America. They are prominent in a number of key industries, play important roles in the political process, and hold many major national offices. For example, though Jews constitute barely two percent of America's citizens, about one-third of the nation's wealthiest 400 individuals are Jewish and more than ten percent of the seats in the U.S. Congress are held by Jews. One recent book declared that, "From the Vatican to the Kremlin, from the White House to Capitol Hill, the world's movers and shakers view American Jewry as a force to be reckoned with." Of course, Jews have risen to power in many times and places ranging from the medieval Muslim world and early modern Spain through Germany and the Soviet Union in the 20th century. In nearly every prior instance, though, Jewish power proved to be evanescent. No sooner had the Jews become "a force to be reckoned with" than they found themselves banished to the political margins, forced into exile or worse. Though it may rise to a great height, the power of the Jews seems ultimately to rest on a rather insecure foundation. Cross-listed with Jewish Studies. Course is open to juniors and seniors.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Ginsberg
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.346. Foundations of International Relations Theory. 3.0 Credits.
This course is a broad conceptual introduction to international relations theory in a format that stresses close reading and critical discussion. We will explore mainstream theoretical perspectives and critiques of those perspectives, as well as more recent developments in the field. By the end of the course, students will have a firm grasp of the core issues and debates in the field. The course is conceptually demanding; interested students should have at least completed an introductory course in political science.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schmidt
Area: NA

AS.190.356. The Social Contract and its Discontents. 3.0 Credits.
This course focuses on one of the most powerful stories told in the tradition of western political theory: the story of the social contract. This story is about the constitution of legitimate political authority. It is told in many ways and each version makes different assumptions, in particular about human nature, the power of reason, the value of order, and the character of justice. We examine this often-conflicting assumptions and explore how they continue to inform the way we think about the possibilities and problems of politics. Readings include texts by Arendt, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Freud, Pateman, the Federalists, Derrida, and Douglass. Final grades are based on class participation, two exams and two papers.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Culbert
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.373. The Politics of Public Policy. 3.0 Credits.
This course is an introduction to the political structure and process of making public policy in the United States. Public policymaking is, above all, an arena in which policy professionals try to bring systematic evidence and scientific knowledge to bear to diagnose, understand, and solve social problems. At the same time, policymaking also takes place in a political environment, in which strategic and purposive actors contend for power and seek to advance their own goals and realize their own visions about how the world ought to be changed for the better. The goals that participate in the policymaking process pursue may take a variety of forms: substantive policy outcomes, of course, but also power, political advancement, or material advantage. The actors who populate the process, moreover, may disagree about the goals they seek and making policy — especially in democratic political systems — requires some means of resolving these disagreements. Actors also differ in the resources they have at their disposal to seek their goals — power, money, organization, for example, but also knowledge and expertise. Finally, policymakers cannot do anything they want in pursuit of their goals. They are constrained by the rules and structures that make up the policymaking system. These factors — actors, goals, resources, knowledge, and rules — shape the politics of policymaking and frame the strategic options available to policymakers.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Mikulski; R. Lieberman
Area: NA

AS.190.379. Nationalism and the Politics of Identity. 3.0 Credits.
Nationalism ties powerful organizations to political mobilization, territory, and individual loyalty. Yet nationalism is typically studied in isolation from other social formations that depend upon organizational — individual linkages. Alternative types of identity category sometimes depend similarly upon organizations that collect and deploy resources, mobilize individuals, erect boundaries, and promote strong emotional connections among individuals as well as between individuals and institutions. In this class, we study classic and contemporary works on nationalism, drawn from multiple disciplinary and analytic traditions, in the comparative context of alternative forms of identity. The focus of the class will be primarily theoretical, with no regional or temporal limitations.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Kocher
Area: NA
NA.
AS.190.380. The American Welfare State. 3.0 Credits.
This course analyzes the distinctive US welfare state in historical and comparative perspective. We begin with a survey of the policy context, an historical overview from the poorhouses through the Great Society, and a tour of welfare states across the rich democracies. We then survey developments – and explain the actual workings of policy – across jobs, education, welfare, pensions, and health care. We explore the institutional and political factors behind their divergent trajectories through conservative revival and the age of Obama. Students will write a seminar paper exploring policy development over time in a program or area of their choosing. Enrollment restricted to Social Policy minors only. Prerequisites: Students may take AS.190.380 or AS.360.380, but not both.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Schlozman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.381. Global Environmental Politics. 3.0 Credits.
NA
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Allan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.382. Democracy and Development: Theory and Cases. 3.0 Credits.
Most wealthy countries are democracies. But not all democracies are wealthy—India, Costa Rica, and Mongolia are prominent examples of poor countries with democratic regimes. The course will examine the relation between economic development and political democratization under three big questions. (a) Under what conditions, and through which mechanisms, does economic development promote democracy? (b) If economic development is not possible in the foreseeable future, how do countries achieve stable democratization? (c) Under what conditions, and through which mechanisms, does democracy foster economic development?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Mazzuca
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.385. Urban Politics and Policy. 3.0 Credits.
An analysis of public policy and policy-making for American Cities. Special attention will be given to the subject of urban crime and law enforcement, poverty and welfare, and intergovernmental relations. Cross listed with Africana Studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.391. Time to Kill: Race, Punishment, Death and Desire. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the role of race in determining who deserves to be punished, the timing and occasions of punitive action and how long punishment should endure. Key to our inquiry is how racialized presumptions about human desire might justify punitive logics of power. The class explores inequalities in the distribution of punishment and death in order to illuminate how race shapes questions of whose time is more valuable, who lives and who dies, and ultimately whose lives count as human.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.393. Theories of Constitutional Interpretation. 3.0 Credits.
In this course, we will read and discuss a variety of arguments about how best to interpret constitutional texts, with particular attention to debates about the U.S. Constitution. The course will also cover debates about the role of ordinary people, legislatures, and judges in determining the content of constitutional law.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Zackin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.394. Comparative Politics of the Middle East and North Africa. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the domestic, regional, and transnational politics of the Middle East and North Africa. The class is organized into three units. The first examines major armed conflicts—anti-colonial, intra-state, and inter-state—from 1948 through the 1990s. It uses these historical moments as windows onto key issues in Middle Eastern and North African political issues such as external intervention/occupation, human rights, sectarianism, social movements, and memory politics. Unit Two focuses on policy relevant issues such as democratization, minority populations, religion and politics, and gender. In Unit Three, students will explore the politics of the Arab Uprisings through critical reading and discussion of new (post-2011) scholarship on MENA states, organizations, and populations. Enrollment limited to Political Science and International Studies majors.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Parkinson
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.190.396. Capitalism and Ecology. 3.0 Credits.
Capitalism and Ecology focuses on the relations between capitalism and climate during the era of the Anthropocene. How do capitalist processes of fossil extraction, consumption, production and governance contribute to the pace of climate warming, glacier flows, the ocean conveyor system, species loss and other phenomena? What are the effects and the possible modes of political response? How do the nonhuman, self-organizing processes such as glaciers, oceans and climate change on their own as they also amplify the effects of capitalist emissions? The course combines texts on capitalism and activism with those by geoscientists on how the nonhuman systems work. Books by authors in the fields of political theory, geology, anthropology, economics, philosophy and ethology will be drawn upon. Authors such as Michael Benton, Brian Fagan, Hayek, Naomi Klein, Fred Hirsch, Fred Pearce, van Dooren and Connolly are apt to be read to engage these issues. A previous course in political theory is recommended. The class is organized around student presentations on assigned readings. Two papers, 10-12 pages in length. Extensive class discussion.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): W. Connolly
Area: Natural Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.398. Politics Of Good & Evil. 3.0 Credits.
The Politics of Good and Evil places a set of classic myths into conversation with recent philosophical and political work on existential questions. The myths include the Book of Job, Genesis (J version), two dramas by Sophocles, a selection from Augustine, and Voltaire's Candide. Texts by Nietzsche (Thus Spoke Zarathustra), William James, (A Pluralistic Universe) and Connolly are then placed into conversation with both each other and these classic stories. Kohlberg's The Sixth Extinction closes the class, encouraging us to think again about the relations between mythic orientations to responsibility, tragic possibility, nature/culture imbrications and the shape of contemporary life during the Anthropocene. Previous work in political theory is recommended. The course is devoted to “elemental theory”, in which diverse existential stories jostle each other and periodically disturb us, challenging us to explore new thoughts in a new world. One class presentation, two 10-12 page papers, and extensive class discussion.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): W. Connolly
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.402. Environmental Racism. 3.0 Credits.
This is an undergraduate political theory seminar that addresses the disproportionate impact of environmental destruction on racially stigmatized populations. We shall examine the logics of power whereby the natural world is subjected to exploitation and domination, in tandem with the subordination of racial subjects historically identified as closer to nature. Likewise, we will explore political and theoretical challenges to environmental racism, such as those posed by indigenous communities, decolonial theory, and political movements contesting the intersection of racial inequalities and ecological crises.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.404. Race and Debt: Living on Borrowed Time. 3.0 Credits.
This is an advanced undergraduate seminar that explores how racial stigma functions as a marker of being always already in debt. In view of the legacies of settler-colonialism, imperialism and chattel slavery, how is it that those from whom so much has been taken are nevertheless regarded as perpetually in debt? We shall examine the moral, economic and racialized logics of power through which a range of political subjects come to be regarded as ungrateful “takers” as opposed to “makers,” and owing a debt to society. In so doing, we will investigate how temporality functions as a tool of power by considering how the indebted are made vulnerable to precarity, discipline, and disposability—in effect, forced to live life on borrowed time.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.406. The Executive Branch. 3.0 Credits.
In the 19th Century America was noted for its courts, political parties and representative institutions. Today, America’s political parties and representative institutions have declined in importance while the institutions of the executive branch have increased in importance. This seminar will examine the nation’s key executive institutions and aspects of executive governance in the U.S. Students will alternate primary responsibility for week’s readings. Every student will prepare a 10-15 page review and critique of the books for which they are responsible in class.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Ginsberg
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.407. Geopolitics, Nuclear Weapons and World Order. 3.0 Credits.
Intensive examination of unresolved debates about the implications of nuclear weapons for world order, focusing on deterrence, strategy, arms control, multipolarity, proliferation, terrorism, and abolition, as well as roles of liberal, democratic, and constitutional political forms and popular public involvement. Readings from classic and contemporary sources.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Deudney
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.408. Sovereignty: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar provides an in-depth exploration of the concept of sovereignty by examining its historical development, current controversies, and its salience in international relations scholarship. Works in political theory and the international law literature will also inform our discussion. The course is open to advanced undergraduate students with previous coursework in political science.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schmidt
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.410. Rastafari: Race and Resistance on a Global Scale. 3.0 Credits.
The study of race has in recent years taken a global turn, such that
nationally-inscribed struggles over racism have been increasingly re-
narrated as part of struggles over global order. In this class we will
use the Rastafari faith to examine the challenges that this global turn
presents to the study of race. Gestated in the 1930s Caribbean, drawing
upon a long tradition of North American Ethiopianism, and rising to global
prominence by the 1980s, the Rastafari faith connects all corners of the
Black world and far beyond. As such, an examination of Rastafari can tell
us much about the prospects of - and difficulties in – overturning racism
as a global ordering principle. Open to Seniors Only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Parkinson
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.412. The Use and Misuse of Force. 3.0 Credits.
An examination of the ways in which violence has been used to secure
political ends. Topics include terrorism, assassination, genocide, coups,
rebellions and war itself. Students examine what makes types of political
violence unique and what unites them. (Formerly AS.190.372)
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Brendese
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.419. Race and Segregated Time. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores how time, and not just space, is segregated along
racial lines. We shall examine how racial injustices are experienced as
impositions on human time, how resistance to racial inequality has often
been figured in temporal terms, and what it means to think in untimely
ways that challenge how the extended lifespans of racially dominant
groups is contingent upon the foreshortened lifetimes of racial others.
Readings will bring political theory into contact with contemporary
experiences of race, such as: criminal (in)justice, environmental racism
and the proliferation of human disposability. Recommended Course
Background: One Political Theory course.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. David
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.425. The New Deal and American Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores how the New Deal, the fundamental moment in
the post-Civil War United States, has structured politics and government
across a variety of domains ever since. Topics include presidential
leadership, executive power, political parties, labor, race, and the welfare
state.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Schlozman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.426. Qualitative Research. 3.0 Credits.
This class is designed to introduce students to qualitative methodology.
Practically, students will gain first-hand experience with qualitative
research methods via research design, ethics review, in-depth
interviewing, participant observation, and archival/primary source
research. They will learn to deploy analytical techniques such as
discourse analysis and process tracing. Students will also be asked to
consider the merits of qualitative approaches more generally, and discuss
the relative advantages of qualitative, experimental, and quantitative
approaches. Questions that we will discuss include: What place should
qualitative research have in a research design? Can qualitative research
test hypotheses, or only generate them? Can qualitative research explain
social phenomena, or only interpret them? What are the disadvantages
and advantages of qualitative approaches compared to quantitative
approaches? For what kinds of research questions are ethnographic
techniques best suited? Is replicability possible for ethnographic field
research? What criteria of evidence and analytical rigor apply on this
terrain?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Lawrence; S. Parkinson
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.427. Political Economy of Japan and Korea. 3.0 Credits.
This upper-level seminar examines some of the major debates and issues
of postwar Japanese and South Korean political economy. Topics include
nationalism, gender politics, civil society, immigration, and US-Japan-
South Korea trilateral relations.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.428. The Politics of Disaster in the Middle East and Beyond. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the politics of natural and man-made disasters,
including war, forced migration, drought, famine, earthquakes, tsunamis,
storms, and epidemics. Focusing on the Middle East, it also presents
comparative cases from Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and North
America. In doing so, the class will examine the unique ways that
different types of disasters interact with governance structures; social
and economic inequalities; medical infrastructure; gender; race and
ethnicity; and political cleavages. Throughout the course, students will
learn basic elements of research design and methods in addition to
welcoming experienced disaster response and analysis practitioners
to class. Finally, the Politics of Disaster in the Middle East and Beyond
addresses some of the philosophical aspects of working in and studying
disaster-affected contexts, bringing an ethical sensibility to policy-
relevant analysis.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Parkinson
Area: NA
NA.
AS.190.429. The Political Bases of the Market Economy. 3.0 Credits.
Although “the market” is conventionally understood as separate from “politics”, the modern market economy did not arise in a political vacuum. In fact, the very separation between the economy and politics is itself the product of a politically potent set of ideas. This course is an upper-division reading seminar on the origins and evolution of the modern market economy. Readings will include Smith, Marx, Weber, Polanyi, Keynes, Hayek, Friedman, Becker, and Foucault. Recommended course background: Introduction to comparative politics OR any college-level course in social or political theory.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Jabko
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.430. Time and Punishment. 3.0 Credits.
“If you can’t do the time, don’t do the crime.” According to ask.com, this common expression was made popular in the 1970s by the theme song for the television show “Beretta.” Aside from amusing us with the irony that the star of “Beretta” was Robert Blake who was later charged with the murder of Bony Lee Bakely, the expression raises a profound issue: What is the relationship between punishment and time? This course will explore that question. Topics to be discussed include different philosophical understandings and experiences of time, views of mortality and fate, theories of punishment, specific punishments in the U.S. (including sentences of juveniles, life, death, and LWOP), as well as punishments that are not specifically meted out but are known to be the consequences of political, social, and economic circumstance. Students will read texts in criminology, political theory, philosophy, and jurisprudence, as well as a selection of Supreme Court cases, novels, and short stories. This writing intensive course is limited to undergraduates who have taken at least one “Classics of Political Thought” course (190.280, 190.281, 190.282, or 190.283).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Culbert
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.431. Global Climate Governance. 3.0 Credits.
This course will offer an in-depth study of the history and politics of global climate governance. It will examine the central actors, agreements, and policy proposals that shape climate governance.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Allan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.432. Does Israel Have a Future?. 3.0 Credits.
Consider efforts that Israel can undertake to meet the threats it faces. Lessons from the destruction of the ancient Israelite kingdoms and from international movement to delegitimize Israel. domestic challenges to its continued existence as a Jewish democracy. Outside threats to be considered include nuclear attack and the growing challenges include demographic changes, the role of religion in governance, and doubts as to whether one can be a Jewish state and still be a democracy. This class will examine the future of Israel focusing on international and domestic threats to its continued existence as a Jewish democracy. The course will conclude by considering efforts that Israel can undertake to meet the threats it faces.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. David
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.433. Race and the Politics of Punishment in the US. 3.0 Credits.
Contact with criminal justice has become a primary way that many Americans see and experience government, particularly those from race-class subjugated communities. Yet, our field has been slow to appreciate the development of the carceral state or to consider its manifold for citizenship. In this advanced undergraduate seminar, we will survey key debates around punishment, state violence, and surveillance, with a particular focus on research that takes institutional development, history and racial orders seriously. Why did the carceral state expand in "fits and starts" and with what consequence for state-building? We explore its (racialized and gendered) relationship to other key systems: foster care, social provision, labor relations and the labor market, and immigration enforcement. A core preoccupation of this course will be to understand the ways in which the criminal justice system "makes race" and how debates about crime and punishment were often debates about black inclusion and equality. How does exposure to criminal justice interventions shape political learning, democratic habits, and racial lifeworlds? In addition to policy, political discourse, and racial politics, we will employ works from a range of fields - history, sociology, law and criminology - and a range of methods (ethnography, historical analysis, quantitative and qualitative). Required books include: Khalil Muhammad's Condemnation of Blackness: race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America, Elizabeth Hinton's From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime, David Oshinsky's Worse than Slavery; Parchman Farm and the Ordeal of Jim Crow Justice, Bruce Western's Punishment and Inequality in America, and Michael Fortner's Black Silent Majority. The Rockefeller Drug Laws and the Politics of Punishment.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Weaver
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.438. Violence and Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar will address the role of violence—both domestic and international—in political life. Though most claim to abhor violence, since the advent of recorded history, violence and politics have been intimately related. States practice violence against internal and external foes. Political dissidents engage in violence against states. Competing political forces inflict violence upon one another. Writing in 1924, Winston Churchill declared—and not without reason—that, “The story of the human race is war.” Indeed, violence and the threat of violence are the most potent forces in political life. It is, to be sure, often averred that problems can never truly be solved by the use of force. Violence, the saying goes, is not the answer. This adage certainly appeals to our moral sensibilities. But whether or not violence is the answer presumably depends upon the question being asked. For better or worse, it is violence that usually provides the most definitive answers to three of the major questions of political life—statehood, territoriality and power. Violent struggle, in the form of war, revolution, civil war, terrorism and the like, more than any other immediate factor, determines what states will exist and their relative power, what territories they will occupy, and which groups will and will not exercise power within them. Course is open to juniors and seniors.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Ginsberg
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.439. Advanced Topics in Global Politics: Learning Through Research. 3.0 Credits.
Join a research team. In this course, students will explore topics in global politics and methods for the conduct of inquiry in the Johns Hopkins tradition of learning through research. Under the guidance of the professor, students will learn about a topic from existing primary and secondary sources, collect new empirical evidence, analyze the evidence, and contribute to research products. Recommended for students planning to write a thesis. Junior or Senior standing in Political Science or International Studies or permission of instructor.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Marlin-Bennett
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.440. European Politics in Comparative Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
Europe has been in a sense the first testing ground for theories of comparative politics, but many outsiders now see Europe as a pacified and somewhat boring place. This course will question conventional wisdom through an examination of European politics in historical and cross-national perspective. We will apply the comparative method to the study of European politics today, and conversely we will ask what Europe tells us more generally about politics. We will see that Europe is still a locus of intense conflict as well as remarkably diverse experimentation. Topics will include: political, legal, and economic governance; the evolution of democracy and fundamental rights, the welfare state, class stratification, immigration and race, the role of religion; European integration and globalization. Juniors and seniors only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Jabko
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.442. Civil Society. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores classic and contemporary debates on the concept of civil society and critically examines its analytical value in light of recent developments. Topics include the relationship between civil society, the state, and markets, the role of civil society in development and democratization, social capital, and global civil society. This course is open to graduate students from any discipline. Advanced undergraduate students must obtain permission from the instructor and are expected to keep up with graduate students during class discussions.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.443. Politics of Outer Space. 3.0 Credits.
Intensive examination of the political aspects of human activities in outer space, past, present and future, with focus on militarization, earth-remote sensing, surveillance, navigation, resource exploitation, the Outer Space Treaty, and colonization.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Deudney
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.444. Causes of Peace. 3.0 Credits.
Since 1945, the great powers have enjoyed their longest period of peace in history. Interstate conflict between lesser powers is also at an all time low. What accounts for this “long peace?” This course will look at various explanations including the spread of democracy, the proliferation of nuclear weapons, globalization, American hegemony, and fundamental changes in attitudes regarding the use of force. Students will present draft versions of their research papers during the last weeks of the course. Co-listed with AS.190.619
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. David
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.445. Power and Wealth: Sources, Dynamics and Linkages. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar explores theoretical approaches to the multiple relations between political power and economic power, including pluralism, Marxism, and historical institutionalism. Major empirical transformations will provide the motivation: the rise of modern states, capitalism and social classes in Early Modern Europe, the creation of highly unequal societies in post-colonial Latin America and Africa, the varieties of Welfare State in the golden age of advanced capitalism (1950-75), and the powerful rebirth of inequality in advanced economies for the last 25 years. Theories of sources and interactions of political and economic power will be coupled with accounts of the effects of power and wealth on macroscopic change, especially democratization and economic development. Open to juniors, seniors, and graduate students.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Mazzuca
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.451. Geopolitics. 3.0 Credits.
Intensive exploration of theories of how geography, ecology, and technology shape political orders. Case studies of ancient, early modern, global, and contemporary topics, including European ascent, industrial revolution, tropics and North South divide, climate change, geo-engineering and global commons (oceans, atmosphere and orbital space
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Deudney
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.452. Party Politics from the Founding to the Progressives. 3.0 Credits.
Though the torchlight parade has long since passed, American parties still stand in the shadow of the nineteenth-century Party Period. This course seeks to untangle the ideologies and practices of party politics from the Founding to the Progressive Era. Topics include the rise of mass parties, political violence, the coming of the Republican Party, the party politics of Reconstruction and westward expansion, corruption and the political machine, Populism, and movements for reform. We pay particular attention to comparisons between past and present, and to opportunities taken and foregone.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Schlozman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.455. Comparative Racial Politics. 3.0 Credits.
This upper-level seminar surveys the major trends and approaches to the comparative study of race in political science and critically examines the link between race and politics. Topics include race and state formation, citizenship and national membership, immigration, racial regimes, and the political economy of race. Recommended background: Courses in comparative politics, political economy, immigration, and racial politics
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Chung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.456. Politics of TransHumanism. 3.0 Credits.
Examination of politics of human biological and cybernetic augmentation, and replacement with focus on stratification, weaponization, collectivization, extinction and irregulation.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Deudney
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.471. The University and Society. 3.0 Credits.
In the 20th century, American universities became the envy of the world, leading in most categories of scholarly productivity and attracting students from every nation. In recent years, though, American higher education has come to face a number of challenges including rapidly rising costs, administrative bloat, corporatization and moocification. We will examine the problems and promises of American higher education, the political struggles within the university and the place of the university in the larger society. Upper classes and Grad Students only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Ginsberg; R. Kargon
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.479. Imag(in)ing Cities. 3.0 Credits.
Cities exert a substantial degree of control over American life. Throughout the 20th and early years of the 21st Century they have been centers of industry, of social change, of political change. And in part because of their status, scholars have begun to theorize about cities. The purpose of this class is to interrogate these theories through a filmic lens. Students will be exposed to readings and then in the second half of the semester, to films about cities that implicitly and explicitly speak to and about these theories. Some coursework in urban studies preferred, though not necessary.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.190.480. Planetary Interdependence and World Governments. 3.0 Credits.
Intensive exploration of alternative global political architectures for high levels of security, ecological and internet interdependence
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Deudney
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.190.481. Conservatism and Crime. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine the evolution of conservative thought on crime and criminal justice from the 1960s to the present. We will focus in particular on how the subject of crime illuminates different strains of conservatism, reveals tensions between its values of liberty, authority and anti-statism, and shows the changing approach that conservative intellectuals have had to race.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Teles
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.190.491. Game Theory in the Social Sciences. 3.0 Credits.
Strategic thinking is a fundamental component of many political and economic phenomena, from international wars and national elections to wage bargains and monopoly power. Game Theory is a set of ideas and techniques for analyzing strategic interactions and making predictions about its outcomes. This course provides an introduction to Game Theory and its main applications to relevant political and social outcomes. Juniors and Seniors Only.
Prerequisites: AS.110.106 or AS.110.108
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Mazzuca
Area: Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.191.119. Freshman Seminar: Thinking Critically through the Global South. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar exposes students to tools for thinking critically about life and politics by introducing them to contemporary debates in International Relations and Political Theory that have been proposed by authors from the Global South. Topics include, but are not limited to: development, postcolonial studies, environment, knowledge production, and gender and sexuality.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): T. Zille
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

This course explores various theoretical attempts to broaden the meaning of “politics” by examining three spheres of action typically equated with “personal” life: work, family, and consumption. The following questions orient our inquiry: what does the phrase “the personal is political” mean, and what sort of political solutions does it typically endorse? What can we learn about politics by studying family dynamics? Why do Americans work so much, and how does “work ethic” discourse promote punitive social policies? What is the relationship between our everyday acts of consumption and larger political phenomena such as climate change and racialization processes? What can theories of intersectionality tell us about such dynamics?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Masin-Peters
Area: NA
NA.

AS.191.216. Freshman Seminar: By Any Means Necessary? Political Theories of Violence. 3.0 Credits.
Questions of violence are as old as questions of politics itself. Are politics and violence essentially the same or is politics fundamentally non-violent? Is violence the only way to achieve political change? Has the state been a force for eliminating violence and securing freedom or has it only created more conflict? Who gets to define what counts as violent, and for what purposes? This course engages such questions through a theoretical lens, often focusing on political actors and activists responding on the ground to these pertinent questions. It asks students to reconsider what they normally think violence, non-violence, and politics are. We will particularly investigate this angle through the lens of race and colonialism—reading such figures as Michel Foucault, Franz Fanon, Mao Zedong, Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Angela Davis, and Ida B. Wells—as well as focusing on histories of state formation and state violence.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Q. Lester
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.191.217. Freshman Seminar: International Politics from the Global South. 3.0 Credits.
This course focuses on the interests and preferences of developing countries in international politics. The formal and informal rules of international politics tend to favor the interests and preferences of powerful countries: richer states, with better technologies and superior military capabilities. Sometimes, however, the interests and preferences of great powers do not align with what the rest of the countries want, especially with states in the Global South. We will analyze what developing countries do to restrain the leeway of powerful countries, particularly when their interests and preferences conflict. The course is divided into four main sections: a review of theories about international order and international hierarchies, tools to restrain great powers, review of strategies from countries in Latin America, Africa, and East Asia, and areas of disagreements between the Global North and the Global South.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Rodriguez Aquino
Area: NA
NA.

AS.191.303. Critical Race Theory, Law, and Criminal Justice. 3.0 Credits.
In this course, students will gain a foundational understanding of critical race theory, including its genesis in legal theory. The course will examine its relationship and importance to social movements, including through key concepts like intersectionality. The course will also use critical race theory to grapple with law and the criminal justice system in the United States.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schrader
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.191.307. Democracy and Political Psychology: Ideals and Realities of Democratic Citizenship. 3.0 Credits.
This course confronts the expectations of democratic theory regarding the way citizens should think and behave with findings from political psychology with respect to how they do think and behave. Divergences of the ideals and realities of democratic citizenship often seem quite glaring and discomforting. What are the conclusions we should draw from such mismatches? Should we simply accept them or is there something to be done about them? Alternatively, should democracy be redefined or abdicated altogether? The course will center on the experience of the advanced industrial democracies – the places where one would presume democracy to work best. In addition to addressing substantive questions, the course also aims to equip students with approaches, methods, and techniques they can use in conducting their own empirical research.
**Prerequisites:** NA
**Instructor(s):** C. Higgins
**Corequisites:** NA
**Area:** NA

AS.191.309. The Politics of Conversation. 3.0 Credits.
If, with Aristotle, we take the human as the political animal precisely because it is that animal possessing the gift of speech, then politics makes its entrance into our lives whenever we come to speak with one another, far before we consider politics as an activity of citizens in a state, or of states in an international order. In this course we will consider conversation as a specifically political phenomenon. We will address such questions as: What are the purposes of conversation, and how do we navigate these purposes? How do we excuse, justify, explain, forgive, or agree with one another, and what do we do when excuse, explanation, forgiveness, or agreement is no longer possible? These questions have become especially pertinent in a polarized America increasingly disenchanted with the possibility of conversations 'across the aisle'. But the politics of conversation are relevant to the whole of our relations with other people: how we talk to our family, how we come to be friends, how we cease to be lovers. Readings include works by Plato, Jürgen Habermas, J. L. Austin, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Stanley Cavell. Recommended Course Background: One previous course in political theory or philosophy.
**Prerequisites:** NA
**Instructor(s):** C. Higgins
**Corequisites:** NA
**Area:** Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.191.313. Why We Punish. 3.0 Credits.
A multidisciplinary exploration of the justifications and problems associated with punishment broadly defined, including prison sentences, personal acts of revenge, and military reprisals. Course texts will include international court cases, philosophical texts, and classic legal thinkers, in addition to fiction and news articles. Particular attention will be paid to when punishment is (or is not) cruel, deserved, or proportionate; when restraint should be shown; and whether it is desirable to abolish it altogether. Case studies will include the practice of solitary confinement, cycles of retaliatory violence in communal conflicts, the death penalty, and International Criminal Court efforts to punish perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity. Writing intensive.
**Prerequisites:** NA
**Instructor(s):** J. White
**Corequisites:** NA
**Area:** NA

AS.191.315. The Domestic Politics of Israel. 3.0 Credits.
Israel's politics and history are complex, involving multiple military conflicts, domestic struggles and dynamic international relationships. This course will focus on Israel's domestic politics by tracing the story of the development of its party system and the parties the compose it. A parliamentary democracy with a proportional representation electoral system, Israel's party system includes multiple parties who represent the various segments of Israeli society. What are the origins of this party system and the parties that compose it? What changes have they experienced and what are the factors that influence those changes? Who are the important actors and what might be motivating them? These questions and others will serve as our guide on a journey to a better understanding of Israel's domestic politics.
**Prerequisites:** NA
**Instructor(s):** A. Dolinsky
**Corequisites:** NA
**Area:** NA

AS.191.333. Dictatorship, Dissidence and Democracy: Central Europe in the 20th Century. 3.0 Credits.
Central Europe in the second half of the twentieth century was ground zero in the Cold War, as well as in the battle of ideas that accompanied it. In this course, we will first examine the theory of communism and the practice of Stalinism in the region; then seek to understand the tactics of dissent and the ideas behind it; and finally focus on the collapse of communist in 1989 and the struggle to "democratize" the region in the decade that followed. Over the course of the semester we will examine the relationship between political ideology and everyday life, seeking to understand what big concepts like 'democracy' and 'dictatorship' really meant for ordinary people from Warsaw and Tallinn to Budapest and East Berlin. We will also discuss Soviet, American and, in the latter part of the course, Russian foreign policy, with special emphasis on outsiders' use of propaganda and violence to affect political change in the region.
**Prerequisites:** NA
**Instructor(s):** A. Applebaum
**Corequisites:** NA
**Area:** Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.191.335. Arab-Israeli Conflict. 3.0 Credits.
The course will focus on the origin and development of the Arab-Israeli conflict from its beginnings when Palestine was controlled by the Ottoman Empire, through World War I, The British Mandate over Palestine, and the first Arab-Israeli war (1947-1949). It will then examine the period of the Arab-Israeli wars of 1956, 1967, 1973, and 1982, the Palestinian Intifadas (1987-1993 and 2000-2005); and the development of the Arab-Israeli peace process from its beginnings with the Egyptian-Israeli treaty of 1979, the Oslo I and Oslo II agreements of 1993 and 1995, Israel's peace treaty with Jordan of 1994, the Road Map of 2003; and the periodic peace talks between Israel and Syria. The conflict will be analyzed against the background of great power intervention in the Middle East, the rise of political Islam and the dynamics of Intra-Arab politics, and will consider the impact of the Arab Spring.
**Prerequisites:** NA
**Instructor(s):** R. Freedman
**Corequisites:** NA
**Area:** Social and Behavioral Sciences

Writing Intensive.
AS.191.344. Belonging to Nature in the Anthropocene. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores debates in contemporary environmental political thought concerning humanity’s relationship to nature in the Anthropocene. The Anthropocene refers to the era in which “human” activity becomes a force of “nature”—when the impact of human activity on natural processes manifests itself in the stuff of the Earth. For many of us, these planetary transformations are hardly noticeable in day-to-day life, but they are dramatic: we are living through the Earth’s sixth mass extinction. What is our relationship to these transformations? Do we have the power to stop them, or at least to minimize their harmful effects? Course readings and films introduce multiple visions of the human/nature relationship and examine the responses they recommend to these and other questions. The political stakes of these visions are brought to light as we consider: How do visions of the human/nature relationship shape and texture core political concepts like freedom, agency, responsibility, and progress? What do they suggest about the strategies most likely to motivate action amid the uncertainty of the Anthropocene? How do these visions subtly (and not so subtly) relegate some to the realm of “nature” so that others can be classified as “human”?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Erev
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.191.345. Russian Foreign Policy. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the evolution of Russian Foreign Policy from Czarist times to the present. The main theme will be the question of continuity and change, as the course will seek to determine to what degree current Russian Foreign Policy is rooted in the Czarist(1613-1917) and Soviet(1917-1991) periods, and to what degree it has operated since 1991 on a new basis. The main emphasis of the course will be on Russia’s relations with the United States and Europe, China, the Middle East and the countries of the former Soviet Union—especially Ukraine, the Baltic States, Transcaucasia and Central Asia. The course will conclude with an analysis of the Russian reaction to the Arab Spring and its impact both on Russian domestic politics and on Russian foreign policy.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Freedman
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.191.347. The Political Economy of Climate Change. 3.0 Credits.
Scientists tell us that continued reliance on fossil fuels to drive our economies causes global warming, which in turn poses an existential threat to humanity as we know it. But the major tools of societies to steer a clean energy transition—climate and energy policies—often fail, lack ambition, and vary widely from country to country. This is puzzling: Why is it so difficult to pass meaningful policies even though the stakes are so high? How to explain the varying responses to the same problem? In this course, students study the struggle over energy and climate policies through case studies of large industrialized countries. Besides other things, we will ask why the US failed to install any kind of meaningful climate policy, if and how the problems of the EU’s carbon market can be solved, why China cancelled over 100 coal-fired power plants in 2017, and why cloudy Germany became a solar energy powerhouse.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Kupzok
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.191.346. Congress and Foreign Policy. 3.0 Credits.
This course is an introduction to the Congressional role in foreign policy. The Constitution grants the President the authority to conduct foreign policy. Yet it also gives Congress a substantial role in the shaping of foreign policy. The distinct roles are not always clear, creating an inherent tension between these two branches of government and efforts on each side to increase their power. This class will address the “rules of the road” in conducting American foreign policy and how they change. The class will go beyond theory to include case studies that show the tension between Congress and the Administration – including the Iran Agreement, Climate Change, sanctions on Russia and American policy towards Cuba. The course will include guest lecturers who work in Congress on the various aspects of foreign policy – including appropriations, intelligence, oversight and investigations. We will address the Congressional role in ratification of treaties and in declaring war. The class will consider the different ways that each branch of government approaches human rights, arms sales and sanctions. The class will also address the domestic political aspects of foreign policy – including the role of advocacy groups and special interests and the political use of Congressional investigations.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Frifield
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.191.365. U.S Constitutional Law - Civil Liberities. 3.0 Credits.
The course is designed to introduce students to the study of civil liberties as protected by the Constitution of the United States. The emphasis will be upon those rights incorporated into the Bill of Rights and made applicable to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment. Specifically, the course will examine freedom of speech and freedom of the press – as well as freedom of freedom of thought, belief, and association. In addition, the course will address the right to privacy, the rights of those accused of crimes, and the rights and protections secured under the two clauses of the First Amendment relating to religious liberty – the Establishment Clause and the Free Exercise Clause
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Snell
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.191.389. The Politics of Race and Ethnicity in the Postcolonial Society. 3.0 Credits.
The postcolonial society offers a unique terrain for the study of comparative racial politics, providing a setting for which racial and ethnic politics often take place between predominately non-white groups. In this course, students will examine contemporary understandings of the concepts of race and ethnicity and how they are deployed politically in the postcolonial society, enabling students to make deeper explications about the relationship between race, ethnicity and national inclusion as global phenomena that are the persistent and widespread legacies of colonialism, nationalism and white supremacy. Specifically, students will become familiar with the processes of colonization and decolonization—as well as postcolonial theories of resistance—that structure group politics today, drawing upon theoretical sources from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. These theoretical and historical tools will be used to study racial and ethnic politics across a range of postcolonial cases, including Indonesia, Mauritius, Fiji, Trinidad, Colombia and Brazil.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Thornton
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.191.402. Numbers, Pictures, Politics. 3.0 Credits.
Aitchison students only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Drutman
Area: Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.191.406. Capitalism: Politics and Political Thought in a Market Economy. 3.0 Credits.
The United States is a capitalist economy and we live in a capitalist world. This a fact we take for granted and therefore spend little time examining. Capitalism’ proponents attribute our society's unprecedented wealth and technological advances to this economic system. Some go so far as to claim that modern democracy and social progress are impossible without a capitalist economy. Critics point to growing social inequality and a slew of environmental ills as proof of capitalism's unsustainability. Some suggest that capitalism is antithetical to true democracy and human flourishing. But what exactly is capitalism? How did it evolve in the USA and how does the form capitalism takes in the United States differ from the forms it takes elsewhere? And, crucially, how is capitalism shaped by — and how does it shape — contemporary politics? And how exactly is this all related to liberalism, conservatism, neoliberalism, libertarianism, socialism, and democratic socialism? This seminar is designed to help students critically approach these questions. Rather than taking simplistic pro-contra approach, this seminar will examine capitalism along four axes: as a political-economic system, a corollary set of structures and institutions, the force behind a specific form of state organization, and the determinant of how society and individuals act and see themselves. To explore these issues, we will focus on a number of contemporary political issues, with a primary geographic focus on the United States, including the following: the debates over the welfare state and socialized healthcare; unions, lobbies, and special interests; the connection between capitalism, culture, and ideology; the effects of a capitalist organization of labor of questions of race, gender, and citizenship; the commodification of the environment and other species; and the process of critique, resistance, and social change in a capitalist system. Throughout, we will discuss the theoretical and empirical arguments put forward by a historically and disciplinarily broad range of thinkers including Karl Marx, Simone Weil, John Locke, Adam Smith, Robert Nozick, Thomas Sewell, Nancy Fraser, David Graeber, Melinda Cooper, Andreas Malm, and Guy Debord, through to Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Elon Musk.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Dutkiewicz
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.
AS.194.105. Islam and its Cultural and Religious Diversity, 600-1600. 3.0 Credits.

This course is focused on reading, analyzing, and, most importantly, producing writing about the American political experience and contemporary events in American politics. We will use scholarly, print, and new media sources from different sides of the political spectrum, drawing on political and literary theory to inform our discussions. We will then try to do better: Students will write and workshop a variety of pieces of different lengths and styles, spending in-class time on peer critique, presentations, and writing exercises, which they will compile into a writing portfolio. We will discuss and write op-eds, memoirs, long-form book reviews, commentary essays, and satire. Throughout, we will devote considerable class time to critique and discussion of students’ writing. Readings will include works by James Baldwin, William F. Buckley, Claudia Rankine, Hunter S. Thompson, Ta-Nehisi Coates, Alexander Chee, Angela Nagle, and Omar el Akkad. We will draw on political commentary from sources ranging from The Washington Post to Jacobin to The Onion, through to Facebook and Twitter. Throughout, we will consider a wide range of topics pertinent to writing about politics, including questions of the make-up of the public sphere and diverse audiences, the use of voice and language, the deployment of facts and rhetoric, the place of fiction and humor in political critique, and the rise of fake news and trolling.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Dutkiewicz
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

Islamic Studies

AS.194.105. Islam and its Cultural and Religious Diversity, 600-1600. 3.0 Credits.

While media often present Islam as a fairly univocal and compact cultural and religious system, news reports about tensions, hostility and at times open conflict within the Islamic world itself are frequent. Unity and internal diversity characterize Islam nowadays and have historical roots that have deeply shaped Islam since its very inception. This course will explore the historical origins of the dynamics of unity and diversity in Islam from the predication of Muhammad and the expansion of the first caliphate, to the formation of the Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal empires. By focusing on the historical events and the cultural production of the first millennium of Islam, this course will offer a thorough historical introduction to its cultural and religious complexity.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Ferrario
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.194.205. Islamic Mysticism: Traditions, Legacies, Politics. 3.0 Credits.

For over a thousand years, the Sufi tradition has been a dynamic force in Islamic social, political and spiritual life. The tradition offers a treasure trove of devotional literature and music, philosophical treatises, contemplative practices, and institutions of social and political organization. After unpacking the politics of the term “Sufi,” we will trace the historical development of the tradition from the early ascetics in Iraq and Syria to the age of trans-national Sufi orders, with case studies from South Asia, Turkey, and the United States. We will then move into some of the key constructs of the tradition of spiritual growth and character formation: the divine-human relationship, the stages of the spiritual path, contemplative and practical disciplines, ideas of sainthood, discipleship and ethical perfection, and the psychology of love. Throughout the class, we will explore the nature of experiential language and interrogate the tradition through the lens of gender. We will also experience Sufism through ritual and music.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Ziad
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

German Romance Languages Literatures

AS.211.202. Freshman Seminar: A Thousand Years of Jewish Culture. 3.0 Credits.

This course will introduce students to the history and culture of Ashkenazi Jews through their vernacular, Yiddish, from the settlement of Jews in German-speaking lands in medieval times to the present day. Particular emphasis will be placed on the responses of Yiddish-speaking Jews to the challenges posed by modernity to a traditional society. In addition to studying a wide range of texts— including fiction, poetry, memoir, song, and film—students will learn how to read the Yiddish alphabet, and will prepare a meal of traditional Ashkenazi dishes. No prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary for this course.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Lang
Area: Humanities
NA.
AS.211.217. Freahman Seminar: From Rabbis to Revolutionaries: Modern Jewish Identities. 3.0 Credits.

Many Jews in the modern period abandoned the traditional religious way of life, but continued to identify strongly as Jews, and even those who remained committed to tradition had to adapt. Through the prism of the Yiddish language, the vernacular of Eastern European Jewry, this course will explore different ways in which Jews reacted to historical developments and embraced political and cultural movements of their time, from the founding of modern Yiddish theater in Romania, to the creation of a Jewish autonomous region in the far east of the Soviet Union, to the development of avant-garde poetry in New York. In addition to studying a wide range of texts—including fiction, poetry, memoir, song, and film—students will learn how to read the Yiddish alphabet, and will explore food culture by preparing a meal of Eastern European Jewish dishes. No prior knowledge of Yiddish is necessary for this course.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Lang
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.222. Italian Cinema: The classics, the Forgotten and the Emergent.. 3.0 Credits.

This course traces the history of Italian cinema from the silent era to the new millennium, highlighting its main trends and genres, and reflecting on the major transformations modern and contemporary Italian society experienced over the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. We shall examine iconic films such as Vittorio De Sica's Bicycle Thieves, Federico Fellini's La Dolce Vita, Michelangelo Antonioni's L'Avventura, and Pier Paolo Pasolini's Mamma Roma, that received international recognition and influenced other national, cinematic productions. We shall also look at the work of less famous, or independent filmmakers who received less critical attention. While this class takes an historical approach, it also includes a theoretical component and introduces students to the specificity of the cinematic language, examining films in relation to the mise-en-scène, frame composition, camera movements, editing, and sound. This class is taught in English.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Di Bianco
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.224. Made in Italy: Italian style in context. 3.0 Credits.

Italy and the “Italian style” have become synonym of exquisite taste, class, and elegance thanks to the quality of Italian craftsmanship. This course will explore some of the major factors that contributed to the rise of Italian fashion and Italian industrial design as iconic all around the world. The classes will focus on the main protagonists and art movements that influenced the development of Italian style. We will analyze trends, clothing, and style not only in a historical context, but also through a critical apparatus that will include themes related to gender, culture, power, and politics. The course is taught in English. No knowledge of Italian is required, but those who can read in Italian will have an opportunity to do so. Everyone will learn some Italian words and expressions.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Proietti
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.265. Panorama of German Thought. 3.0 Credits.

This course explores the rich terrain of German literature and philosophical thought, from the Enlightenment to today. At each meeting, we will investigate canonical texts of the German intellectual tradition, with an eye to establishing their well-deserved place in wider, global discourses. In this way, we will learn to think critically with these important literary and philosophical texts from German-speaking lands as a means of viewing and appreciating the full panorama of German thought. Authors discussed may include Kant, Goethe, Schiller, Hegel, Kleist, Heine, Fontane, Nietzsche, Freud, Kafka, Heidegger, Mann and Bernhard. Readings and discussion will be in English. German is appreciated but not required. Students have the option of an additional hour of German discussion (to be scheduled at a mutually agreed time) and doing all the assignments in German for German-language credit (3+1) towards the major or minor. Students interested in that option should register for section 2.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Dornbach
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.211.316. Brazilian Cinema and Topics in Contemporary Brazilian Society. 3.0 Credits.

Course is taught in ENGLISH - This course is an introduction to the academic study of cinema as a communicative art and to Brazilian film. The films selected focuses on films from the late 1950s to the present and highlight import episodes and challenges in the advancement of the Brazilian society as well as its cinematic production with a special view to the film aesthetics through analysis from a number of critical perspectives, including class, race, gender as well as ethnicity, nationalism or national identity, colonialism, social changes, and the politics of representation. In this sense, the films and documentaries that we will be watching and studying encompass the period from the rise of New Cinema (Cinema Novo) up to films exploring the most recent trends, including movies launched up to 2016. Students wishing to do the course work in English, for 3 credits should register for section 01. Those wishing to earn 4 credits by doing the course work in Portuguese should register for section 02. THERE IS NO FINAL EXAM. May not be taken on a Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory basis.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): F. De Azeredo Cerqueira
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.211.327. Ecocinema: Framing Italy's Environmental Crises. 3.0 Credits.
Over the past decade, growing numbers of filmmakers in Italy have addressed ecological crises in their work. This class takes an eco-critical approach to contemporary Italian cinema, examining a body of compelling place-centered stories that deal with local and global issues. Defining the scope of eco-cinema and the ways we can interrogate films as ecological texts, we shall screen earth-centered films that raise consciousness about the consequences of human manipulation of the natural world; the complicity of industry, government, and organized crime in creating environmental crises; and the effects of economic and social malaise. Screenings include iconic films such as Michelangelo Antonioni's Red Desert (1963), more recent, critically acclaimed films such as Matteo Garrone's Gomorrah (2008), Alice Rohrwacher's Happy as Lazzaro (2018), and many others.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Di Bianco
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.328. Berlin Between the Wars: Literature, Art, Music, Film. 3.0 Credits.
Explore the diverse culture of Berlin during the heyday of modernism. During the Weimar Republic, Berlin became a center for theater, visual arts, film, music, and literature that would have an outsize impact on culture throughout the world and the twentieth century. The thinkers, artists, and writers drawn to interwar Berlin produced a body of work that encapsulates many of the issues of the period: the effect of the modern city on society; “the New Woman”; socialist revolutionary politics; the rise of the Nazis; and economic turmoil. While learning about interwar Berlin’s cultural diversity, we will take a special look at works by Jewish writers and artists that engage with the question of ethnic, religious, and national identity in the modern world, specifically in the context of Berlin’s rich Jewish history and the rise of anti-Semitism in the interwar period. All readings will be in translation.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Spinner
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.329. Museums and Identity. 3.0 Credits.
The museum boom of the last half-century has centered largely around museums dedicated to the culture and history of identity groups, including national, ethnic, religious, and minority groups. In this course we will examine such museums and consider their long history through a comparison of the theory and practice of Jewish museums with other identity museums. We will study the various museological traditions that engage identity, including the collection of art and antiquities, ethnographic exhibitions, history museums, heritage museums, art museums, and other museums of culture. Some of the questions we will ask include: what are museums for and who are they for? how do museums shape identity? and how do the various types of museums relate to one another? Our primary work will be to examine a variety of contemporary examples around the world with visits to local museums including the Jewish Museum of Maryland, the National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Museum of the American Indian.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Spinner
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.331. Vagabonds and Ramblers: Space & Place in Women’s Cinema. 3.0 Credits.
In recent times in Italy, a new generation of women filmmakers has found its own space in the traditionally male dominated film industry. This “counter cinema” abounds with female city walkers, migrants, vagabonds and other types of urban nomads, whose movement through space signifies a quest for freedom, gestures of protest and rebellion, and a search for place. We start by looking at the work of a pioneer filmmakers such as Elvira Notari, the first woman director in Italy, and then discuss the issue of gender and space in contemporary films by directors Francesca Comencini, Alice Rohrwacher, and Eleonora Danco. To enrich the analysis, we shall also examine films directed by non-Italians who deal with the theme of women’s mobility and their centrality/marginality from different socio-geographic contexts. Other directors included will be Agnès Varda (France), Chantal Akerman (Belgium), Haifa al-Mansour (Saudi Arabia), and Xiaolu Guo (China) Readings will include essays by Laura Mulvey, Ann E. Kaplan, Linda Williams, and Patricia White.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Di Bianco
Area: Humanities
NA.
AS.211.333. The Holocaust in Film and Literature. 3.0 Credits.
How has the Holocaust been represented in literature and film? Are there special challenges posed by genocide to the traditions of visual and literary representation? Where does the Holocaust fit in to the array of concerns that the visual arts and literature express? And where do art and literature fit in to the commemoration of communal tragedy and the working through of individual trauma entailed by thinking about and representing the Holocaust? These questions will guide our consideration of a range of texts — nonfiction, novels, poetry — in Yiddish, German, English, French and other languages (including works by Primo Levi and Isaac Bashevis Singer), as well as films from French documentaries to Hollywood blockbusters (including films by Alain Resnais, Claude Lanzmann, and Steven Spielberg). All readings in English.
Prerequisites: Cannot be taken by anyone who previously took AS.213.361
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Spinner
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.341. Power and Resistance in French Political Thought. 3.0 Credits.
Even as a strong, divine-right monarchy emerged in France, following the Renaissance wars of religion, rebellious French thinkers never stopped questioning the foundations of power. They focused critically not only on the claims of authority issuing from the top, but also on the submissiveness of the governed and the reach of propaganda. This course examines how power shapes minds and bodies, from absolutism to the Revolution, to democratic laïcité. Readings include works by La Boétie, Montaigne, Loyseau, Bayle, Rousseau, Saint-Just, Maistre, Tocqueville, Foucault, Lefort, Rancière and the Assemblée Nationale. Readings and discussion in English.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Russo
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.349. JHU Bologna Program: Food for Thought: Gastronomy, Politics & Identity. 3.0 Credits.
Italian Culture course offered on the JHU Summer Program in Bologna. Permission required. Must be taken for a letter grade. Open to students admitted to the JHU Summer Program in Bologna only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Di Bianco
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.361. Narratives of Dissent in Israeli Society and Culture. 3.0 Credits.
In this course we will study and analyze the notion of dissent in Israeli society and culture on its various literary and artistic forms. We will examine the emergence and the formation of various political and social protest movements, such as the Israeli Black Panthers, Israeli feminism and the 2011 Social Justice protest. We will discuss at length the history and the nature of dissent in the military and in relation to Israeli wars and will track changes in these relations. Significant portion of the course will be dedicated to the literary, cinematic and artistic aspects of Israeli dissent and their influence on Israeli discourse. We will explore the nature and role of specific genres and media such as the Israeli satire, Israeli television, newspaper op-ed and the recent emergence of social media. Students wishing to work in English exclusively for 3 credits should enroll in section one. Students who are fluent in Hebrew and are wishing to attend an additional hour-long Hebrew discussion session per week with Professor Cohen (time TBD in consultation with enrolled students) for 4 credits should enroll in section two.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Stahl; Z. Cohen
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.380. Modern Latin American Culture. 3.0 Credits.
Taught in Spanish. This course will explore the fundamental aspects of Latin-American culture from the formation of independent states through the present—in light of the social, political, and economic histories of the region. The course will offer a general survey of history of Latin-America, and will discuss texts, movies, songs, pictures, and paintings, in relation to their social, political, and cultural contexts. May not be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory.
Prerequisites: AS.210.312
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): NA
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.211.394. Brazilian Culture & Civilization. 3.0 Credits.
The course is taught in English. No knowledge of Portuguese is required. This course is intended as an introduction to the culture and civilization of Brazil. It is designed to provide students with basic information about Brazilian history, art, literature, popular culture, theater, cinema, and music. The course will focus on how indigenous Asian, African, and European cultural influences have interacted to create the new and unique civilization that is Brazil today. The course is taught in English, but ONE extra credit will be given to students who wish to do the course work in Portuguese. Those wishing to do the course work in English for 3 credits should register for section 01. Those wishing to earn 4 credits by doing the course work in Portuguese should register for section 02. The sections will be taught simultaneously. Section 01: 3 credits Section 02: 4 credits (instructor’s permission required)
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): F. De Azeredo Cerqueira
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.211.401. La France Contemporaine. 3.0 Credits.
Students will explore contemporary French society and culture through a wide variety of media: fiction and non-fiction readings (graphic novels, news periodicals, popular magazines), films, music, art, websites, and podcasts. A diverse range of hands-on activities in addition to guided readings will help students develop cultural awareness as we discuss topics such as education, politics, humor, sports, cuisine, immigration, slang, and national identity, as well as the historical factors that have influenced these facets of French and francophone culture. Recommended Course Background: AS.210.301 or AS.210.302 or permission of instructor.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Wuensch
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.212.331. Paris 1900. 3.0 Credits.
Held in Paris, the 1900 World's Fair introduced to the modern world such striking innovations as subways, moving images on giant screens, escalators, colossal electrical shows, and the first painting by Pablo Picasso to be shown on French soil. Focused on key cultural and socio-political events surrounding this momentous turn-of-the-century display of wealth and power, this course examines the paradoxes of a modernizing French nation which even as it promoted individual rights alongside technology and economic growth was headed towards world conflict. Students will perform original research by exploring the rare book collection at JHU as well as the substantial digital archives now documenting the period.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Cook-Gailloud
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.212.353. La France Contemporaine. 3.0 Credits.
Students will explore contemporary French society and culture through a wide variety of media: fiction and non-fiction readings (graphic novels, news periodicals, popular magazines), films, music, art, websites, and podcasts. A diverse range of hands-on activities in addition to guided readings will help students develop cultural awareness as we discuss topics such as education, politics, humor, sports, cuisine, immigration, slang, and national identity, as well as the historical factors that have influenced these facets of French and francophone culture. Recommended Course Background: AS.210.301 or AS.210.302 or permission of instructor.
Prerequisites: Students may not have taken AS.211.401.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Wuensch
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.212.413. For the Record: Jazz Cultures of Modern France. 3.0 Credits.
Across the 20th century, mainstream and avant-garde French culture was deeply impacted by the presence of African American musicians and performing artists hailing from the jazz tradition. From the Josephine Baker craze of the 1920s to the second post-war which welcomed the innovations of bebop and sixty-er-era free improvisation, metropolitan France proved a space where expatriate and exiled African Americans could both perpetuate the tradition and innovate by turns. At the same time, French taste-makers, critics, and musicians eager to adopt new forms and styles debated the extent to which American jazz music in its various strains could be made French. This course in transcultural French studies will feature readings in music criticism, history, and literature, as well as frequent close listening. It will culminate in an international symposium (to be held Nov. 15 and 16; attendance mandatory) uniting noted scholars and legendary jazz musicians. Although some background in French language and basic musical notation is desirable (students are encouraged to engage in original-source research), all core course readings will be provided in English.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): D. Schilling
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.213.270. Die Erfindung der Moderne. 3.0 Credits.
Taught in German. An introduction to key conceptions of modernity elaborated in the German-language cultural context. We consider the rise of historical awareness and the question of whether history has a purpose, modernity’s difference from ancient and medieval times, secularization and the crisis of meaning, the role of intellectual reflection and subjectivity, the relation between cultural production, political power, and economic processes. Excerpts in the original German from works by Kant, Schiller, Novalis, Hegel, Heine, Marx, Nietzsche, Weber, Benjamin, Heidegger
Prerequisites: AS.210.362 or placement exam.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Dornbach
Area: Humanities
NA.
AS.213.387. Major City, Minor Literature? Berlin in German-Jewish and Yiddish Literature. 3.0 Credits.
Between the two World Wars, a period of intense artistic and intellectual vitality, Berlin was an international center for theater, visual arts, and literature. Many important Yiddish-language writers were drawn to Berlin and, together with their German-language counterparts, produced a body of literature that explores issues of modernity and identity. By comparing works in Yiddish and German, we will learn about inter-War Berlin's cultural diversity and richness, while also gaining insight into the particular issues of writing about Jewish identity in the 1920s, and the implications of writing in a minor language (Yiddish). We will read works by authors including Joseph Roth and Alfred Döblin in German, and Moyshe Kulbak and Dovid Bergelson in Yiddish. All texts will be in translation. Some questions we will explore include: • What is a minority/majority language or literature? • How did German and Yiddish interact in cultural and social spheres? • Can texts in different languages comprise a single body of literature? • What did it mean to be German and what did it mean to be Jewish? • Are assimilation and hybridity useful concepts? • Is there such a thing as Jewish modernism? • How did literature of the period respond to the rise of the Nazi party and the intensification of antisemitism?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Spinner
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.213.423. Reflections on Modernity. 3.0 Credits.
Taught in English. Reflections on Modernity takes up the problems of conflicts, and possibilities of modernity in aesthetic, literary, and philosophical texts. Questions about the modern self, our relationship to nature, urban experience, culture and language, and the role of the artist and writer in reflecting on modern life. Texts include works by authors including Kant, Nietzsche, Baudelaire, Weber, Rilke, Hofmannsthal, Simmel, Heidegger, Habermas, Foucault.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Gosetti
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.214.321. The Prince and the Demagogue: Machiavelli to House of Cards. 3.0 Credits.
Niccolò Machiavelli’s The Prince is undoubtedly one of the most influential political works in the history of western culture. Read and discussed in many ways, the early-sixteenth-century booklet has been the object of controversial interpretations, which have fueled its myth. Who is Machiavelli’s prince? Is he a tyrant, a good ruler, or a demagogue? How does Machiavelli’s prince move between ethics, politics, and rhetoric? Often evoked in contemporary political discourse and popular culture, Machiavelli’s prince embodies a flexible idea of power that is most difficult to pin down. Moving from a close reading of the text within its original context, this course will consider not only the classical sources that inform The Prince, but also the presence of Machiavelli in today’s political culture and fiction. Special attention will be given to the contribution of Italian philosopher Antonio Gramsci, whose interpretation of Machiavelli’s thought is one of gateways to the reception of The Prince in the 20th and 21st centuries. The course is taught in English. Italian Majors and Minors should register for section 02.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Refini
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.214.362. Italian Journeys: Medieval and Early Modern. 3.0 Credits.
Italy’s history as a unified country is fairly recent, but the very idea of “Italy” is a very old one. Indeed, many “Italies” have existed throughout the centuries, thus contributing to the notion of a unified country of Italy, focusing on both its centers (Rome, Florence, Venice, etc.) and its peripheries. A veritable journey through Italy, the course will address authors that were fundamental to the development of the Western European tradition (e.g. Dante, Petrarch, Boccaccio, Machiavelli, Ariosto, Tasso). The course will also explore the relationship between these works and other forms of culture, such as painting, music, cinema. The course is taught in English with section 02 available for Italian for Italian Majors and Minors so that the course will count towards their requirements.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): NA
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.215.290. Latin American Critical Perspectives on Colonialism: From the World Upside Down to the Coloniality of Power. 3.0 Credits.
This course, taught in English, examines how indigenous and local (postcolonial) intellectuals in Latin America responded to the ideology and practices of Spanish Colonialism in the earliest post-conquest years (1532), continued to battle colonialism during the period of the wars of independence, and finally arrived at the production of an analysis that shows how modernity is but the other face of colonialism. Among key works to be discussed are Guaman Poma’s illustrated sixteenth-century chronicles, D.F. Sarraménte’s _Civilization and Barbarism_ (1845), and Aníbal Quijano’s "Coloniality of Power" (2000).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Castro-Klaren
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.
AS.215.309. An Interdisciplinary Introduction to the Study of Latin America. 3.0 Credits.
The course is an interdisciplinary introduction to the study of Latin America. It brings together archeology, ethno-history, art history, literature and environmental studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Castro-Klaren
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

The readings bring into consideration the question of terror (of war) and displacement as experienced by migrants in novels by prize winning authors such as Arguedas, Vargas Llosa, Alarcon, Riesco, Roncagiolo and Silva Passuni.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Castro-Klaren
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.215.350. Mexico: A cultural history from the Olmecs to the Mexican revolution of 1910. 3.0 Credits.
The course offers a survey of Mexican culture from the formative years of the Olmecs (2000 b.c.) to the Mexican revolution of 1910. History of ideas, matrix social formations, art and literature are the focus of this historical overview.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Castro-Klaren
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.215.380. Modern Latin American Culture. 3.0 Credits.
Taught in Spanish. This course will explore the fundamental aspects of Latin-American culture from the formation of independent states through the present—in light of the social, political, and economic histories of the region. The course will offer a general survey of history of Latin-America, and will discuss texts, movies, songs, pictures, and paintings, in relation to their social, political, and cultural contexts. May not be taken satisfactory/unsatisfactory.
Prerequisites: AS.210.312; Students may earn credit for AS.211.380 or AS.215.380, but not both.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities

AS.215.390. Modern Spanish Culture. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the fundamental aspects of Spanish culture from the nineteenth to the twenty-first centuries. The course will offer a general survey of the history of Spain and will discuss texts, movies, songs, pictures, and paintings in relation to their social, political, and cultural contexts. This course will be of particular interest for students planning on spending a semester abroad in Spain—specially for those students going to the JHU Fall Semester in Madrid, at Carlos III University. Taught in Spanish. Recommended Course Background: AS.210.311 or appropriate Webcape score. AS.215.390 was formerly numbered AS.211.390
Prerequisites: Students may not have previously completed AS.211.390.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities

AS.215.404. Cuba Between Heresy and Revolution. 3.0 Credits.
We will examine the Stalinist and Leninist refashioned doctrines of Fidel Castro and Ernesto Che Guevara; Cuba’s Devil’s Pact with Obama; the decline to near breakdown of Cuba-Venezuela Alba dual nation Chavismo; and the startling implications that all of it poses to the rise of sham populism in America. We will press hard into the fabric of Cuba’s battered daily lives, mostly in greater Havana, but also in Miami. Among others, the work of filmmaker Fernando Perez, the fiction of Leonardo Padura, and Mariel exodus artists will inform our discussions. Our shared hypothesis: that post-revolutionary national sovereignty, coupled with Cuban exile irredentism, may have engendered the island’s dual nation status, tied to Miami’s so-called Cuban enclave. As a result, a theologico-political confessional crisis continues into infinity in terms of plural and bipolar heresies supported by US electoral mapping and lobbying, and in some minds having Cuba become the Fifty-First US state.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities

AS.215.409. Catalonia and Independence. 3.0 Credits.
What is the Catalan independence movement? Where did it come from? What, exactly, does it advocate? This seminar will examine the history, politics, and culture of Catalonia in an attempt to understand why the push for independence has grown over the past decade. We will focus especially on the impact of nationalism, ideology, social history, economics, law, and language on the construction of Catalan identity. But we will also compare Catalonia to other regions in the Iberian Peninsula (the Basque Country, Galicia) as well as across Europe (Scotland, Northern Italy) and North America (Québec) in order to better understand how movements for regional autonomy and independence emerge today.
Taught in English.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Seguin
Area: Humanities

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Taught in English.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Seguin
Area: Humanities
NA.
AS.215.412. Populism. 3.0 Credits.
What do Hugo Chávez, Marine Le Pen, and Donald Trump have in common? According to many from across the political spectrum, they are all populists. But what is populism, exactly, and how can it describe such disparate phenomena as left-wing social movements, xenophobic anti-immigrant policies, and economic redistribution? This advanced seminar will examine the history, culture, and political theory of populism. We will pay special attention to the resurgence of populism after the Great Recession and examine a number of cases from Latin America, Europe, and the United States.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Seguin
Area: NA

AS.215.417. Literature of the Great Recession. 3.0 Credits.
The Great Recession—sometimes called the financial crisis or the economic crisis of 2008—brought financial markets to a halt and created significant political turmoil across the North Atlantic. But its impact on culture, and literature especially, has often been ignored. This seminar will travel across Europe, from Dublin to Madrid, from London to Reykjavík in order to examine how literature has registered this most recent economic crisis. We will focus on how crisis is narrated and the ways in which literary works have managed to provide a voice for marginalized social, economic, and political demands.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Seguin
Area: Humanities

AS.215.646. The Narrative of Conquest in the Andes, 1530 - 1680. NA Credit.
Departing form narratology and the perspective of post-colonial studies, the course will analyze the narrative of conquest as developed by Cieza de Leon, Garcilaso de la Vega, Inca, Guaman Poma, Jose de Acosta and William Prescott.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Castro-Klaren
Area: NA

AS.216.342. The Holocaust in Israeli Society and Culture. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the role of the Holocaust in Israeli society and culture. We will study the emergence of the discourse of the Holocaust in Israel and its development throughout the years. Through focusing on literary, artistic and cinematic responses to the Holocaust, we will analyze the impact of its memory on the nation, its politics and its self-perception.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Stahl; Z. Cohen
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.216.373. War in Israeli Arts and Culture. 3.0 Credits.
In this course we will study the various representations of what functions as one of Israel’s most unifying and yet dividing forces: war. By analyzing literary and cinematic works as well as visual art and popular culture we will attempt to understand the role of war in shaping Israeli society, culture and politics. Topics such as commemoration and mourning, heroism, dissent and protest, trauma and memory and the changing image of the soldier will stand at the center of the course.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Stahl; Z. Cohen
Area: Humanities

Sociology
AS.230.143. Global Migration: Refugees, Economic Migrants, and Borders. 3.0 Credits.
This course introduces students to the different forms, catalysts, and consequences of global migration. Even as the plight of migrants and refugees has elicited the sympathy of millions worldwide, the majority of them still encounter closed borders and draconian immigration regimes on the fringes of more “desirable” destinations in Europe, Australia, and the United States, and many others remain in limbo in their countries of origin or in transit states. Are these border restrictions new? Or are they consistent with states’ long-standing ways of regulating who is and is not worthy of being admitted through their borders? Throughout the course, we will trace the divergent factors that prompt refugees and economic migrants to migrate, juxtaposing these with the responses of states, international treaties, and humanitarian organizations to their movement and arrival in host countries. Using a variety of written and verbal assignments, we will question the fundamental categories of migration: What is an economic migrant? What is a refugee? How are they different or similar? Whose interests do such categories serve, and how have they been used justify governmental practices of inclusion and exclusion over time?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): I. Naveh Benjamin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.147. Introduction to Islam Since 1800. 3.0 Credits.
This course is an introduction to contemporary Islam and Muslim societies from approximately 1800 to the present. Key themes will include the colonial encounter, state formation and reform, revolution, Islamic revival, and globalization. Reflecting Islam’s status as a world religion, the course will touch on developments around the Muslim-majority world and in the West.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Calder
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.230.150. Issues in International Development. 3.0 Credits.
Why do billions of people continue to live in poverty? What obstacles stand in the way of secure and dignified lives for all? Who is most likely to bring about change, what strategies should they follow, and what kinds of institutions should they put in place? This course will introduce the main theoretical perspectives, debates, and themes in the field of international development since the mid-20th century. It has three sections. The first section focuses on debates over the optimal conditions and strategies for generating economic growth and on the relationship between growth, human welfare, and inequality. The second section presents critical assessments of development interventions from various perspectives. The third section considers the role of social movements in shaping development and social change in the 21st century.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Agarwala
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.175. Chinese Revolutions. 3.0 Credits.
This course introduces the origins, operation and impacts of five major revolutions in modern China between 1850 and 1950. These include the Taiping Rebellion, the republican revolutions, federalist and southern automatic movements, labor strikes as well as peasant rebellions. It draws on the existing historiography that examines China's transition from an empire to a republic, impacts of western and Japanese influences to China, as well as the continuity and change of Chinese social organizations. Cross list with International Studies and East Asian Studies. Fulfills IS History requirement.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kuo
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.213. Social Theory. 3.0 Credits.
This course will focus on four classical theorists whose ideas have greatly influenced the ways we study society: Karl Marx, Max Weber, Emile Durkheim, and W. E. B. Du Bois. The course is devoted to understanding how each theorist understood the origin, structure, and historical dynamics of modern societies. In addition to comparing their theories, we will use them to analyze current social issues, including those involving social inequality, conflict, cohesion, and change.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schrader
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.219. Land, Labor and Environmental Movements in Contemporary Africa. 3.0 Credits.
The course examines the new wave of social protest and popular uprisings in contemporary Africa through the interconnected themes of land, labor, and environmental movements. Attention will be placed on the early 21st century.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Jacobs
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.221. Global Social Change. 3.0 Credits.
This course introduces students to issues of global social change, with a particular focus on the challenges of international development and the contemporary globalization process. Specific themes include world income inequality and global poverty, the rise of supranational organizations (e.g. WTO and EU) and their relations with sovereign states, anti-globalization activism, the rise of China and India in the global economy, and the origins as well as consequences of the current global economic crisis, among others. Lectures will be aided by documentary films and other multi-media materials. Special Note: Fulfills Economics requirement for IS GSCD track students only. Formerly offered as AS 230.353. Students who took AS.230.353 cannot take AS.230.221.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Hung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.222. Land, Labor, Environmental Rights and Struggles in Contemporary Africa. 3.0 Credits.
The course examines the new wave of social protest and popular uprisings in contemporary Africa through the interconnected themes of land, labor and environmental struggles. Attention will be placed on the early 21st century.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Jacobs
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.223. Housing and Homelessness in the United States. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine the role of housing, or the absence thereof, in shaping quality of life. It will explore the consequences of the places in which we live and how we are housed. Consideration will be given to overcrowding, affordability, accessibility, and past and existing housing policies and their influence on society. Special attention will be given to the problem of homelessness.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Greif
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.224. Freshman Seminar: Public Opinion and Democracy. 3.0 Credits.
How does public opinion shape electoral behavior and democratic governance, and how have these relationships evolved as techniques for measuring public opinion have developed since the 1950s? After a consideration of models of effective democratic governance, the course will consider how public opinion is measured and interpreted in the United States by private pollsters, university-based survey researchers, and data journalists. The course will consider competing perspectives on the sources of variation within mass public opinion, such as social class membership, racial and gender identity, religious affiliation, and party identification. Throughout the course, emphasis is placed upon the alternative modes of inquiry and writing that opposing analysts adopt. Students will learn to interpret and write about public opinion patterns from these perspectives.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.228. Colonialism in Asia and Its Contested Legacies. 3.0 Credits.
This course surveys the impacts of colonialism in East and Southeast Asia. Special attention will be paid to the social and economic development in British Singapore and Hong Kong as well as Japanese Korea and Taiwan. Topics include free-trade imperialism, colonial modernity, anticolonial movements, pan-Asianism, and post-war U.S. hegemony.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kuo
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.244. Race and Ethnicity in American Society. 3.0 Credits.
Race and ethnicity have played a prominent role in American society and continue to do so, as demonstrated by interracial and interethnic gaps in economic and educational achievement, residence, political power, family structure, crime, and health. Using a sociological framework, we will explore the historical significance of race and its development as a social construction, assess the causes and consequences of intergroup inequalities and explore potential solutions.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Greif
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.265. Research Tools for Global Sociology and Development. 3.0 Credits.
This course will introduce students to a range of software programs that are critical for conducting social scientific research in the 21st century. Students will develop competency in the use of computer programs for statistical analysis, database management, the creation of maps and timelines, and the presentation of research reports. The course uses examples from ongoing social science faculty research projects at Johns Hopkins on global inequality and international development. Required for GSCD track students. Course previously titled “Research Tools and Technologies for the Social Sciences
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Kang
Area: Quantitative and Mathematical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.275. Revolution, Reform and Social Inequality in China. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores various aspects of social inequality in China during the Mao Zedong and the post-Mao reform eras. We will examine inequality within villages, the rural/urban divide, urban inequality, education and health policies, and gender and ethnic inequality. Each of these issue areas will be tackled analytically, but the aim is also to understand what it was/is like to live in China during and after the Mao era. Formerly offered as AS.230.321.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Andreas
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.306. Plagues, Power, and Social Control. 3.0 Credits.
While developments in biomedicine and health care have led to the eradication, cure and management of many human health problems, disease, illness and health have also been the focus for aggressive social controls and population management. The technologies and practices of disease control and health management have been foundational to some of the most aggressive structures of oppression in recent history such as the Jewish Ghetto, the Concentration Camp, the South African Township and techniques of segregation. This course seeks to explore how epidemics and disease control are linked to larger questions of power, state craft and international dynamics. This course asks how have outbreaks of infectious disease shaped social and political action? How do societies respond to outbreaks and why? What do epidemic moments tell us about global structures of power and the dynamics of control? Drawing on historical cases including plague during the European Renaissance and before, the HIV/AIDS Pandemic and the West African Ebola Outbreak of 2013-2016, this course will introduce students to the history and practices of disease control as well as important theoretical perspectives by which to understand the sociological and historical effects of disease and the responses to them. Students will engage sociological concepts such as biopolitics, social construction of disease and illness and biosecurity and produce a final research paper examining the outcomes and responses to an epidemic event to show mastery of the topics covered in the course.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. White
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.230.316. African American Family. 3.0 Credits.
This course is an examination of sociological theories and studies of African-American families and an overview of the major issues confronting African-American family life. The contemporary conditions of black families are explored, as well as the historical events that have influenced the family patterns we currently observe. Special attention will be given to social policies that have evolved as a result of the prominence of any one perspective at a given point in time.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Amen Strayhorn
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.317. Sociology of Immigration. 3.0 Credits.
This course surveys sociological theories and research on immigration to the U.S. Theoretical approaches include theories of international migration, economic sociology, immigration, and assimilation. Research topics include the impact of U.S. immigration laws and policies on immigrant inflows and stocks, self-selection of immigrants, the impact of immigration on the native-born population and the U.S. labor market and economy, and the adaptation of the first and second generations.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Hao
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.324. Gender and International Development. 3.0 Credits.
This course employs a comparative perspective to examine the gendered impact of international development experiences and policies. Students will discuss the historical evolution of how the concept of gender has been constructed, conceptualized, and integrated into international development theory and practice. The course will also examine the development of gender perspectives in relation to the political economy of development and the development of women's rights as a global human rights movement. Specific issue areas will include the globalization, class and work political participation and social movements. Cross-listed with International Studies (CP, IR). Fulfills Economics requirement for IS GSCD track students only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Agarwala
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.325. Global Social Change and Development Practicum. 3.0 Credits.
This course provides "hands on" research experience in the field of global social change and development. The course fulfills the "research practicum" requirement for Sociology majors and is required for the GSCD track.
Prerequisites: AS.230.265 or permission of instructor.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Silver
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.332. Race, Racism & Racial Privilege. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine the concepts of race, racism, racial privilege in contemporary America, and the West in general. Examples from other countries will be integrated as well. Historical contexts such as the colonialism, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Civil Rights movement, and the post Civil Rights era will help to provide an understanding of the social, political, economic, and cultural forces processes that have constructed and shaped the concepts of race and the racialized subject over time.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. McDonald
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.335. Medical Humanitarianism. 3.0 Credits.
Humanitarian organizations play life-preserving roles in global conflicts, and have front-row views of disasters ranging from the 2010 Haiti earthquake to the 2011 Fukushima tsunami in Japan. Yet even while they provide vital assistance to millions of people in crisis, such organizations are beset by important paradoxes that hinder their capacity to create sustainable interventions. They work to fill long-lasting needs, but are prone to moving quickly from one site to the next in search of the latest emergency. They strive to be apolitical, yet are invariably influenced by the geopolitical agendas of global powers. How do such contradictions arise, and what is their impact upon millions of aid recipients around the world? Drawing on case studies from South Sudan to Haiti, this course addresses these contradictions by exploring how and why medical aid organizations attempt, and sometimes fail, to reconcile short-term goals, such as immediate life-saving, with long-term missions, such as public health programs and conflict resolution initiatives.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): I. Naveh Benjamin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.350. Capitalism, Dependency, and Development in Latin America. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines Latin American insertion into the global capitalist economy from the colonial period to the present. Examining various historical, sociological, and political-economic theories, this course will ask not only how Latin American economies and societies have developed their particular characteristics, but also how theorists within and outside the region have understood Latin American development over time. development over time.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Thornton
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.230.351. Capitalism, Development and Resistance in South Korea. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines the trajectory of capitalist development in South Korea (hereafter, Korea) in the twentieth and the early twenty-first centuries. We will examine debates around the political economy of development in Korea as well as class formation and social and labor protest. This course is designed to help students explore the dynamics of capitalist development and workers’ movements in Korea as a case of late development in the global South. The course also draws on theoretical perspectives and methodological tools from comparative and world-historical sociology to better understand the Korean case.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Kang
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.352. Chinese Diaspora: Networks and Identity. 3.0 Credits.
This course combines lecture and class discussion. It examines the history and historiography of Chinese overseas migration. Major issues include overseas Chinese as “merchants without empire,” Chinese exclusion acts in the age of mass migration, the “Chinese question” in postcolonial Southeast Asia, as well as the making and unmaking of Chinese identity in the current wave of globalization.
Prerequisites: Students may not have completed AS.230.217 previously.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kuo
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.362. Migration & Development. 3.0 Credits.
This course focuses on the relationship between international migration and development. The course first introduces theories of international migration, immigrant integration, and international development. Building on this foundation, we then examine how immigrants interact with their homeland and how sending country governments tap their diaspora to improve development outcomes. Cross-listed with International Studies (CP, IR). Fulfills Economics requirement for IS GSCD track students only.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Hao; R. Agarwala
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.363. Sociology of Dispossession. 3.0 Credits.
The “grabbing” of land and natural resources has, in recent years, generated widespread political conflict across the world and put dispossession on the agenda of academics and policy-makers. Nevertheless, compared to other social relations of power, land dispossession has not been central to scholarly or public understandings of capitalism, the state, development, or politics. In this class, we will collectively explore the nascent field that we might call the sociology of dispossession. We will examine existing theories of dispossession, and proceed to challenge, reconstruct or supplant those theories as we consider a wide range of historical examples of dispossession from the English Enclosures and colonial plunder to contemporary urban redevelopment and rural land grabs. This is a reading- and writing-intensive seminar.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Levien
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.366. Black Social Thought and Social Movements. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine the reciprocal relationship between Black social thought and social movements. How have social movements informed thinkers who grapple with questions of freedom and liberation in racially and economically stratified societies, and how have their ideas affected movement tactics? This course will look at 20th century movements and investigate connections between theory and practice through concepts like civil disobedience, internal colonialism, Black feminism, Black internationalism, and others.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schrader
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.367. Islamic Finance. 3.0 Credits.
Today, Islamic finance is a global industry comprising nearly $2 trillion in assets, with hubs from Kuala Lumpur to Dubai to London. But half a century ago, nothing called “Islamic finance” existed. So where did Islamic finance come from? Why is it growing so fast? And what does it mean for finance to be Islamic? We discuss the ban on riba in the Quran and hadith, finance in early and medieval Islamic societies, petrodollars and the birth of Islamic banking in the 1970s, the rise of Islamic capital markets since 2000, contemporary shariah-compliant financial structures, and the constitution of piety through financial practice.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Calder
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.369. Sociology in Economic Life. 3.0 Credits.
This course discusses how geopolitics, technology as well as social differentiation (such as race, class and gender) shape the structure of economic actions. Special attention will be paid to patterns of state-business relationship, labor processes, migrant economy, globalization and international division of labor.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kuo
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.370. Housing and Homelessness in the United States. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine the role of housing, or the absence thereof, in shaping quality of life. It will explore the consequences of the places in which we live and how we are housed. Consideration will be given to overcrowding, affordability, accessibility, and past and existing housing policies and their influence on society. Special attention will be given to the problem of homelessness.
Prerequisites: Students may not have previously taken AS.230.223.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Greif
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.230.375. Nations, States, and Boundaries. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the historical origins and development of the
modern global political order based on sovereign nation-states, the crisis
of this order through the twentieth century, as well as the unraveling of
this order at the turn of the twenty-first century. We will focus on how
dominant political organizations in the changing world order (such as
states, political parties, and transnational governing bodies) have been
shaped by different social forces (such as classes and ethnic groups) and
vice versa. Topics covered include rise and fall of modern nationalism,
formation of regional and global governing structures, “civilizational”
turn of global politics, waves of separatism and redrawing of nation's
boundaries after the Cold War, politics of immigration and citizenship,
among others.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Hung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.377. Colonialism and Anti-Colonialism. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar examines the theories and historiography of colonialism
and anti-colonial movements. It focuses on the establishment of the
colonial division of labor, comparative colonialism, identity formation, and
nationalism as well as anti-colonial movement.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Kuo
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.378. Refugees, Human Rights, and Sovereignty. 3.0 Credits.
What is a refugee? Since World War II, states that have pledged to offer
protection to refugees have frequently been drawn instead to the dictates
of nationalism and communitarianism, which prioritize concern for their
own citizens, rather than to the needs of forced migrants. As a result,
even those migrants that have been formally recognized as refugees
according to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention have not been assured
of protection, and other migrants have been even less assured. In this
course, we will locate the reasons for this reality in the legal, political,
and historical underpinnings of political asylum. What is the difference
between an asylum seeker and a refugee? How has the refugee category
been redefined and contested by international bodies since 1951? How
are the ambiguities of real-life violence and persecution simplified in
asylum adjudication interviews that require clear, factual narratives?
What kinds of protections are offered to asylum seekers, whether by
UN bodies, NGOs, or host governments, and how have such protections
varied geographically and historically? Finally, what protections, if any,
are afforded to those migrants who are fleeing not persecution but
rather “merely” endemic poverty or climate-induced displacement? The
course draws on literature from sociology, history, anthropology, and
international refugee law in order to understand the capacity (or lack
thereof) of human rights discourses and declarations to contravene state
sovereignty in the name of protecting the rightless.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): I. Naveh Benjamin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.381. Sociology of the Middle East and North Africa. 3.0 Credits.
This course takes a sociological approach to the contemporary Middle
East and North Africa. Topics include urbanization and demographic
change; rentier welfare states and the global political economy of oil;
women in higher education and the labor force; the 2011 Arab Spring;
conflict in Syria, Libya, and Yemen; Amazigh (Berber) identity in northwest
Africa; Israel-Palestine; “Dubai, Inc.” and the sociology of migrant labor;
negligible Islamic politics in Turkey; cinema and everyday life in Iran;
conservative monarchy in Morocco and Saudi Arabia; and the role of
the United States in the MENA region. Students will give presentations, write
memos, and submit two papers. One aim of the course is to turn students
into clear, polished academic writers and thinkers.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Calder
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.385. Schooling, Racial Inequality and Public Policy in America. 3.0 Credits.
After examining alternative explanations for why individuals obtain
different amounts and types of educational training, the course focuses
on how an individual's family background and race affect his or her
trajectory through the educational system. The course covers the
specific challenges that have confronted urban schooling in America
since the 1960s, including the classic literature on the effects of school
and community resources on student achievement as well as the
development and later evaluation of school desegregation policies.
The course also considers case studies of current policy debates in the
US, such as housing segregation and school resegregation, voucher
programs for school choice, and the motivation for and consequences of
the establishment of state-mandated testing requirements. Throughout
the course, emphasis is placed upon the alternative modes of inquiry and
writing which opposing scholars, policymakers, and journalists use to
address these contentious topics.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Morgan
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.230.393. Global Health and Human Rights. 3.0 Credits.
Is access to healthcare a fundamental human right? If so, then which global actors are obligated to provide healthcare to whom, and for how long? How do meanings of health and illness vary across time and place? And finally, how are human rights principles translated into front-line practice in order to promote well-being? This course takes a critical interdisciplinary approach to these questions through a series of global case studies ranging from humanitarian aid in post-tsunami Sri Lanka to anti-FGM (female genital mutilation) campaigns in Ghana. How do international NGOs, UN bodies, and governments collaborate (or compete) to distribute healthcare in places beset by dire resource shortages? Do human rights principles carry legal weight across borders, and if so, could access to healthcare services and essential medicines be litigated in order to compel governments to provide it? And finally, what cultural assumptions do human rights discourses carry with them, and what happens if rights-based approaches are poorly received by recipient populations? Moving beyond the basic principle of healthcare as a human right, this course aims to bring this idea’s history and politics into focus by offering an in-depth exploration of its ethics and implementation.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): I. Naveh Benjamin
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.395. Contemporary Social Theory. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine how major social theorists of the 20th century advanced upon the “classical” social theories of Marx, Weber, and Durkheim. As they grappled with the historical events and social concerns of the 20th century—the Russian revolution and its degeneration into Stalinism, the failure of communist movements in the West, the rise and fall of fascism and Nazism, the consolidation of capitalist democracies and welfare states, the emergence of anti-colonial movements in the “Third World,” and the persistence of race, gender and sexuality as forms of domination—social theorists provided novel answers to classical questions of social theory: 1) what is the structure of modern society, how does it change, and how is it reproduced? 2) what is the relation between social structures and ideas, knowledge, and subjectivity?; and 3) what are the conditions of possibility for human freedom? Theorists to be covered include Antonio Gramsci, Franz Fanon, W.E.B. DuBois, Georg Lukacs, Talcott Parsons, Herbert Marcuse, Jurgen Habermas, Louis Althusser, Pierre Bourdieu, Michel Foucault, Nancy Fraser, Patricia Hill Collins, Judith Butler, and Henri Lefebvre. In addition to understanding and comparing the theories, we will try to use them to understand contemporary societies.
Prerequisites: AS.230.213
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Agarwala
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.396. Politics and Society. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar surveys key problems of political sociology including the rise of the modern state, the origins and nature of liberal democracy, sources of authority, the relationship between political and economic power, the nation-state and nationalism, states and war, ideology and political contention, collective identity, social movements, and social revolutions. Fulfills Comparative Politics for International Studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Andreas
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.397. The Political Economy of Drugs and Drug Wars. 3.0 Credits.
In the United States, we spend more than $100 billion annually on illegal drugs—and the government spends more than $50 billion a year to combat their sale and use. These statistics raise important and complicated social questions. This course will examine the production, sale, use, and control of illegal drugs from a historical and sociological perspective. We will have three objectives: to understand the social construction of drug use and illegality in the United States and other rich countries; to uncover the political and economic consequences of drug trafficking in those countries that produce drugs, particularly in Latin America; and to examine the political economy of drug control through the so-called War on Drugs, both domestically and internationally.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Thornton
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.405. Neoliberalism. 3.0 Credits.
Neoliberalism, a political project that seeks to subject all aspects of social life to free market force, has ascended to orthodoxy in developed and developing countries alike over the last four decades. This course is a reading seminar focused on some of the key classic and cutting-edge original texts that critically examine and debate the origins, socio-political impacts, and crisis of the neoliberal project. It will cover such topics as the genealogy of the neoliberal idea, neoliberal state, informalization of works, neoliberal cities, rise of the one percent, and global governance. Class will be a mix of lecture and seminar-style discussions. Requirements include reading memo, class presentation, and a term paper.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Hung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.230.415. Social Problems in Contemporary China. 3.0 Credits.
In this course we will examine contemporary Chinese society, looking at economic development, rural transformation, urbanization and migration, labor relations, changes in class structure and family organization, health care, environmental problems, governance, and popular protest. The course is designed for both graduate and undergraduate students. Undergraduates must have already completed a course about China at Hopkins. Cross-listed with East Asian Studies.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Andreas
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.230.435. The China Boom. 3.0 Credits.
This course addresses the origins, global impacts, and demise of China's economic ascendancy as a world economic and political powerhouse at the turn of the twenty-first century. The course will cover the historical origins of the China boom and impacts of the boom on global political economic order. It will also address the social-political imbalances within China that contribute to the global financial crisis and recent slowdown of the Chinese economy. Particular topics include late imperial and Maoist legacies' relation to contemporary economic growth, stages of China's capitalist development, China's outward investment in the developing world, formation and limits of US-China economic symbiosis, and China's participation in global governance, among others.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Zaitchik
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.230.440. Port Cities and Historical Capitalism in Maritime Asia. 3.0 Credits.
The goal of the seminar is to examine the prospects and limits of understanding the incorporation of Asia in the capitalist world-system from the prism of oceanic connections. The theoretical thrust of this course is to develop but also to adapt Janet Abu-Lughod emphasis on the connections across port cities and littoral in the Afro-Eurasian continents before the long sixteenth century in her Before European Hegemony. But instead of looking at a port city as its adjacent hinterland polity's gateway to global trade in the premodern era, the course examines the multifarious coast-hinterland relationships. The readings are organized by a chronological order, which begins with the historical maritime silk road between the third and thirteenth centuries, and will be followed by Asian port cities in the European age of empire and postwar American-led Cold War Structure, as well as the present-day Chinese New Silk Road Diplomacy. Students are expected to select an issue of regional tensions and to analyze its historical root.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Hung
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

Earth Planetary Sciences
AS.271.360. Climate Change: Science & Policy. 3.0 Credits.
Prereq: 270.103 or permission of instructor. This course will investigate the policy and scientific debate over global warming. It will review the current state of scientific knowledge about climate change, examine the potential impacts and implications of climate change, explore our options for responding to climate change, and discuss the present political debate over global warming.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Zaitchik; D. Waugh
Area: Natural Sciences
NA.

AS.271.401. Environmental Ethics. 3.0 Credits.
Environmental Ethics is a philosophical discipline that examines the moral relationship between humans and the natural environment. For individuals and societies, it can help structure our experience of nature, environmental problems, human-environmental relations, and ecological awareness. Beginning with a comprehensive analysis of their own values, students will explore complex ethical questions, philosophical paradigms and real-life case studies through readings, films and seminar discussions. Traditional ethical theories, including consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics will be examined and applied. Environmental moral worldviews, ranging from anthropocentric to ecocentric perspectives, will be critically evaluated. Organized debates will help students strengthen their ability to deconstruct and assess ethical arguments and to communicate viewpoints rooted in ethical principles. Students will apply ethical reasoning skills to an examination of contemporary environmental issues including, among others, biodiversity conservation, environmental justice, climate change, and overpopulation. Students will also develop, defend and apply their own personal environmental ethical framework. A basic understanding of modern environmental history and contemporary environmental issues is required. Prior experience with philosophy and ethics is not required.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Monopolis
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.271.402. Water, Energy, and Food. 3.0 Credits.
The water, energy and food (WEF) nexus is a topic of growing interest in the research and policy communities. This course will survey WEF concepts and principles, introduce tools of analysis, and engage students in case studies of critical WEF issues in the United States and internationally.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): B. Zaitchik
Area: NA
NA.

AS.271.403. Environmental Policymaking and Policy Analysis. 3.0 Credits.
This course provides students with a broad introduction to US environmental policymaking and policy analysis. Included are a historical perspective as well as an analysis of future policymaking strategies. Students examine the political and legal framework, become familiar with precedent-setting statutes such as NEPA, RCRA, and the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, and study models for environmental policy analysis. Cost benefit studies, the limits of science in policymaking, and the impact of environmental policies on society are important aspects of this course. A comparison of national and international policymaking is designed to provide students with the proper perspective. This course is taught in conjunction with an identical graduate course. All students will be expected to perform at a graduate level.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): J. Maldonado
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.271.405. Energy and Politics. 3.0 Credits.
In the 21st century, energy supply and consumption are critical subjects for international politics, social development, and the future of the environment. Policies that determine energy supply and consumption come to being in complex institutional, national, and international contexts. This course will equip students with the necessary background to analyze energy policy issues and contribute to them in a meaningful manner. It also involves examination of wide-ranging debates over the switch to renewables, the use of unconventional energy sources, and the environmental consequences of energy choices.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): C. Ozden-Schilling
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

Comparative Thought and Literature
AS.300.102. Great Minds. 3.0 Credits.
Introductory survey of foundational texts of modern Western literature and thought. This semester will include works by René Descartes, Max Weber, W. E. B. Du Bois, Virginia Woolf, Ludwig Wittgenstein, Martin Heidegger, Hannah Arendt, Theodor Adorno, Michel Foucault, Cora Diamond, and Stanley Cavell. The course is taught in lectures and seminar discussions led by the course faculty.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): P. Marrati
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.300.237. Freshman Seminar: Tolstoy’s War and Peace. 3.0 Credits.
Leo Tolstoy’s monumental novel War and Peace, which the author Henry James called “a loose baggy monster,” is a sui generis work of modern literature that offered a response and challenge to the European Realist novel and founded a Russian national myth. We will read the novel in translation, alongside its adaptations into opera, film, and Broadway musical.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Eakin Moss
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.300.311. Introduction to Intellectual History. 3.0 Credits.
This course offers a conceptual and historical introduction to Intellectual History. What makes the “history of ideas” different from the history of other objects? What, if anything, distinguishes the history of ideas from the history of philosophy? What is it exactly that we call “ideas”? In what sense do they have a history? These are examples of the kind of questions addressed in the course.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): H. Sirin; P. Marrati
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.300.315. Philosophical Conceptions of the Infinite. 3.0 Credits.
The seminar will discuss (primarily German) political philosophy of a broadly “conservative” orientation in relation to three key periods of social and political upheaval: the Reformation, the French Revolution, and the crisis of parliamentary democracy in the Weimar Republic. Readings from these periods of European history will be approached under the common heading of “conservatism” for their shared preoccupation with how traditional sources of social unity are to be replaced following times of dramatic change and conflict. We will explore why different political crises have always led philosophers to reiterate the fundamental question of what binds political communities together. This preoccupation distinguishes the philosophical currents of conservative thought surveyed in this course from other, more familiar conservatisms with purely reactionary agendas that reassert the superiority of a particular religion, culture, or ethnic group, the rule of elites, or the dismantling of the state in favor of free market forces. Each section on conservative thought will conclude with the most relevant critiques from Leftist political opponents. Readings include Hobbes, Burke, de Maistre, Herder, Hegel, Nietzsche, Schmitt, Kant, Marx, Marcuse.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Carmel
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.300.313. Maintaining Social Order: Elements of Conservative Political Philosophy and its Critics. 3.0 Credits.
Philosophy and its Critics. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore various ways in which philosophers in the western tradition have answered questions such as these. In the first half of the semester, we will examine theoretical treatments of the infinite that inform how we understand the fabric of our world, from the ordinary objects around us to more sublime concepts of God, space, time, and mathematics. In the second half, we will turn to arguments in aesthetics and ethics that reveal an interplay between infinity and finitude occurring before our very eyes. Philosophers we will cover include Descartes, Spinoza, Locke, Kant, Hegel, Russell, Levinas, and Arendt. Throughout, we will ask such fundamental questions as, what is the starting point of philosophy? what is its methodology? what can it achieve in terms of knowledge? and in terms of practice?
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Host
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.300.331. The Authoritarian Image: Russian Cinema from Stalin to Putin. 3.0 Credits.
Vladimir Putin’s charismatic authority has a deep history in Russian culture. We’ll investigate that history through cinema, which Lenin called “the most important of the arts.” While Soviet cinema often served as immersive propaganda, directors also found ways to question authority and power. Films to be screened range from Sergei Eisenstein’s Ivan the Terrible (1944) to the 2013 documentary Pussy Riot: A Punk Prayer. This course will combine study of Russian and Soviet culture from the end of World War II to the present with study of film history, style, and technique.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Eakin Moss
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.
AS.300.366. Russian Avant-Garde Cinema. 3.0 Credits.
Russian cinema was born out of the intense artistic experimentation of the fin-de-siècle avant-garde and developed in a climate of dramatic political and cultural change in the twenties and thirties. While subject to draconian censorship in the Soviet period, it nonetheless engaged in active dialogue with the film industries of Western Europe and America and had a lasting impact on world cinema. This course examines the extraordinary flourishing of avant-garde cinema in the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 30s including films by Eisenstein, Vertov, Pudovkin, and Dovzhenko, their theoretical writings, and their far-reaching influence on film and film theory. All readings in English, films subtitled in English.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Eakin Moss
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

East Asian Studies

AS.310.106. Introduction to Korean History and Culture. 3.0 Credits.
This course offers a comprehensive overview of Korean history and culture from ancient times to the modern era. Through primary, secondary, and audio-visual sources, students will become familiar not only with the overall contours of the entirety of Korean history, but also with its cultural and religious legacy. The course combines lectures and class discussions.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Kim
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.310.200. Economic Growth and Development in East Asia. 3.0 Credits.
The course offers an overview of the complexities of East Asia's development experience from a variety of perspectives, and it is divided into three parts to allow students to develop expertise in one or more countries and/or policy arenas, while also cultivating a broad grasp of the region and the distinct challenges of "East Asia fast-paced, sustained economic growth." Part I considers the origins of Asian economic development, analyses the common economic variables behind the region's success, looks at the East Asian financial crisis and its lessons and assesses whether or not East Asian countries have learned them. Part II will focus on the development experiences of individual countries, with an emphasis on the ASEAN economies, NIEs, Japan and China. Part III considers topics of special interest to Asia, including trends toward greater regional economic cooperation, both in the real and financial/monetary sectors, and issues related to poverty, migration, and inclusiveness.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Dore
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

This course aims to inspire students to explore the impacts, meanings, and explanations of social transformation in contemporary China, via the lens of documentary photography. The photographic images of selective topics will include the products of photojournalism and documentary photography, and several documentary films, by both Chinese and non-Chinese photographers. While one picture is worth thousand words, one picture may also provoke countless interpretations. Students are strongly encouraged to read broadly about different aspects of social transformations in contemporary China, and to select and curate their own subjects of photo images. The spirit of comparative study of documentary photography of China and other parts of world will be strongly encouraged. Active class participation is imperative. A small exhibition on the campus will be organized by the Spring semester. The course is designed for upper division undergraduates. Cross-listed with Sociology and International Studies (CP).
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. He
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.310.222. The Religions of Korea. 3.0 Credits.
This course offers an overview of the religions of Korea, both indigenous and foreign, old and new. Attention will be paid to the history of these religions, their impact on society, as well as their teachings and objectives. Students will engage with various forms of secondary as well as primary sources including scriptures, sermons, and religious tracts.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Kim
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.310.230. Chinese Politics and Society. 3.0 Credits.
This introductory course will familiarize students with the major dynamics of political and social change in contemporary China since 1949. The course will be divided chronologically into four main topics: 1. The contested processes of nation-state making in modern China before 1949; 2. The making of the socialist system during the Mao Years and its dismantling since 1978; 3. The Reform Era transformation to a market economy with Chinese characteristics; 4. The dynamic relationships among the state, market and society since the new millennium. Students will explore how scholars have explained major political and social changes with reference to individual and collective rationalities, specific organizational and institutional arrangements, and specific strategic and cultural mechanisms of Chinese political and social habits.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. He
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.310.302. Human Rights in China and U.S. Policy: Advocacy Opportunities and Challenges. 3.0 Credits.
This interactive seminar will explore domestic human rights issues in China and U.S. policy toward China on human rights. In addition to learning about the broader landscape of human rights issues and related challenges in China, students will select a specific human rights issue to focus on during the course. As a practice-oriented seminar, students will develop advocacy skills that will enable them to effectively "make the case" for why the Administration and Congress should press China on the topic they've selected.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Worden
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.310.305. Southeast Asia and US Security Strategy. 3.0 Credits.
This survey course is designed to introduce students to Southeast Asia – the ten member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) plus Australia and New Zealand. Southeast Asia is an integral part of the broader region of East Asia and a geographic bridge to the Indian subcontinent (South Asia). Southeast Asia has been one of the great success stories in the saga of modernization and development of post-colonial Afro-Asia over the last six decades. Its resulting economic importance is matched by its strategic significance given the presence of imbedded jihadist networks and the emergence of China as a regional great power and aspirant superpower. Nevertheless, the region has been largely overlooked by senior foreign policy and defense officials in Washington. This course will equip students to fill that void by examining the region from the perspective of national security strategy – broadly understood in its multiple dimensions. Students will be challenged to formulate some element of a viable U.S. national security strategy for the region.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Ott
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.310.322. Korean History Through Film and Literature. 3.0 Credits.
In this course, students will engage with select topics in Korean history from premodern and modern times and examine how the past has been represented through various forms of film and literature. This will be combined with readings of academic articles to allow students to gauge the distance between scholarship and cultural expressions of history. Through this, students will be introduced to the highly contested and often polarizing nature of Korean history and the competition surrounding historical memory. Prior coursework in East Asian Studies strongly recommended.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Kim
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

AS.310.402. Labor Politics in China. 3.0 Credits.
This course explores the transformation of labor relations in China over the past century. It will cover the origins of the labor movement, the changes brought about by the 1949 Revolution, the industrial battles of the Cultural Revolution, the traumatic restructuring of state-owned enterprises over the past two decades, the rise of private enterprise and export-oriented industry, the conditions faced by migrant workers today, and recent developments in industrial relations and labor conflict. The course is designed for upper division undergraduates and graduate students. Cross-listed with Sociology and International Studies (CP).

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. He
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.310.401. Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Economic Development: Korea, Indonesia, and Myanmar. 3.0 Credits.
East Asia's "miracle growth" has not gone hand in hand with a decisive move toward democracy. The course explores the reasons why democratization proceeds slowly in East Asia, and seems to be essentially decoupled from the region's fast-paced economic growth. The course is divided into three parts. Part I introduces the specifics of East Asia's economic development strategies as well as key concepts of democracy, authoritarianism and military rule and the tensions between these theories and the East Asian experience. Part II will focus on the economic and political development experiences of Korea, Indonesia and Myanmar in light of what discussed in Part I. Finally, Part III presents lessons emerging from the comparison of Korea's, Indonesia's and Myanmar's economic and political developmental trajectories.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. Dore
Area: Humanities
NA.

AS.310.340. Development and Social Change in Rural China. 3.0 Credits.
This course will survey the major issues of development and social change in rural China since 1950s. These issues will be addressed in chronological order. They include land ownership and land grabbing, organization of rural economic, political, and social life, rural elections and village governance, development strategies, urban-rural relationship in resource allocation, rural modernization strategies in regard to irrigation, clean drinking water, electricity supply, hard paved road, education and rural medical service, women's rights and family life, rural consumption, and etc. This course will prepare students, both empirically and analytically, to understand what happened in rural China from 1949 to the present, and how we can engage in policy and theoretical discussions based on what we learn.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): G. He
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.

AS.310.341. Southeast Asia and US Security Strategy. 3.0 Credits.
This survey course is designed to introduce students to Southeast Asia – the ten member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) plus Australia and New Zealand. Southeast Asia is an integral part of the broader region of East Asia and a geographic bridge to the Indian subcontinent (South Asia). Southeast Asia has been one of the great success stories in the saga of modernization and development of post-colonial Afro-Asia over the last six decades. Its resulting economic importance is matched by its strategic significance given the presence of imbedded jihadist networks and the emergence of China as a regional great power and aspirant superpower. Nevertheless, the region has been largely overlooked by senior foreign policy and defense officials in Washington. This course will equip students to fill that void by examining the region from the perspective of national security strategy – broadly understood in its multiple dimensions. Students will be challenged to formulate some element of a viable U.S. national security strategy for the region.

Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): M. Ott
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
NA.
AS.310.404. Korea in the World. 3.0 Credits.
This seminar examines Korea's interactions with the outside world including Japan, China, and the Americas, as well as Europe and Southeast Asia. We will touch upon a wide range of topics, including political, economic, and military interactions, as well as cultural, intellectual, and religious engagements. The purpose is to identify larger transnational trends and parallels in understanding Korea's position in the world.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): N. Kim
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Program in Latin American Studies

AS.361.300. Introduction to Latin American Studies. 3.0 Credits.
The goal of this course is to provide an overview of Latin America, analyzing political and cultural aspects, chronologically organized. We will begin studying the origins of the multi-ethnic societies, starting with the ancient civilizations and their transformation under colonization. It is important to understand the survival of cultural traits among indigenous peasants today in the countries that were the cradle of ancient civilizations: Mexico, Guatemala and the Andean countries. In the republican era the course will focus on the classical Caribbean dictators in the first half of the 20th century and their reflection in the literature, comparing the historical reality with the magic representation in the work of Garcia Marquez. The course will scrutinize the most important revolutions in the continent: the Mexican, Cuban and Bolivian revolutions and the geopolitics of USA in the Americas. Weekly lectures related to the assigned reading will focus on specific periods, topics and regions. After each lecture, we will review the material, connecting specific details from the readings with the more theoretical aspects provided in my lecture. The course has a website where the PowerPoint presentations will be posted. Students are encouraged to post their questions, comments and suggestions on the web after their readings. Students will be given a study guide for each lecture, which will be the basis for the exams. Our perspective on Latin America will be enhanced by a selection of few films related to the topics.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences

AS.361.335. Colombia at War. 3.0 Credits.
The history of Colombia comes down to a tale of armed conflicts, protracted and renewed civil wars, coups, ethnic cleansing riots, narco wars, besides the struggles for independence from Spanish colonial rule and extractive capitalist exploitation. We will study the literary, journalistic, and historical record about warring and uncivil Colombia through fiction from Gabriel García Márquez (The General in His Labyrinth and News of a Kidnapping), Fernando Vallejo (The Virgin of the Assassins), and Juan Gabriel Vázquez (The Sound of Things Falling and The Secret History of Costaguana). We will also delve into the current peace process and disarming of the FARCS and the perils and promises that the absorption of the former combatants and recalcitrant holdovers pose to the skeptical and hopeful citizens and various political factions.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
Area: Humanities

AS.361.336. Hugo Chávez, Fidel Castro, and Bolivar's Venezuela. 3.0 Credits.
Are the current extreme hard times in Venezuela's Bolivarian Republic irreversible? Is there a ballpark somewhere for Thomas Jefferson and Simón Bolivar to hold a debate match about democracy, achieved emancipations, republican values and the lure of dictatorship? The course welcomes serious and sharply political dialogue about ideals of democratic republicanism in clash from the rise and apparent fall of Fidelismo and Chavismo in the Caribbean region to the agitations and alliances dictated by Trump's seizure of American politics.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): E. Gonzalez
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AS.361.380. Brazil: Cinema, Popular Music, Counterculture and Politics from 1960-1990. 3.0 Credits.
We believe that understanding the second half of the 20th century is crucial to understand the challenges that Brazil faces in the 21st Century. This course investigates the cultural, intellectual, social and political history of Brazil from mid-1950s to 1990s. We begin with an overview of the legacy of Getúlio Vargas (1930-45) and the construction of Brasilia (1961), examining the formation of ideas about Brazilian identity, development and modernization of the country. We then examine the dictatorship (1964-1985), its economic and social project, the place of human rights and its impact on Brazilian society, paying attention to how the people responded to an authoritarian regime through a counter revolutionary movement and through culture (Cinema Novo, MPB/ Brazilian popular music, Tropicália) in a fight for democracy. And, finally, we discuss the current issues that the country has dealt with such as of democracy, development, corruption, social mobility, and sporting mega events, for example. The course is taught in English, but ONE extra credit will be given to students who wish to do the course work in Portuguese. Those wishing to do the course work in English for 3 credits should register for section 01. Those wishing to earn 4 credits by doing the course work in Portuguese should register for section 02. The sections will be taught simultaneously. Section 01: 3 credits Section 02: 4 credits (instructor’s permission required)
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): V. Santos
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AS.362.113. Police and Prisons in Comparative Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
Course description: (modified slightly) This introductory course will examine policing and prisons in the United States and beyond, with a focus on racial inequality. It will consist of three parts. First, we will define key concepts in police and prison studies. Then, we will explore the contemporary state of prisons and policing in the United States and look at debates around the rise of “mass incarceration” and aggressive forms of policing in the final third of the 20th century. Third, we will explore policing and prison in other parts of the globe in the contemporary moment, highlighting similarities and differences from the U.S. case. What can studying the instruments of social control in other societies reveal about our own? Students will develop an understanding of major trends, keywords, and debates in the literature on policing and prisons, with particular reference to race and racism.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schrader
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AS.362.122. History of Africa (since 1880). 3.0 Credits.
An introduction to the African past since 1880.
Prerequisites: Students are not allow to take both 100.122 and 362.122.
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): K. Gallon
Area: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.160. Land, Labour and Environmental Rights and Struggles in Contemporary Africa. 3.0 Credits.
‘Africa rising’ has become an influential, albeit contested, narrative used by institutions like the International Monetary Fund and World Economic Forum to describe the rapid economic growth in 21st century Africa. This rapid ‘economic growth has been accompanied by another type of ‘Africa Rising’ – a mushrooming of social protest and popular uprisings across the continent. The course will introduce important theoretical perspectives, debates, and examples to equip students to critically examine contemporary social dynamics through the interconnected themes of land, labor and environmental rights and struggles that have gripped the African continent. What has given rise to these awakenings? Who are the actors involved in these actions? What are their demands and strategies? What lessons does it hold for social movement theory and development more broadly? The first section focuses on land reclamation movements, the new wave of ‘land grabs’ and responses from below. The second section presents the role of labour movements and its intersection with popular uprisings. The third section considers responses from communities and movements to the ecological destruction and climate change.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): R. Jacobs
Area: Humanities

AS.362.207. Race and public policy in comparative perspective. 3.0 Credits.
This course will explore the relationship between racial inequality, racial politics, and policy-making in the western world, particularly as it concerns the fight for equality by people of African descent in the US, Canada, Britain, and France. It will cover historical and contemporary struggles over policy, beginning with the African-American civil rights movement, the ensuing War on Poverty and War on Drugs, and followed by contemporary debates over immigration, racial segregation, poverty and racial economic inequality across the four countries. We will take insights from theory and empirical research to study the role that racial constructs and politics play in policy designs, contests over power and resources, electoral representation, public opinion, social movements, and political change. Through case studies of policies aimed at racial inequality (e.g., affirmative action, police reform, urban revitalization), we will examine why and under what circumstances they arise, what form they take, and in what ways they alleviate or reproduce racial inequality. These questions will be considered in light of the broader impact of neo-liberalism on normative ideas about policy, race, and inequality.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): A. Livingstone
Area: Humanities

AS.362.314. Police and Prisons in Comparative Perspective. 3.0 Credits.
This course will examine policing and prisons in the United States and beyond, with a focus on racial inequality. It will consist of two parts. First, we will explore the contemporary state of prisons and policing in the United States and look at debates around the rise of “mass incarceration” and aggressive forms of policing in the final third of the 20th century. Second, we will explore policing and prison in other parts of the globe in the contemporary moment, highlighting similarities and differences from the U.S. case. What can studying the instruments of social control in other societies reveal about our own? Students will develop an understanding of major trends, keywords, and debates in the literature on policing and prisons, with particular reference to race and racism.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): S. Schrader
Area: Humanities

AS.362.340. Power and Racism. 3.0 Credits.
This course investigates the impact of white supremacy and anti-black racism, as a global system of power, on the political development of the United States of America.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): F. Hayes
Area: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Writing Intensive.
AS.362.412. Black Political Thought. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines how modern black political thought emerged through a series of critical engagements with Enlightenment ideas about universalism, progress, the authority of reason, and the foundations of citizenship. Course readings include texts by W. E. B. Du Bois, Angela Davis, James Boggs, Frantz Fanon, bell hooks, and others.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Spence
Area: NA
Writing Intensive.

AS.362.413. African American Representations in the Western. 3.0 Credits.
The course will investigate American cinematic representations of African Americans, slavery (and more specifically its absence), the Civil War, and racial formation along the United States' southwestern frontier in films produced from the 1950s through the contemporary period. The course closely examines American cinematic fantasies of the western frontier, frontier violence and the desire to escape or erase the tensions of race and slavery that have deeply permeated the American cultural consciousness, strongly shaping the production of American masculine ideals. The course will also take decided note of the national shift from liberal “Great Society Programs” of the 1960s to the conservative “neoliberal” social and cultural ideals in the 1980s and 1990s. Our purpose is to consider the organization and reformation of hegemonic power by way of the complex morality play the western film evokes, typically considering the interstitial geographies between blackness and whiteness, civilization and savagery, belonging and alienation, and metropolis and colonial outpost. We will privilege in our discussions the contested frontiers of racial dominion. Films include "Buck and the Preacher," “The Battle of Algiers,” “Sgt. Rutledge,” and “Django Unchained.”
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): L. Jackson
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.

Study of Women, Gender, Sexuality
AS.363.328. Beyond the Global West: Gender/Sexuality, Post-colonialism & Global Capitalism: Feminist Inquiries from Asian Perspectives. 3.0 Credits.
This course examines gender and sexuality issues in both East and South Asian Societies and situates subject matters in the broader contexts of post-colonialism, state formation, revolution and global capitalism.
Prerequisites: NA
Corequisites: NA
Instructor(s): Y. Dong
Area: Humanities
Writing Intensive.