

International Relations

Today's world is more interconnected than ever before: what happens "here" affects what happens "there" and vice versa. The economic fortunes of countries, firms, and individuals have become so sensitive to trade, monetary, and investment decisions made elsewhere that economic policy that is purely national has become all but impossible. Nuclear weapons, which can kill thousands in minutes, do not respect international boundaries; neither do the consequences of ethnic and communal conflicts. Non-state actors, from terrorists to human rights activists, also act across boundaries. The Internet has made it easier than ever to form networks and political movements that span borders. Climate everywhere is affected by environmental decisions anywhere. In the 21st century, no state – not even the United States, though it has become the first sole superpower in the history of the modern international system– and no citizen can make important choices in a sound manner without understanding how their decisions are shaped by what happens outside the boundaries of their homeland; moreover, their decisions often affect people who live far beyond those borders.

International Relations (IR) is the study of world politics in all of its aspects: International security covers issues related to war and peace, among and within societies. International political economy focuses on the political dimensions of trade, investment, development, and poverty. International law, organizations, and ethics and norms involve the study of how legal principles and agreements and moral values contribute to the creation of order, create the basis for stable expectations, and regulate transactions among states and other participants in world affairs. IR theory exposes students to the major explanatory frameworks that have been developed for the study of international relations.

IR investigates the gamut of economic, technological, social, and cultural and military forces that create the increasing interdependence that we call "globalization." IR examines the ways in which globalization and other factors have sometimes contributed to the creation of order but also often to the breakdown of order, violence among and within states, and to assertions of particularity, whether based on ethnicity, nationalism, or on differences in culture, or wealth. Much of IR is devoted to explaining the behavior of states, but IR also encompasses many entities besides sovereign states. These include international organizations (such as the United Nations and its affiliated organizations); nongovernmental organizations; and intergovernmental organizations, such as the World Trade Organization, the European Union, the African Union, or Mercosur, the Latin American trading bloc.

Lehigh University has one of the few Departments of International Relations in the United States. At Lehigh world, politics is not simply a division of political science. The IR Department is, therefore, able to offer a concentrated and multifaceted program, and one that is truly interdisciplinary. Some IR faculty study world politics as scholars of particular geographic regions, others as theorists seeking to explain the major processes of world politics regardless of where and when they occur: for instance, the causes and consequences of different forms of warfare; the rise and decline of empires; the challenges posed by environmental degradation; and the forces that create both wealth and poverty. What we share is the dedication to teaching and scholarship and the commitment to encouraging our students to engage new ideas and to subject familiar ones to thorough scrutiny.

Judging by the number of students who choose IR as their major, it is one of the most popular disciplines at Lehigh. Moreover, as befits a field that cuts across so many disciplines, we draw students who also pursue coursework, minors, or "double majors" in fields ranging from Religion Studies, Modern Languages and Literatures, Economics, and History to Computer Science, Biology, Engineering, and Environmental Policy.

THE CURRICULUM

Students considering coursework in international relations are strongly encouraged to visit the International Relations website (<http://ir.cas2.lehigh.edu> (<http://cas.lehigh.edu/ir/>)). Prospective International Relations majors should enroll in IR 010 and ECO 001 as early

as possible. We recommend that IR majors fulfill the mathematics portion of their college distribution requirement with MATH 012 (Basic Statistics), although this course is not required for the major.

DEPARTMENTAL HONORS

To graduate with Departmental Honors, a major in international relations must:

1. successfully complete a two-semester honors thesis (IR 388) in the senior year;
2. attain a GPA of at least 3.5 in the courses constituting the IR major program at the time of graduation. See the department website for additional information.

BEYOND THE IR CURRICULUM

In close cooperation with the international education office, the department assists students interested in study abroad programs. In addition, Lehigh has an array of summer programs, which involve coursework and/or internships in such countries as China, the Czech Republic, and the United Kingdom.

Every semester speakers with expertise on various aspects of world affairs visit Lehigh. Featured speakers have included Dr. Madeline Albright, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations; Dr. Shashi Tharoor, former U.N. Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information; Dr. Ernesto Zedillo, former President of Mexico and Director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization; and General Anthony Zinni, 40 year Marine Corps veteran and U.S. peace envoy to the Middle East.

The student-run World Affairs Club sponsors a number of activities each year, including student-faculty socials, guest speakers, and related programs. In 2004, Lehigh became the 6th university in the world to gain Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) status with the United Nations. The University's unique partnership with the UN has allowed for many International Relations majors to serve as UN NGO Youth representatives over the years

The department has an active program in conjunction with Career Services to help place students in internships. We strongly encourage students to obtain an internship. Most of these internships are likely to be in New York or Washington, D.C.

UPON GRADUATING

While a degree in international relations does not lead to a specific career in the way that, for example, accounting or engineering does, a major in international relations, by emphasizing clarity in speech and writing, analytical skills, and a detailed knowledge of world politics prepares students for careers in international business, government, journalism, law, nongovernmental organizations, and teaching and research. Recent IR graduates currently work in all of these fields. Some have gone directly into careers upon graduating; others have enrolled in graduate school prior to employment.

MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The major consists of eleven courses for a total of 40 credits, plus one collateral course. This is the minimum requirement, however, and we strongly urge students to enrich their educations by going further. The courses required are:

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Collateral Requirement		4
ECO 001	Principles of Economics	
Introductory courses		4
IR 010	Introduction to World Politics	
Core courses (4 courses, 16 credits)		16
IR 100	Methods and Research Design	
Select one course each from three of the following functional groups:		
Theory and Policy		
IR 205	Theories of International Relations	
IR 210	Foreign Policy	
International Political Economy		

IR 220	Globalization and World Politics	
IR 223	Work & Labor in a Global Economy	
IR 225	International Political Economy	
International Security Studies		
IR 234	Great Power Politics	
IR 235	International Security	
IR 236	Causes of War	
IR 237	National Security: The Military Instrument of Foreign Policy	
International Governance		
IR 245	International Organization	
Advanced courses		8
Select any two IR courses numbered 300-387 (except IR 307) or IR 393		
Electives		12
Select any IR courses other than IR 002, IR 090, IR 388 or IR 394 (normally three 4-credit courses). ¹		
Total Credits		44

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Core or advanced courses beyond the minimum requirements may be counted as electives. Certain courses offered by other departments may also qualify. See the Department of International Relations for a complete list.

MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The minor consists of 16 credits:

MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

IR 010	Introduction to World Politics	4
Select IR electives other than IR 002, IR 090 or IR 394 (normally two 4-credit courses).		7-8
Select one advanced IR elective numbered 300-387 or IR 393		4
Total Credits		15-16

JOINT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ECONOMICS MAJOR

Please click here: Joint IR/Eco Major (<http://catalog.lehigh.edu/coursesprogramsandcurricula/artsandsciences/jointirecomajor/>)

JOINT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES MAJOR

Please click here: Joint IR/MLL Major (<http://catalog.lehigh.edu/coursesprogramsandcurricula/artsandsciences/jointinternationalrelationsmodernlanguagesandliteraturesmajor/>)

Courses

IR 002 Current Issues in World Affairs 3 Credits

This is a survey course designed primarily for non-IR majors or minors. The purpose is to acquaint students with some of the concepts and historical facts behind current global issues. The content of this course will, in part, be dictated by international events as they unfold.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 010 Introduction to World Politics 4 Credits

Introduction to the major principles, concepts, and theories of international relations, along with a historical background focusing on the 19th and 20th centuries. Topics to be covered include the nature of power, balance of power theories, national interest, decision-making in foreign policy, theories of war and expansion, patterns of Cooperation, and international political economy.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 011 International Relations in Popular Culture 4 Credits

International politics inspires all forms of cultural response, including novels, poetry, art, and film. These media are as or even more influential in shaping public views of international relations, and often policy, than is social science research. This course examines international politics through the artistic lens, juxtaposing artistic interpretations with social science explanations.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, HE, HU

IR 013 Global Politics of Censorship 4 Credits

Recent decades have seen a steady increase in both governmental and non-governmental censorship in the West. This course examines the causes and consequences of this transnational phenomenon, including the rise of social media, political polarization, critical social justice movements, civil rights law, shifts in social norms, and changes in class structure. It covers many divisive issues in contemporary politics, including hate speech, race relations, blasphemy, misinformation, media bias, and research taboos in academia.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 015 Authoritarianism 4 Credits

Authoritarianism has been the dominant form of government throughout history, and more than half of the world lives under it today. This course addresses its various forms and central dynamics. Learn how rulers organize coups, repress societal opposition, create cults of personality, enrich cronies, and avoid being overthrown by rivals. Use real-world case studies from the Mideast, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America to find out how authoritarian regimes have dealt with technological change and Western democracy promotion.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 026 Political Economy of Corruption I 4 Credits

This course examines causes and consequences of various forms of corruption from the political-economic perspective; helps students better understand various sources, types, patterns, and consequences of corruption; considers corruption that exists in both the public and private sectors; evaluates how corruption affects economic growth and resource allocation; and assesses global and national strategies to reduce corruption. Students may not receive credit for both IR 026 and IR 226.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, Q, SS, SW

IR 030 The Nuclear Revolution 4 Credits

The invention of nuclear weapons has revolutionized international politics more profoundly than anything since the invention of agriculture. States can now destroy each other without defeating each other militarily or even if defeated themselves, leading to elaborate concerns about nuclear deterrence, nuclear proliferation, and custody of fissile material. Some credit nuclear deterrence with making the Cold War into the Long Peace. This course explores these and related questions, including whether we can expect the Long Peace to continue.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 034 Society, Technology and War 4 Credits

This course explores the links between war and society in both directions: the impact of social, economic, and technological change on how wars are fought and the purposes for which they can be fought; as well as the impact of war mobilization needs and of war itself on how societies develop, including the rise of capitalism, democratization, economic planning and other modern institutions, and emancipation of disadvantaged groups in society, such as blacks and women in the United States.

Attribute/Distribution: SS, SW

IR 036 International Terrorism 4 Credits

Has global terrorism peaked, or is the worst still to come? This course examines psychological, religious, and political explanations of terrorism; legal and moral statuses of terrorism; explanations for the increasing scale of terrorism and the more frequent targeting of Americans; major terrorist organizations, structures, and means of operation; suicide terrorism; threats and vulnerabilities facing the United States and Western countries today; means of coping with terrorism as an individual and through national policy; possible future developments.

Attribute/Distribution: SS, SW

IR 040 The United Nations 4 Credits

Provides overview of key issues and debates in the United Nations and helps students understand the formal and informal operations of this global organization. We will explore two major questions. First, what are the major obstacles to effective international cooperation in the United Nations? Second, what does globalization mean for UN efforts to promote democracy, development, and human rights? Includes a trip to UN Headquarters in NY and an in-class UN simulation exercise.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 041 U.N. Practicum 1 Credit

Only students participating in the U.N. Youth Representative program are eligible to register for this course. In addition to their regular activities in that program, students are required to maintain a journal of their experiences and write a brief reflective essay on how those experiences have affected their view of international activism, the UN, and the importance on international NGOs. Consent of department required.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SW

IR 052 Ukraine at the Crossroads: Regime Change and International Politics 4 Credits

This course investigates Ukraine's Orange Revolution, Euromaidan protests, Russia's annexation of Crimea, and the armed conflict in Eastern Ukraine. It will analyze domestic and international causes and consequences of these events through the lenses of news reports, social media, and scholarly publications. The course will introduce students to some basic concepts in the study of domestic and international conflict and facilitate a better understanding of current international events.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW, W

IR 056 European International Relations 4 Credits

Examines the evolution of the modern states system in Europe. Conceptual, theoretical and historical topics include the transition from feudalism to the Westphalian system, nationalism, imperialism, the causes of war and attempted peace settlements, the Cold War, the European Union, and the impact of the collapse of the USSR on the political and strategic structure of Europe.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, Q, SS, SW

IR 057 Political Economy of Post-Communist Transitions and European Integration 4 Credits

Central and Eastern Europe, which was once ruled by communist regimes supported by the Soviet Union, underwent radical political and economic transformations in the 1990s. For the first time after decades of communism, East European countries held competitive elections, introduced market principles in their economies, and joined European institutions. This course focuses on the analysis of post-communist economic transitions and the region's economic integration with the European Union.

Attribute/Distribution: Q, SS

IR 061 (ASIA 061) East Asian International Relations 4 Credits

Introduction to East Asian international relations, with emphasis on post-1945 period: historical background of Asian international system; Cold War conflicts; China's rise and regional responses; Japan's changing international role; the two Koreas; ASEAN and Asian regionalism; U.S. and Russian policies; current and future issues.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 063 (ASIA 063) U.S.-China Relations 4 Credits

Introduction and analysis of the historical context and key aspects of contemporary US-China relations: Cold War US containment, rapprochement and diplomatic normalization; American arms sale and the Taiwan controversy; conflict and cooperation in the Korean Peninsula; economic interdependence and frictions; human rights and security relations; Asian regional disputes. Students may not receive credit for both IR/ASIA 063 and IR/ASIA 163.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 066 (ASIA 066) Japan in a Changing World 4 Credits

This course explores Japanese foreign policy through its historical and international context; domestic determinants; foreign and security policymaking processes; policy toward major regional players; foreign economic policy; current grand strategic debates.

Attribute/Distribution: SS, SW

IR 074 American Foreign Policy 4 Credits

Addresses major themes and trends in U.S. foreign policy, including its historical evolution. Assesses the interests and values that underlie the goals of policy and the beliefs that shape decisions on how to achieve those goals. Also examines issues such as the constitutional division of authority, bureaucratic politics and processes, civil-military relations, and public opinion.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 082 (JST 082) Middle East in World Affairs Since 1945 4 Credits

Rise of Turkish, Iranian, and Arab nationalism; creation of Israel; decline of British and French power; growth of U.S. and Soviet influence; Middle East as the world's major oil producer.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 086 (JST 086) The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict 4 Credits

Origins of the Zionist movement and of Palestinian national identity. Evolution of the conflict before, during, and after the Israeli War of Independence/Palestinian Nakhsba (Catastrophe). 1967 and subsequent occupations. Camp David, Oslo, and subsequent peace negotiations. The 2006 Fatah/Hamas split and state of Palestinian and Israeli politics and policy. Role of the Arab states and of global powers such as the United States.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 091 Special Topics 1-4 Credits

Introductory course for students with interest in fields of international relations not fully covered by regular course offerings.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, HE, Q, SS, SW, W

IR 100 Methods and Research Design 4 Credits

The course has two principal aims - to introduce students to the logic of social scientific research and to equip them with the basic tools of research design. To that end the course 1) examines controversies surrounding the scientific method; 2) analyzes the logic of experimental, statistical, and case-study methods; 3) explores the most common methodological errors in social scientific research; and 4) gives students hands-on experience in designing a study.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, Q, SS, SW

IR 108 Game Theory and International Politics 4 Credits

The course is designed as a rigorous treatment of the concept of strategic interaction. The focus is on topics like collective action, bargaining under incomplete information, problems of moral hazard and adverse selection, and evolutionary models of interaction. The empirical examples will mostly be drawn from international politics, but anyone curious about the general claim that good outcomes do not necessarily follow from good intentions should find this course interesting.

Attribute/Distribution: MA, Q, SS

IR 119 Issues in International Relations 1-4 Credits

Readings on selected themes in world politics, with theme to change each semester. Offered on an occasional basis only.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 127 Research in International Relations 4 Credits

Research skills in international relations. The role of theory, models and evidence in the explanation of international phenomena. Literature review; problem formulation; theory construction; research design, methods and measures; collection, analysis and interpretation of data; principles of hypothesis testing. Professional writing, either through individual research projects under faculty supervision or an apprenticeship in ongoing faculty research projects. Consent of instructor required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 132 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict 4 Credits

The ideal of nationalism exerts a powerful pull on almost all people everywhere. This course investigates the sources, spread, and possible future decline of nationalism and national identity, the manipulation of nationalist feelings for political purposes, and the sources of national and ethnic conflict. We will also consider proposals for managing ethnic conflicts and their records of success (or failure). We will study recent and current cases, such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, ethnic relations in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Balkans,.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 163 (ASIA 163) U.S.-China Relations 4 Credits

Introduction and analysis of the historical context and key aspects of contemporary US-China relations: Cold War US containment, rapprochement and diplomatic normalization; American arms sale and the Taiwan controversy; conflict and cooperation in the Korean Peninsula; economic interdependence and frictions; human rights and security relations; Asian regional disputes. This is an advanced course on US-China relations. Students may not receive credit for both IR/ASIA 063 and IR/ASIA 163.

Prerequisites: IR 010 or IR 061

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 164 (ASIA 164) Japan in a Changing World 4 Credits

This course explores Japanese foreign policy through its historical and international context; domestic determinants; foreign and security policymaking processes; policy toward major regional players; foreign economic policy; current grand strategic debates. Students may not receive credit for both IR/ASIA 066 and IR/ASIA 164.

Prerequisites: IR 010 or IR 061 or IR 063

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 169 Russia and the West 4 Credits

The course is an exploration of the most important issues and debates about the politics of the post-Soviet space. They include the collapse of communism, the collapse of the USSR, the problems of economic and political transition, the conflicts of the post-Soviet space, the problem of selective integration of post-Communist states into the Western integration, and many others.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 177 International Relations of Latin America 4 Credits

Survey of major international and domestic crises facing Central and South America. Examines factors affecting Latin American system of states such as international debt, involvement of foreign powers, and social and political instabilities.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 191 Special Topics 1-4 Credits

specialized course for students interested in fields of international relations that are not fully covered by regular course offerings.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, Q, SS, SW, W

IR 205 Theories of International Relations 4 Credits

The role of theory in historical explanation, prediction, and policy. Issues of theory design and testing. Important approaches to international relations, including Realism; the Democratic Peace; the domestic politics of foreign policy; history and mythmaking; psychological explanations.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 210 Foreign Policy 4 Credits

This course explores the major international and domestic determinants of foreign policy, as well as contemporary problems associated with the conduct of foreign policy in the 21st century. Principal topics include the influence of the international system, geography, leadership, regime-type, transnationalism, and non-governmental organizations on foreign policy. The course draws upon the experiences of a variety of Western democratic states.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 220 Globalization and World Politics 4 Credits

An exploration of the economic, political, cultural, and military manifestations of globalization and the effects on the internal order of states and the relations among them.

Prerequisites: IR 010 and ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 222 Political Economy of North-South Relations 4 Credits

Political economy of relations between developed and less developed countries. Issues arising from trade, investment, and foreign aid. Consequences of North-South transactions. Controversies over system structure and reform proposals for international institutions (e.g. World Bank, IMF, WTO).

Prerequisites: IR 225 or POLS 225

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 223 Work & Labor in a Global Economy 4 Credits

Explores the ways that global economic integration affects workers & the nature of work. Using theoretical frameworks and case studies from around the world investigates issues such as labor standards and labor rights, migration, automation, income inequality both within and across countries, female labor force participation, political power of labor, & transnational labor activism. We will consider the ways that outcomes for workers are different in developed vs. developing economies, democracies vs. non-democracies, according to race, gender, and class status.

Prerequisites: IR 010 and ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 225 (POLS 225) International Political Economy 4 Credits

Principles governing the interaction between the economic and political components of international phenomena. Political aspects of trade, investment, and global economic order. Political underpinnings of international economic relations. Domestic and international political consequences of economic policy and international economic relations.

Prerequisites: IR 010 and ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: CC, Q, SS

IR 226 Political Economy of Corruption II 4 Credits

This course examines causes and consequences of various forms of corruption from the political-economic perspective; helps students better understand various sources, types, patterns, and consequences of corruption; considers corruption that exists in both the public and private sectors; evaluates how corruption affects economic growth and resource allocation; and assesses global and national strategies to reduce corruption. Students may not receive credit for both IR 026 and IR 226.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 229 Issues in International Political Economy 1-4 Credits

Selected issues in international political economy, with theme to change each semester. Offered on an occasional basis only.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 234 Great Power Politics 4 Credits

Overview of the dynamics of strategic interaction between great powers, including the causes of conflict, origins of alliances, logic of coercion, sources of order, and definition of national interests. Focus on the interwar period (multi-polarity), the Cold War (bi-polarity), and the post-Cold War period (uni-polarity).

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 235 International Security 4 Credits

Explanations of international wars, civil wars, genocides, and terrorism. Arms races, escalation, and conflict resolution. The nuclear revolution and ballistic missile defense. Tools of national grand strategy, including alliances, deterrence, coercion, and institutions and norms. Current issues and near future prospects. Case studies.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 236 Causes of War 4 Credits

Systematic examination of major schools of thoughts on the origins and prevention of war, including system-level theories of war and peace, domestic and societal sources of conflict, military policy, and ideational and psychological causes of war. Application and testing of theories to classic cases of war and conflict in history and the contemporary world.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 237 National Security: The Military Instrument of Foreign Policy 4 Credits

This course will begin by exploring the theory, logic and history of US strategy, the elements of ground forces, air power, naval power and nuclear power, and the economics of military strategy. The second half of the course will examine contemporary problems and debates over US security policy.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 242 International Law 4 Credits

This course deals with the nature and sources of international law and the major theoretical and historical developments that have created the legal system of states as it now stands. Topics include: armed conflict, international trade, human rights and international environmental law.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 245 International Organization 4 Credits

Examines how cooperation is achieved and sustained in world politics. Under what circumstances does cooperation take place? What role do formal international organizations play? What is the relative importance of power, ideas, and economic interests? Pursues questions theoretically and in practical terms across topical issues (e.g., humanitarian intervention, environmental protection).

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 257 Political Economy of Post-Communist Transitions and European Integration 4 Credits

Central and Eastern Europe, which was once ruled by communist regimes supported by the Soviet Union, underwent radical political and economic transformations in the 1990s. For the first time after decades of communism, East European countries held competitive elections, introduced market principles in their economies, and joined European institutions. This course focuses on the analysis of post-communist economic transitions and the region's economic integration with the European Union.

Prerequisites: ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: SS, W

IR 291 Special Topics 1-4 Credits

Advanced course for students with interest in fields of international relations not fully covered by regular course offerings.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, HE, Q, SS, SW, W

IR 300 Apprentice Teaching 1-4 Credits

Supervised participation in various aspects of the teaching of a course. Consent of instructor, department chairperson, and permission of the Dean required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

IR 321 Economic Relations of Advanced Industrial Societies 4 Credits

Foreign economic policies of advanced industrial nations. Bilateral and multilateral economic relations; international economic regimes and institutions; interdependence and Cooperation; managing conflict. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 225

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 322 Poverty and Development 4 Credits

Patterns and causes of poverty in poor countries. Diagnosis of development problems and evaluation of development planning. Explanations for choices of development policy, especially issues of trade, foreign aid, and foreign direct investment. Written and oral presentation of individual country research. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 323 Political Economy of Industrialization and Development 4 Credits

Political foundation and consequences of economic development and growth. Global inequality in the rates and levels of economic development. Analysis of the differences between the development strategies adopted in different parts of the world. Explanations for patterns of success and failure. Origins of underdevelopment; the politics of failed development strategies; the challenge of the increasingly competitive world economy and relations with the U.S. and other developed nations. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 225 and IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, Q, SS, W

IR 330 Mass Murder 4 Credits

Is mass murder modern or ancient? Is such violence committed by states or societies? Why do some conflicts degenerate to mass murder and some do not? Are democracies immune to committing this kind of violence? These are just some of the questions that inform the critical examination of the literature on mass murder, which is the principal aim of this course. The prominent cases of mass murder in the 20th century form its main empirical content. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 332 The Quest for Peace 4 Credits

The most important focus of the discipline of international relations has been to understand the causes of war and the paths to peace. This course will explore some of the leading contemporary theories of peace and cooperation. It will conclude with a discussion of the prospects for war and peace in the emerging international system.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 334 Prospects for Peace in the 21st Century 4 Credits

Will the 21st century be more or less peaceful than the "terrible 20th?" This course examines: globalization as a force both for and against peace, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, nationalism and communal conflict, humanitarian intervention and peacekeeping, climate change and other issues affecting prospects for peace in the near future. We will also consider the special situation of American as the world's sole superpower, choices in U.S. policy between unilateral and multilateral approaches to preserving global.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 335 Intervention 4 Credits

Strong states frequently intervene in the affairs of weaker societies. Since 1945, the most frequent intervener has been the United States. International norms cut both ways—sovereignty opposes intervention while an emerging "responsibility to protect" sometimes favors it. This course explores why and by what means states and international organizations intervene and what factors influence the success of interventions. We focus mainly on two types – counterinsurgency and humanitarian intervention – that have been and are likely to remain the most.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 337 Conflict and Cooperation 4 Credits

The course is designed as an advanced undergraduate seminar to students, who are interested in getting deeper familiarity with the rational choice literature on conflict and cooperation. Its primary focus is on socially suboptimal outcomes in situations that can be modeled as a prisoners' dilemma, collective action problems, bargaining failures due to incomplete information and commitment problems, etc. The applied material deals with issues like crisis bargaining, alliance politics, revolutions, interventions, trade, democratic transitions, etc. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 344 International Politics of Oil 4 Credits

Historical influence of oil in international politics and the role it plays today. Focus on differing views of producers, such as Middle Eastern and Latin American states, and consuming nations, largely the economically developed Western states. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010 or ECO 001

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 345 Democratization 4 Credits

Interdisciplinary analysis of international and transnational influences on regime transitions. Addresses the role of war, trade, colonial legacies, waves of democratization, socializations, demonstration effects, and international law; the policies of the United States, EU, OAS, UN, World Bank, and NGOs; and the efficacy of different instruments of democracy promotion. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 346 Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas in World Politics 4 Credits

This course is designed to explore, challenge, and re-conceptualize the boundaries of moral community and ethical responsibility through such current dilemmas in world politics as famine, terrorism, torture, genocide, weapons of mass destruction, organized crime and more. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: SS

IR 347 Individuals & Diplomacy in International Politics 4 Credits

This seminar examines the role of individuals—including diplomats, bureaucrats, heads of state, and organizational leaders—in shaping international cooperation and global governance. The course explores how diplomacy, leadership, power, and bureaucratic politics affect negotiations, agenda-setting, and institutional effectiveness. Themes include the intersection of individual agency with institutional frameworks, the impact of leadership in multilateral diplomacy, and the ways in which influential figures contribute to both conflict resolution and international collaboration. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 364 (ASIA 364) Chinese Foreign Policy 4 Credits

Research-oriented seminar focusing on the sources of Chinese foreign policy preferences and goals, foreign policy decision-making processes, international implications of the rise of China, and the pressing regional and global issues that China is facing now and in the future. Students are strongly recommended to take at least one China/East Asia course before, or simultaneously with, IR364. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: IR 010 or IR 061 or ASIA 061 or IR 062 or ASIA 062 or IR 063 or ASIA 063 or IR 161 or ASIA 161 or IR 163 or ASIA 163

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 367 International Relations of Russia and other Post-Soviet States 4 Credits

Analysis of foreign relations of Russia and the other fourteen states that emerged after the collapse of the USSR. Consent of department required.

Prerequisites: (IR 010 or IR 169)

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 388 Honors Thesis in International Relations 4 Credits

International relations majors with senior standing may undertake an intensive, two-semester project under the direct guidance of a faculty member in the student's special area of interest. Students who successfully complete the thesis and whose GPA in the major at the time of graduation is 3.5 or higher receive Departmental Honors. Department permission required. See IR Department website <http://cas.lehigh.edu/ir> for additional information.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, W

IR 389 (MLL 389) IR/MLL Capstone Project 4 Credits

A research project on international politics that will include original research in at least one foreign language under the joint supervision of an adviser in IR and one in the relevant language in MLL. Consent of department required.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 390 Readings in International Relations 1-4 Credits

Directed course of readings intended for students with special competence or interest in fields of international relations not fully covered by regular course offerings. Department permission required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 391 Special Topics 1-4 Credits

Intensive, research-oriented study for students with a special competence or interest in fields of international relations not fully covered by regular course offerings. Department permission is required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW, W

IR 392 Independent Study 1-4 Credits

This course enables students to work with faculty on individual projects and material not covered by the current course offerings. Department permission required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS

IR 393 Seminar in International Relations 3,4 Credits

Advanced seminar, comparable to other 300-level seminars, that focuses on discussion and research on specialized subjects in international relations. Variable subject matter. Junior standing and department permission required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, W

IR 394 Internship in International Relations 1-4 Credits

Internship in a public or private agency. Department permission required.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.

Attribute/Distribution: CC, SS, SW

IR 493 IR Graduate Seminar 3 Credits

Graduate level research seminar.

Repeat Status: Course may be repeated.