



## Majors in International Studies Advising Newsletter for Spring 2023

### Things to do:

- Make an appointment with your advisor. Arrange an appointment online through WyoCourses or using sign-up sheets on your advisor’s door.
- Review your degree evaluation **and prepare a preliminary schedule** to discuss with your advisor.
- Make sure to check all prerequisites for classes you are planning to take, and check for time conflicts.

## Courses to Consider for Spring 2023

### INST 2350: Introduction to Global Studies

Mention “globalization,” and many will probably think that you’ll only study globalization and global issues as these relate to economics, information, and communication technologies. But this is a course in which we’ll look for a bigger picture and use multi-disciplinary, multi-dimensional approaches to study global connections.



Is globalization a new phenomenon, for instance? History tells us no. So what’s different now? Is contemporary globalization diminishing state autonomy and national identity? Some political scientists and sociologists point to processes of de-nationalization and shrinking welfare states. Others say that nationalism is on the rise. With what consequences for human security? What about the climate then? Will the de-forestation of and forest fires in the Brazilian Amazon region—the largest jungle on planet Earth—have irreparable consequences for the global

climate? And the economy? Is the global economy functioning well for all? And what does the FIFA World Cup have to do with globalized culture aside from country teams competing in soccer? We'll explore these kinds of concerns in the introductory course to global studies. This is a three-credit-hour course that has no prerequisites.

*Required, core course for all INST majors.  
Instructor: Ruth Bjorkenwall, [rbjorken@uwyo.edu](mailto:rbjorken@uwyo.edu)*

### **POLS 4330/INST 4330/POLS 5330: American Foreign Relations**

The central purpose of this course is to study and learn about America's role in the world, and particularly how the policymaking process influences American foreign policy. We will study continuity and change in U.S. foreign policy, particularly in the contemporary period (e.g., referencing post-Cold War and post-9/11 eras), how foreign policy is made, and come to understand the roots and consequences of various U.S. foreign policy practices. There is special attention on learning how American foreign policy works in this class and thus much attention spent on leadership and American foreign policy in practice. The course looks at different perspectives of America in the world, compares the Biden administration's approach to foreign policy to the Trump administration and other past administrations, and explores central trends in the making of American foreign policy that we can expect moving forward. We will work as a group to understand American foreign policy traditions, the domestic and institutional actors that shape policy formulation (i.e., the president, foreign policy bureaucracy, Congress, media, etc.), and the influence of the international environment on American foreign policy decisions past and present.

*Applies to: INST Governance and Conflict Resolution, INST Upper Division Elective.  
Dr. Jean Garrison, [garrison@uwyo.edu](mailto:garrison@uwyo.edu)*

### **INST/POLS 4360/53560: International Peace and Conflict Studies**

Why do states and other international actors go to war with one another? Why are societies driven towards ethnic and nationalist conflict? How do we move former enemies towards peace in the wake of conflict? In this course we will set out to examine the underlying processes behind both conflict and peace in the international system. In particular, we will be focusing on the driving forces behind conflict carried out between state actors (interstate) and conflict within the state (intrastate). From there we will explore the ways in which such conflicts might be moved towards sustainable peace, including strategies for conflict resolution, peacebuilding and reconciliation. Students will have the chance to engage with these issues both through an engagement with the core theoretical literature of international peace and conflict studies and through an in-depth analysis of contemporary cases of interstate and intrastate peace & conflict.

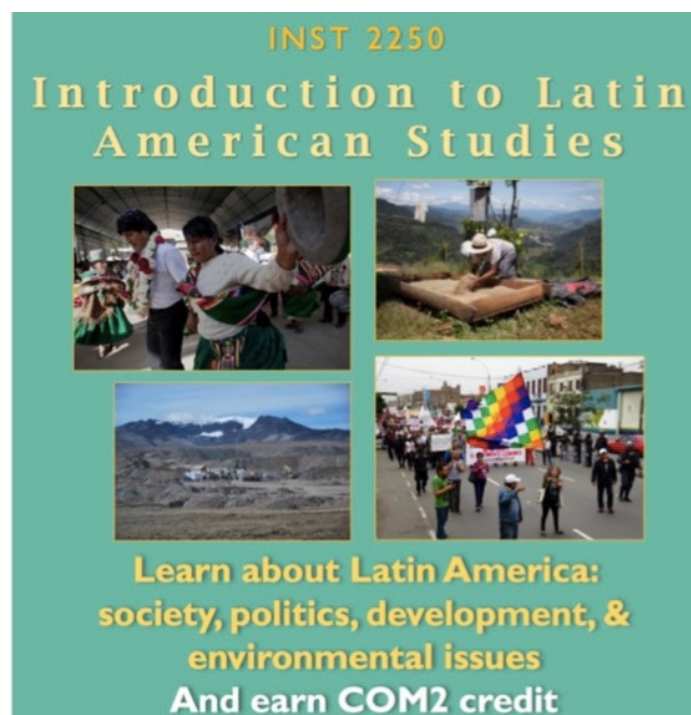
*Prerequisite: POLS/INST 2310 – Introduction to International Relations  
Applies to: Governance and Conflict Resolution, INST Upper Division Elective  
Instructor: Dr. Nevin Aiken, [naiken@uwyo.edu](mailto:naiken@uwyo.edu)*

**INST 4255/POLS 4255/5255-01: Politics of Developing Nations.** Using cases from Asia and Africa, Politics of Developing Nations explores political challenges facing developing nations in the post-colonial and post-Cold War era. A question of particular interest to the class will be one of legacy: specifically, how have the legacies of colonialism and of the Cold War shaped and/or constrained economic and political development in the world's 'less developed' nations? Students will explore these issues through both secondary sources and primary source documents as well as theoretical treatments and comparative case studies. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to apply these questions to an issue area or case study in a project of their own.

*Prerequisite: 9 hours of international studies coursework.*

*Applies to: Governance and Conflict Resolution, Asia, Latin America, and Africa and the Middle East tracks.*

*Instructor: Dr. Thomas Seitz, [tseitz@uwyo.edu](mailto:tseitz@uwyo.edu)*



**INST 2250: Introduction to Latin American Studies** will introduce you to many important themes and essential concepts in the interdisciplinary study of Latin America. Our approach to the region will be an inherently global one, considering interconnections and interdependencies within Latin America, and between the region and the wider world. We will consider how Latin America has come to be “known” as a region, and we will examine stereotypes and misconceptions of Latin America often held by those from outside the region. Readings, activities, interactive lectures, discussions, films, and assignments will help us explore transnational processes, as well as specific examples, to help us better understand this dynamic region. This course fulfills the Communication 2 (COM2) requirement of the 2015 University Studies Program. The format will be both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on your own) online.

## Spring 2023 International Studies Curriculum Offerings

*Please be sure you meet any course prerequisites or contact the instructor before registering.*

### Core Courses

INST 2310	Intro to International Relations	Nevin Aiken
INST 2350	Intro to Global Studies	Ruth Bjorkenwall
INST 4950	Capstone: Global Trends	Yi-Ling Chen

### Gateway Courses

ECON 1000 (H; ASG)	Global Economic Issues	William Campbell
ANTH 1200 (H; ASG)	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	Various

### Global and Regional Tracks

**Note: Courses that apply to more than one of these global and regional can only count toward one track. For example, HIST 4335 (Women in Islam) could apply to the Culture and Social Issues global track *or* the Africa and the Middle East regional track *or* the Asia regional track, *but not to more than one*. Please discuss this choice with your advisor.**

### Global Tracks

#### *Culture and Social Issues*

INST 3000-01 (ASG)	Social Change	Ruth Bjorkenwall
MUSC 3015	Intro to World Music	Tiger Robison
COJO 3190	Cross-Cultural Communication	Li Li
PHIL 3320-40	Eastern Thought	Holly Grether
INST 3910	Global Sociology	Daniel Auerbach
PHIL 3933	African Philosophy	Ed Sherline
ANTH 4350	Medical Anthropology	Allison Caine
ANTH 4380	Visual Anthropology	Michael Harkin
ZOO 4110	HIV/AIDS	Florence Teule-Finley

#### *Governance and Conflict Resolution*

HIST 2020-40	US Military History	Geordie Beal
INST 3400-40	Politics of Turkey	Jim Thurman
POLS 4255	Politics of Developing Nations	Thomas Seitz
CRMJ 4280-01	Comparative Criminal Justice	Curt Blakely
INST 4330	American Foreign Relations	Jean Garrison
INST 4360	International Peace & Conflict Studies	Nevin Aiken
POLS 4630	Gender and Politics	Grant Walsh-Haines
INST 4705-40	Global Terrorism	Ruth Bjorkenwall

POLS 4870/5870 INST 4990-05	Seminar in IR: US and China Topics: Government and Politics of the Middle East	Thomas Seitz Eric Nigh
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***Sustainable Development and the Environment***

ECON 2400	Econ of the Environment	Tyler Kjorstad
GEOG 3550	Natural Disasters and the Environment	Cecile Valastro
INST 3910	Global Sociology	Daniel Auerbach
ECON 4410	Natural Resource Economics	Van't Veld, Klaas
GEOG 4441	Advanced Global Climate Variability	Jaqueline Shinker
ECON 4700	Economic Development	(TBA)
POLS 4710-01	Eco-tastrophe in Film	Gregg Cawley
ENR 4890	Climate Change Responses	Corrine Knapp

***Economic Systems***

ECON 2400	Econ of the Environment	Tyler Kjorstad
ECON 4410	Natural Resource Economics	Van't Veld, Klaas
MKT 4540-80	International Marketing	Polly Beale
MKT 4590	Sustainable Business Practices	Christian Peterson
ECON 4700	Economic Development	(TBA)
POLS 4710-80	Topics: Non-Profit Management	Gabel Taggart

**Regional Tracks**

***Latin America***

INST 2250-80 SPAN 4190	Intro to Latin American Studies Border Lit and Film	Zoe Pearson Sonia Rodriguez-Hicks
POLS 4255	Politics of Developing Nations	Thomas Seitz

***Asia***

LANG 2150	Manga: History and Culture	Noah Miles
INST 2230	Intro to Asian Studies	Yi-Ling Chen
CHIN 3160	See Movies Touch China	Yan Zhang
POLS 3270	Government and Politics of the Middle East	Eric Nigh
PHIL 3320-40	Eastern Thought	Holly Grether
INST 3400-40	Politics of Turkey	Jim Thurman
POLS 4255	Politics of Developing Nations	Thomas Seitz

***Europe/Former Soviet Union***

INST 3400-40 POLS 4215	Politics of Turkey European Union	Jim Thurman Stephanie Anderson
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GERM 4255	German Novellas	Rebecca Steele
HIST 4990-01	Topics: Weimar Germany	Adam Blackler

***Africa and the Middle East***

INST 2240-40	Intro to African Studies	Chad Robinson
PHIL 3933	African Philosophy	Ed Sherline
POLS 4255	Politics of Developing Nations	Thomas Seitz
POLS 3270	Government and Politics of the Middle East	Eric Nigh

**Courses for INST Regional Studies Minors**

***Asian Studies Minor***

LANG 2150	Manga: History and Culture	Noah Miles
INST 2230	Intro to Asian Studies	Yi-Ling Chen
CHIN 3160	See Movies Touch China	Yan Zhang
POLS 3270	Government and Politics of the Middle East	Eric Nigh
PHIL 3320-40	Eastern Thought	Holly Grether
INST 3400-40	Politics of Turkey	Jim Thurman

***European Studies Minor***

HIST 2060-02	Early Modern Europe	Peter Walker
FREN 3110	Contemporary French Civilization	Ekaterina Alexandrova
POLS 4215	European Union	Stephanie Anderson
GERM 4255	German Novellas	Rebecca Steele
HIST 4990-01	Topics: Weimar Germany	Adam Blackler

**Experiential Learning: Summer and Fall 2023 Study Abroad & International Internship Opportunities**

In addition to the courses above, as part of their International Studies degree at the University of Wyoming all INST majors are strongly encouraged to consider taking part in a semester-long or full-year study abroad or exchange program. Alternatively, INST majors may also wish to participate in a number of other excellent, shorter-term, faculty-led international fieldwork or study abroad courses taught by UW faculty (typically offered during the Summer and Winter breaks) as a way to earn credit towards their International Studies degree.

Contrary to popular belief, a semester or year studying abroad need not set you back or delay your graduation in any way. The vast majority of courses taken with our foreign university partners will transfer back to UW, and many can substitute for required courses in our major.

Similarly, study abroad experiences can be more affordable than you may think. In many



programs, students pay UW tuition and fees to study at foreign universities.

In addition, INST majors are also encouraged to consider participating in paid or unpaid international internship opportunities as a way of earning additional academic credit towards their International Studies degree.

For more information on international study abroad exchanges, faculty-led fieldwork courses, and internship opportunities, please visit the UW Abroad Office at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/uwyoabroad/>. To discuss incorporating a study abroad experience or international internship as part of your degree, just talk to your INST Faculty Advisor during the upcoming advising period!

### **Faculty-Led Offerings in Summer 2023**

**HP 4152/4196 (6 Credit Hours)**

**Faculty-Led Study Abroad: The Northern Ireland Conflict and Peace Process**

**Lead Instructor: Dr. Nevin Aiken**

**Dates: July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Participants from UW will join other students from universities across the US and UK to receive direct exposure to the people, politics and realities of the Northern Ireland conflict and its evolving peace process as they transit between the difficult and contested geographies of Northern Ireland as well as the Republic of Ireland. As a unique part of their experiential learning program, students will actively engage with politicians, community leaders, non-governmental organizations, faith leaders, academic experts and victims/survivors from all sides impacted by the conflict to hear a comprehensive view of the divergent perspectives, narratives and human stories of people dealing with legacies of past violence in Northern Ireland

**HP 4152/4196 (6 Credit Hours)**

**Faculty-Led Study Abroad: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

**Lead Instructor: Eric Nigh**

**Dates: July 27 – August 13, 2023**

Participants from UW will join other students from universities across the US and UK to travel to the Middle East to receive on-the-ground exposure to the people, politics and realities of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as they transit between the difficult and contested geographies of Jordan, Israel and the West Bank. As a unique part of their experiential learning program, students will actively engage with politicians, community leaders, non-governmental organizations, faith leaders, academic experts and victims/survivors from all sides impacted by the conflict to hear a comprehensive view of the divergent perspectives, narratives and human stories of people living in the region.