INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

With the increasing importance of world issues to the United States, employment opportunities in government, international organizations and business continue to expand. Today there is an urgent need for college graduates with a strong background in international affairs. To meet this need, the University of Colorado Boulder offers a comprehensive and flexible interdisciplinary program in international affairs leading to the BA degree.

Course code for this program is IAFS.

Bachelor's Degree

- International Affairs - Bachelor of Arts (BA) (https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/international-affairs/international-affairs-bachelor-arts-ba/)

Minor

- International Affairs - Minor (https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/international-affairs/international-affairs-minor/)

Certificates

- European Union Studies - Certificate (https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/international-affairs/european-union-studies-certificate/)
- Global Environmental Affairs - Certificate (https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/arts-sciences/programs-study/international-affairs/global-environmental-affairs-certificate/)
- International Media - Certificate (https://catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/cross-college-programs/international-media-certificate/)
- International Affairs - Graduate Certificate (https://catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/interdisciplinary-programs/international-affairs-graduate-certificate/)

Faculty

While many faculty teach both undergraduate and graduate students, some instruct students at the undergraduate level only. For more information, contact the faculty member's home department.

Beard, Steven (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_168279/)
Teaching Assistant Professor; PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

Chester, Lucy P. (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_126541/)
Associate Professor; PhD, Yale University

Fluri, Jennifer L. (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_154033/)
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Teitelbaum, Benjamin Raphael (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_151338/)
Assistant Professor; PhD, Brown University

Truelove, Yaffa Elane (https://experts.colorado.edu/display/fisid_159271/)
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Professor; PhD, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Courses

IAFS 1000 (4) Global Issues and International Affairs
Introduces the student to the international affairs program. The course examines political and economic development in several countries in many different world regions. Examines historical trends and development as well as current political and economic issues.
Additional Information: GT Pathways: GT-SS3 -Soc Behav Sci:Hmn Behav, Cult, Soc Frame
Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Asia Content

IAFS 3000 (3) Special Topics in International Affairs
Junior or senior level umbrella seminar spanning a variety of topics relevant to the study of international affairs. Subjects addressed under this heading vary according to student interest and faculty availability.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.0 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to Political Science (PSCI) majors or International Affairs (IAFS) majors or minors with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) only.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

IAFS 3010 (3) Islam, Geopolitics and Society: Gender, Identity and Place
Examines Islam, geopolitics and society in various locations throughout the globe, such as Afghanistan, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel/Palestine, Morocco, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Yemen, the UK and the US. Addresses issues of gender, identity and place to illustrate the complexity and diversity of social experiences within the milieu of Islam and geopolitics.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

IAFS 3500 (3) French Connections: Contemporary France and America in Historical Context
Faculty-led Global Seminar, based in Bordeaux, France provides an opportunity to compare French history and contemporary culture, economy, and culture to that of the United States. Lectures in Boulder and Bordeaux are supplemented by interactions with officials, scholars, business leaders, interest groups, and organizations in France. Offered through Study Abroad.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: HIST 4190
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Historical Context
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

IAFS 3520 (6) Global Seminar: Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in Israel
Explore the challenges and complexities of justice, democracy and human rights in Israel and the West Bank through field trips, course work and service learning projects with Jerusalem based non-profit organizations. Acquire new knowledge and lived experience on critical issues facing Israelis and Palestinians with the wider scope of Middle East politics.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JWST 4302
Recommended: Prerequisites ANTH 4050 or JWST 4050 and IAFS 3600 or JWST 3600.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Contemporary Societies
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Departmental Category: Asia Content

IAFS 3530 (3) Global Seminar: Jews and Muslims - The Multiethnic History of Istanbul
Spend two weeks in Istanbul and examine Jewish-Muslim relations in a place that was for 500 years the crossroads of civilization. The only Muslim city in the 21st century with a large, thriving Jewish community, Istanbul models how people from different social classes, ethnicities and religious backgrounds can coexist.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JWST 3530 and RLST 3530
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective

IAFS 3540 (3) Migration, Human Rights, and Conflict in the Mediterranean
Faculty-led Global Seminar, based in Malta, provides the opportunity to study social, political, and economic issues surrounding international migration, Focuses on causes and consequences of recent migration flows from nations in the Middle East and Sub-Saharan Africa to European nations located in the Eastern Mediterranean. Students will interact with representatives of state governments, NGOs, and activist groups, and learn about the rich culture and history of Malta as a pivotal state promoting international diplomacy and regional security.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: PACS 3540
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of PACS 2500 (minimum grade C-).
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective

IAFS 3600 (3) Contemporary Jewish Societies
Uses transnational lens to explore contemporary debates about Jewish people, places and practices of identity and community; places that Jews have called 'home', and what has made, or continues to make those places 'Jewish'; issues of Jewish homelands and diasporars; gender, sexuality, food and the Jewish body; religious practices in contemporary contexts. Readings drawn primarily from contemporary journalism and scholarship.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JWST 3600 and GSLL 3600
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Human Diversity
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-U.S. Perspective

IAFS 3610 (3) Topics in International Affairs and Jewish Studies
Explores topics in international affairs as it relates to Jewish culture and society. Subjects addressed under this heading vary according to student interest and faculty availability.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JWST 3610
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 9.0 total credit hours.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).

IAFS 3621 (3) Rogues to Revolutionaries: Russian Rebels, Past and Present
Surveys Russian intellectual and political history and introduces students to the Russian, European, and American ideas that have fueled Russian revolt from the medieval period to the present day. From the eighteenth-century uprisings of enslaved peasants and national minorities to the nineteenth-century revolutionary terrorism and the oppositional activism in the Putin era, the course traces the shifting ideology of dissent. Starting from the eighteenth-century popular uprisings, this course goes systematically through Russia's major rebels until the present day: Cossacks, Decembrists, Populists, Anarchists, Socialists, Soviet-era Dissidents, LGBTQ+ activists, and contemporary liberals and leftists of different stripes. Course materials include a variety of media: historical documents, literary texts, films, paintings, newspaper articles, songs, internet videos, as well as readings in Russian history. No previous knowledge of Russian language or culture is required.. Taught in English.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: REES 4481 and REES 5481
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Historical Context
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities

IAFS 3622 (3) Understanding Ukraine: Culture, Diversity, Conflict
Introduces students to Ukraine's cultural diversity and orients them in the history of the country at the heart of contemporary world politics. This course will provide students with a necessary historical frame for understanding current and war-time cultural debates about Ukraine's contested heritage and future. Taught in English. Degree credit not granted for REES 4871 and REES 5871.

IAFS 3630 (3) Radical Nationalism in Contemporary Northern Europe
Examines the current rise of National Socialists, white supremacists, ethnic separatists, anti-Islam activists and social and cultural ultraconservatives in northern Europe. Treats extremist nationalism as a social, cultural, aesthetic, intellectual and political movement. Consults scholarship from sociology, criminology and political science, as well as music, literature, art and film.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SCAN 3301
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Ideals and Values
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

IAFS 3631 (3) Arctic Society and Culture
Investigates representations of the Arctic in literature, art, cinema, media and scientific, and geographical writing over the past century and a half, spanning material from North America, Britain, continental Europe and the Nordic region. Interpretive approaches include ecocriticism; post-colonialism; literary studies; indigenous studies; visual, film and media theory; Cold War studies.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SCAN 3631
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors).
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

IAFS 3632 (3) Scandinavia and the European Union
Examining the role that the EU plays in the Nordic region, this course is an introduction to the complex relationship between the Nordic nation states and the European project. We explore how the EU is perceived in the Nordic countries and investigate why the Nordic region is reluctant in its relation to the European Union.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: SCAN 3632

IAFS 3640 (3) Data Analysis for Global Environmental Affairs
Develops data analysis techniques for global environmental data including demographic, economic, agricultural, fisheries and energy sectors. Designed to support the development of basic and intermediate data analysis skills for students in the Global Environmental Affairs certificate program. Includes hands-on exploration of up-to-date global data sets from a variety of sources. Fulfills the application requirement for the ENVS major.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: ENVS 3640
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Natural Sciences

IAFS 3650 (3) History of Arab-Israeli Conflict
Explores the origins and development of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Traces Arab-Jewish/Israeli relations from the 19th century through the Palestine Mandate, the evolution of Arab and Jewish nationalism and the creation of Israel to the present day.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: JWST 3650
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) International Affairs (IAFS) majors only.
Recommended: Prerequisite HIST 1308 or HIST 1828 or JWST 1828.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Core Curr: Historical Context
Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities
Departmental Category: Asia Content

IAFS 3670 (3) Cities of the Global South
Examines the geographies, processes, structural forces and everyday forms of urban life that are at the core of rapid urban transformation in the global South. Through using interdisciplinary scholarship, empirical case studies and key theoretical work, the course covers themes such as migration and urbanization, informality and governance, infrastructures of everyday life and urban environmental politics.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: GEOG 3622

IAFS 3681 (3) Refugees in German Culture
Introduces the diversity of refugee migration in German culture through artistic and cultural "texts," including those created by or in collaboration with refugees (film, comic journalism, literature, blogs, hashtag campaigns, music, etc). These texts are discussed in relationship to theories of racism, precarity, and biopolitics together and contextualized by work from other disciplines. This interdisciplinary course is methodologically informed by the theory and practice of cultural studies. Taught in English.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: GRMN 3681, JWST 3681 and AHUM 3681
Recommended: for students with sophomore standing or higher.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Arts Humanities

IAFS 3850 (3) International Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding
Provides an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of international conflict resolution and peacebuilding. Provides tools for analyzing and intervening in contemporary manifestations of violent social conflict. Argues for an approach to international affairs rooted in more nuanced understandings of the nature of violent conflict and its dynamics. Bases the quest to build sustainable peace not on military supremacy or coercive diplomacy, but rather the ability of states and peoples to work collaboratively to develop mutually beneficial solutions aimed at the satisfaction of basic needs, collective security, political representation, and respect for human dignity. Explores how international conflicts are mitigated, contained, and resolved through processes such as DDR (disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration), citizen diplomacy, and reconciliation.
Equivalent - Duplicate Degree Credit Not Granted: PACS 3850
Recommended: Prerequisite PACS 2500.
Grading Basis: Letter Grade
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Diversity-Global Perspective

IAFS 4500 (3) The Post-Cold War World
Capstone course for international affairs majors. Examines the ways in which the end of the Cold War, the collapse of failed states, and the rise of global terrorism changed the world. Studies how peoples, governments and nongovernmental organizations face new social, political, economic and security challenges in an era of globalization. Includes discussion, oral reports, critical book reviews, and research papers.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 87-180 credits (Senior) International Affairs (IAFS) majors only.
Additional Information: Arts Sci Gen Ed: Distribution-Social Sciences

IAFS 4800 (3) Honors Seminar in International Affairs
Directed research course tailored to the particular research interests of the students enrolled. Devoted to research methodology and the development of students' research. Department enforced prerequisite: overall 3.30 GPA and IAFS 3.40 GPA.
Additional Information: Arts Sciences Honors Course

IAFS 4810 (3) Honors in International Affairs
Continuation of IAFS 4800. Students complete original research begun in the fall and write, defend their honors thesis and meet regularly with the instructor.
Requisites: Requires prerequisite course of IAFS 4800 (minimum grade C-).
Additional Information: Arts Sciences Honors Course

IAFS 4900 (1-6) Independent Study in International Affairs
Provides an opportunity to earn academic credit for learning outside the formal class structure. Students interested in doing in-depth research propose a research project to a faculty sponsor and then work closely with that person to produce a piece of original research. Department enforced prerequisite: restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Juniors or Seniors), GPA of 3.00 or better, grade of C or better in all lower-division courses, and at least 6 upper-division courses.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.0 total credit hours.

IAFS 4930 (3-6) Internship in International Affairs
Working individually under the guidance of a public or private organization, students are assigned to projects selected for their academic suitability. Written assignments occur throughout the semester.
Repeatable: Repeatable for up to 6.0 total credit hours. Allows multiple enrollment in term.
Requisites: Restricted to students with 57-180 credits (Junior or Senior) International Affairs (IAFS) majors only.