

INTL 501-01 Contemporary Issues in International Affairs

(Level: Graduate)

ONLY OFFERED SPRING SEMESTER

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3 credits

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a broad introduction to the key theories, concepts, and issues in international affairs. It begins with a history of international organizations and then uses historical foundations to understand contemporary events and issues, including: gender and global issues, migration and the African Diaspora, European and Middle Eastern relations, conflict and cooperation, strategy of arms control, weapons of mass destruction, and **terrorism**.

This course counts for the International Relations certificate program

Prerequisites or Corequisites

- Students should have completed their disciplinary coursework.

Course Goals

1. Develop a concrete knowledge of international topics, with particular emphasis on their economic, geographic, historical, political, and sociological components
2. Understand the nature of international affairs, fostering, where possible, an emphasis on the relationship between international issues and issues of gender

Course Objectives

1. Students will acquire the knowledge and disciplinary methods required for critical assessment of global events, processes, trends and issues
2. Students will have the opportunity to exercise leadership and collaborative skills in and beyond the classroom
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4. Students will communicate effectively in written and oral presentations

Instructional Methods

1. Reviewing relevant literature
2. Peer discussions and learning
3. Computer facilitated instruction
4. Project-based learning

TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES

Required

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. A Laptop/Mobile Computing Device (e.g. iPad, Smartphone, etc.)
2. Internet Access at Home/Outside of class
3. Blackboard Account
4. Active Email Account
5. Microsoft Office (i.e. Word, PowerPoint)

Computation of Final Course Grade

Classroom Discussion.....	10%
Online Assignments.....	20%
Individual Project.....	30%
Group Project.....	30%
Attendance	10%

Academic Integrity

As part of Howard's community of scholars, you are expected to hold the pursuit of learning and the search for truth in the highest regard while displaying unquestionable integrity and honesty. There is no place for academic dishonesty, regardless of any seeming advantage or gain that may accrue from such dishonesty. Students will be disciplined for any intentional act(s) of dishonesty in the fulfillment of academic course or program requirements and for intentionally representing as one's own, any ideas, writings and works of another without acknowledging that author.

OTHER COURSE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

American Disabilities Act (ADA)

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Date	Lecture Topic	Readings
	Part One	
1/10	Introduction	
1/15	A History of International Organizations	
1/17	A History of International Organizations	
1/22	Global Governance	
1/24	Globalization and Economic Impact	
1/29	Globalization and its impact on culture preservation	
1/31	Globalization and Cultural Conflict	
	Gender and Global Issues	
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	Group 1 Presentation	
	Part Two	
2/5	Developing Countries in World Politics I	
	Migration and the African Diaspora I (Caribbean)	
2/7	Migration and the African Diaspora II Latin America	
2/12	Politics and Democracy in Car	
2/14	Politics and Democracy in Latin America	
2/19	Africa in International Affairs(including Spanish Africa)	
2/21	Relationship of the Middle East and North Africa	
2/26	Relationship of the Middle East and North Africa	
2/28	Group 2 Presentation	
	Part Three	
2/27	European International Relations	
3/1	European International Relations	
3/6	Asia Pacific in World Affairs	
3/8	Asia Pacifica in World Affairs	
3/13	East Asia Security Issues	
3/15	East Asia Security Issues	
3/27	Group 3 Presentation	
	Part Four	
	Conflict and Cooperation	
	Strategy of Arms Control	
4/8	Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction	
4/10	World War II, Use of Weapons of Mass Destruction	
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4/24	Group IV Presentation	