

Frequently Offered Courses for Graduate Students

Note: All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated

DIPL 6000	<p>International Relations Theory Acquaints students with the key theoretical debates in international relations scholarship, and introduces students to the practice of diplomacy. Taken during the first semester of the program to strengthen writing and analytical skills.</p>
DIPL 6001	<p>Politics of Cultural and Ethnic Pluralism Surveys cultural diversity manifested in the concepts of ethnicity, national identity and nationalism. Includes study of political and sociological theory and case studies.</p>
DIPL 6002	<p>International Organizations Provides a historical and contemporary perspective on the role of intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations in drafting public policy at the regional and global levels.</p>
DIPL 6004	<p>Peacemaking and Peacekeeping Examines theories and research concerning the nature and causes of conflict at both the domestic and international levels, as well as methods for avoiding, managing or resolving such conflicts. This course may be offered in traditional or online formats.</p>
DIPL 6005	<p>Public International Law Explores the nature and content of international law governing relations between states and relations between states and non-state actors. The first part of the course examines the building blocks of international law; the second part applies this framework to particular topics, such as the use of force, human rights and international environmental law.</p>
DIPL 6007	<p>U.N. Insiders' View Bridges the gap between students and practitioners by complementing an academic understanding of the United Nations with an appreciation of the day-to-day concerns and realities of the organization. Structured around a series of guest lectures offered by U.N. officials and representatives of governments, civil society, and the private sector on a broad range of issues of current concern to the United Nations.</p>
DIPL 6015	<p>Human Resources Management in International Organizations Provides a comprehensive review of human resources management policies and practices in international organizations. It is designed to develop both analytical and practical skills for dealing with complex personnel management issues in a multicultural and political environment.</p>
DIPL 6104	<p>Art and Science of International Negotiation International negotiations take place in the shadow of conflicts, crises and wars. Selected theories of international cooperation, as well as insights from other disciplines have contributed to our understanding of the dynamics of international negotiation. The course provides opportunities for simple and complex negotiation exercises as well as conceptual knowledge needed for analyzing real world cases.</p>

DIPL 6105	International Political Economy Fundamental concepts of international economics and global financial institutions as a basis for understanding the global political economy.
DIPL 6115	Cross Cultural Negotiation and Conflict Management The ability to negotiate and manage conflicts across cultures is no longer an optional skill set in the worlds of international business, diplomacy and advocacy. This course, built on cases, interactive exercises and theoretical frameworks, develops skills and knowledge for managing the most challenging political, organizational and interpersonal relationships.
DIPL 6118	Global Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Introduces the interdisciplinary field of conflict analysis and resolution. Investigates the dynamics of conflict transformation, post-conflict peace-building and reconciliation. Connects theory to practice through class discussions, research and case study, and simulation role play.
DIPL 6130	International Security International security is a critical component of statecraft and global politics with domestic and international constraints and characteristics. This course is built upon an interdisciplinary approach that combines history, theory and policy regarding the origins of conflict, the uses of force in politics, classic approaches to security, strategies and modes of security, and the emerging security environment.
DIPL 6140	International Human Rights This course introduces the basic philosophy and principles of human rights and examines the historical development and expansion of human rights norms. The course then focuses on the instruments, institutions, and enforcement of human rights from a multidisciplinary perspective, exploring the major international human rights regimes and treaties.
DIPL 6153	Comparative Political Economy of Development This course's provides and examines concepts and frameworks regarding comparative economic development of nations. The course introduces basic theories of macroeconomic growth and examines how institutions structure political, social, and economic incentives. The course also investigates how different rules and conventions in societies can result in differences in incentives, and how those differences shape human interactions.
DIPL 6155	Advanced Economic Aspects of International Relations This course will familiarize students with the essential concepts required to understand the economic issues associated with globalization. In particular, we will address a set of topics including why and how nations trade, how governments regulate international trade, regionalism and multilateralism, and the international financial architecture.
DIPL 6170	Advanced Topics in Economic Development for International Affairs This course is an in depth analysis of current aspects of development. We consider recent development dilemmas such as delivery of services for poor people, building institutions for markets, the role of knowledge in advancing economic and social well being, the role and effectiveness of the state in the changing world, and infrastructure and development. We analyze experiences of different countries in Latin America, Africa, East Asia, Eastern Europe, the Former Soviet Union, and the Middle East.
DIPL 6180	Comparative Foreign Policy Comparison among the attributes of various actors in international politics helps us understand the sources and outcomes of foreign policy-making. This course introduces students to the principal theories on the sources of foreign policy-making, ranging from the psychology and decision making of the individual policy maker, to the domestic and international constraints involved. Historical and

	current case studies are utilized by students to apply and test theories of policymaking. This course may be offered in traditional or online formats.
DIPL 6181	Statecraft: Designing Foreign Policy Examines the tools of statecraft available to foreign policymakers as they attempt to protect national values and attain desired objectives vis-a-vis other international actors. The course first reviews key analytical concepts that underpin the study of foreign policy-making, such as influence attempts, threats, promises, policy-contingency frameworks and costbenefit analysis. It then explores the conditions under which various policy instruments such as military power (ground combat, surgical air strikes, naval power, peacekeeping operations), economic statecraft (sanctions, trade, foreign aid) and public diplomacy are likely to achieve national goals.
DIPL 6201	UN Security Council Issues An in-depth study of the bureaucratic and political factors that shape the policy and process of this key UN institution. Lectures and class sessions will focus on specific topical issues of relevance to the Security Council.
DIPL 6202	Politics at the United Nations: Relevance and Reform This course will examine how the United Nations seeks to address the growing range of transnational problems that appear on its agenda. This increased demand for action comes at a time when the organization is being subjected to varying interpretations about its structure, role and potential in the international system. The course will explore what the UN does, how it works, and the challenges it faces while also considering the potential for United Nations reform in the name of greater effectiveness and legitimacy.
DIPL 6250	Conflict and Conflict Resolution in Plural Societies This course aims to present and discuss the major theoretical and empirical approaches to intra-state conflict and conflict resolution. It examines theories that attempt to explain causes and courses of violent ethnic conflicts and civil wars. It discusses the roles played by ethnicity, religion, culture and development in the generation, conduct, and resolution of social conflicts. It also investigates the dynamics of post-conflict peace-building and reconstruction in plural societies. It would ground students the basic concepts of conflict resolution and skills of diagnosing social conflict. This course may be offered in traditional or online formats.
DIPL 6251	Justice, Truth, and Reconciliation in Post-Conflict Societies This course focuses on the ongoing debate between truth and justice in post-conflict societies, and how to maintain balance of the two in order to pave the way for post-conflict state sustainability. The course interrogates rule of law, justice, and truth as they relate to both the victims and perpetrators of serious human rights violations, and examines the question of reconciliation in the aftermath of violence. Also, included in the course are the nature, scope of mandate, and procedures of truth and reconciliation commissions.
DIPL 6252	Institutions of Post-Conflict Governance This course seeks to answer two basic questions: 1) why have states failed and 2) what can be done to prevent failure and rebuild weak/failed states in the 21st century? To answer these questions, this course focuses on the integral role that institutions play in ensuring the day-to-day stability of nation-states. The course will explore the theory and practice of rebuilding institutions to strengthen states that have undergone failure, and assess strengths and shortcomings of varied interventions at the institutional level.
DIPL 6253	Civil Conflict and Development One of the central challenges in post-conflict reconstruction is rebuilding a viable economy. This course examines the economic after-effects of civil wars and how states and international organizations have responded to the challenge of rebuilding post-conflict economies. Students will appraise the possible tradeoffs that exist in forming a government that can protect property rights,

	reconstituting a viable economy, and promoting peace. In evaluating the role of international actors (through foreign aid and the role of the IMF and World Bank), our aim is to develop and propose more optimal policies that mitigate these tradeoffs. This course may be offered in traditional or online formats.
DIPL 6258	Memory and Conflict: Dealing with the Past Constructively Through a study abroad trip in different post-conflict contexts, such as the Basque country and the Balkans, this course examines how different actors and institutions address processes of dealing with the contentious past and how the politics of collective remembering impacts the dynamics of relationships among people on the ground. We will also examine various social practices and initiatives of counteracting the negative effects of divisive histories through education, justice, policy-making, art and commemoration.
DIPL 6276	Global Health Governance This course will examine the governance challenges of global health. It will address the following questions: What is the current institutional architecture of actors engaged in global health? How suitable are existing institutions for responding to the 21st century global health challenges? Which tools and mechanisms have succeeded or failed to “govern” trans-border health threats, and why? To what extent are the international relations theories relevant in accounting for the dynamics in global health governance? Where are the major governance gaps? By taking this course, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to identify major global health challenges, diagnose major governance gaps in the current system, evaluate a wide range of tools and mechanisms for shaping global governance processes, and examine, assess and design interventions for improved governance.
DIPL 6277	Global Health, Bioterrorism, and International Security This interdisciplinary course covers the issues of global health, biological weapons and international security. It has four main objectives: 1) to introduce students to the concept of health security; 2) to elucidate the linkages between health and security, with special attention paid to bioterrorism; 3) to examine the global health challenges and their conflict and security implications; and 4) to explore the policy options addressing such challenges.
DIPL 6310	Research Methods for Policy Analysis Facilitates development of the ability to design, execute and critique of research pertinent to policy development and management, at global, regional or national levels, including governmental, inter-governmental or non-governmental organizations.
DIPL 6311	Master’s Research Project Students develop, execute and present a research project as a culminating component of the master’s program, in consultation with a faculty mentor. Prerequisite: DIPL 6310.
DIPL 6312	Master’s Thesis Provides an opportunity for certain students to extend the research and writing performed in DIPL 6311 by completion of a formal master’s thesis. Registration requires approval from the graduate thesis adviser. The thesis and its defense must conform to standards established by the School of Diplomacy. <i>Prerequisite: DIPL 6311.</i>
DIPL 6405	Foreign Policy of Post-Soviet States Detailed analysis of the global role of states within the former Soviet sphere, both among themselves and in relation to the European Union, China and the United States.
DIPL 6500	The Modern Middle East: History, Challenges and Opportunities Commences with an overview of the historical events of the Middle East that are crucial to understanding the emergence of the modern period beginning in 1832, and concluding with current

	issues and opportunities.
DIPL 6501	Modern Middle East: U.S. Involvement This course examines U.S. involvement in the Middle East in the 20th Century, exploring how the U.S. has emerged as the principal foreign actor in the Middle East.
DIPL 6520	Politics of Terrorism in the Middle East This course takes an in-depth look at terrorism in its contemporary political incarnation. Areas covered include the connections between fundamentalism, religion and terrorism; the abilities of security services and intelligence organizations to effectively monitor and combat terrorism; use of the internet by extremist groups; cooperation between and among terrorist networks; and the drug trade, arms trafficking, and terrorism.
DIPL 6601	Sino-U.S. Relations Based on historical events and the latest developments of the bilateral relationship between the United States and China, this course will explore how the relationship between Washington and Beijing evolved in the past three centuries with the interactions between the U.S. and “new China” - the People’s Republic of China as the focus. Moreover, in probing the current affairs in the Sino-U.S. relationship, specific areas such as the Taiwan issue, security and economic cooperation, and human rights will be discussed.
DIPL 6611	International Relations in Southeast Asia Examines the Southeast Asian states as autonomous actors, the regionalization of Southeast Asian foreign policies, and the states’ and regions’ relations in the environment external to Southeast Asia.
DIPL 6622	China’s Foreign Relations This course analyzes the structures, processes, policies and politics of China’s interactions with the world.
DIPL 6704	Economic Development in Africa An analysis of the problems associated with economic development in Africa. It investigates trade patterns, trade regimes, and alternate development strategies.
DIPL 6710	African Union Seminar This course examines conflicts in Africa and the AU’s role in conflict resolution. Included in the study seminar are the nature and sources of conflicts in Africa; the structure and organization of the AU and its predecessor, the Organization of African Unity (OAU); agenda-setting at the AU; and the role the AU plays in conflict resolution, especially its relationship with the UN regarding peace operations in Africa. Through a study trip to the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), students will explore and interrogate the theories and practice of conflict resolution by international organizations, with particular reference to the AU.
DIPL 6717	Africa: Displacement and Conflict Provides an examination of the nexus of conflicts and forced population displacements in Africa, and thoroughly explores the dynamics of flight, the structure of settlements in exile, and the patterns and processes of repatriation.
DIPL 6801	U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean This seminar examines the major foreign policy doctrines applied by the United States in Latin America from the Monroe Doctrine through the Good Neighbor Policy and the Alliance for Progress until the present agendas combining the “War on Terror” and “Free Trade.” We will ask questions such as how US policy is shaped, why it has changed over time, which policies are most effective in securing mutually beneficial relationships, and what the options are with regard to key issues such as trade, immigration, drugs, and democracy promotion.

DIPL 6803	Politics and Society in Latin America and the Caribbean This seminar provides an overview of major approaches to the study of Latin American politics and society. It emphasizes both a historical perspective and an analysis of current trends and issues. Using various analytical lenses, including cultural, structural, institutional, and rational choice perspectives, the course focuses on the different kinds of political regimes and the patterns of political change that have characterized Latin America.
DIPL 6806	Political Economy of Latin America and the Caribbean This seminar provides an overview of major approaches to the study of political economy in Latin America, past and present development trends, and recent economic policy debates. The course examines the switch from import-substituting industrialization to export-led growth models, the effects of and reactions to the rise of neoliberal policies, and new reform efforts. Course readings balance theory and empirics, range across methodologies and academic disciplines, and provide contrasting normative perspectives.
DIPL 6997	Directed Research Provides the opportunity for selected students to pursue a research project under the direct supervision of a member of the faculty. Details of course content are arranged individually. Departmental permission required.
DIPL 6998, DIPL 6999	Independent Study and Independent Study 2 Students pursue a course of specialized reading and discussion supervised by a member of the faculty. Departmental Permission Required.
DIPL 7111, DIPL 7112	Internship I and II Provides students with educationally-related work and learning experiences that integrate knowledge and theory with practical application and skill development in a professional setting. Departmental permission required. These courses are offered on a (S)atisfactory/ (U)nsatisfactory basis.
DIPL 7115	The Washington Experience Study Tour: Actors, Institutions and the Policy Process This course introduces students to prominent Washington based actors and institutions that influence international policy. Washington, D.C. is not only the capital city of the United States, but also the headquarters of many major global institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. Through meetings with representatives of governments, international organizations, think-tanks, advocacy organizations and the press, students gain a firsthand understanding of the policy-process and apply that knowledge to current, economic, diplomatic, humanitarian, and security challenges.
DIPL 7116	The Washington Seminar on Global Policy Challenges This Washington, D.C. based seminar examines the causes, consequences and possible solutions to many of the global policy challenges of the 21st Century. Adopting a multidisciplinary approach, this course examines the economic, political, and social aspects of issues such as climate change, global health, post-conflict resolution, and economic development. Access to policy-makers provides students an opportunity to analyze these issues with leading experts.
DIPL 7411-7413 1 credit each semester	Journal Editorial Board Students serve on the editorial board of the Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations with the option to earn credit for this work.