

Frequently Offered Courses for Undergraduate Students

Note: All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated

DIPL 1711	<p>International Relations Analyzes the dynamics of the relations between and across the different countries of the world. Examines the role that countries, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, businesses, and individual people play in addressing pressing global problems such as peace, war, security, arms control, trade, development, human rights and the environment.</p>
DIPL 2101	<p>Ethnopolitical Landscapes of the Contemporary World Surveys political, economic, cultural and socio-demographic trends shaping the contemporary world and their impact on international, regional and global relations. Focuses on nationalism and ethnicity. Topics include: rise of nation states; impact of nationalism; nation-building and empire building; Western imperialism in the Third World; ethnicity and nationalism; ethnic relations in the U.S. and other parts of the world; and post-Cold War development.</p>
DIPL 2103	<p>History of Diplomacy Surveys the evolution of diplomacy from ancient civilizations to the present. Examines the actors and processes associated with classic diplomacy, and considers the new challenges facing diplomats as a result of recent changes in international affairs.</p>
DIPL 2109	<p>Institutions of Global Governance Examines the process through which states, intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and multinational corporations seek to address pressing problems of global governance. The challenges associated with international cooperation are explored, including the changing nature of sovereignty and the difficulties with promoting compliance. A variety of transsovereign issues are covered and the course concludes with a diplomatic simulation of a global issues conference.</p>
DIPL 2110	<p>Comparative Foreign Policy Explores the different processes through which countries design their foreign policy. A variety of countries are examined encompassing various regions of the world, levels of development, and types of political regimes. Of special concern is the manner in which both domestic and international pressures influence the foreign policy making process.</p>
DIPL 2112	<p>Cyprus-East Mediterranean Study This course will assess the economic, political and social impact of EU membership on Cyprus. Students will gain insights based on the perceptions of different actors, namely public sector, private sector, and civil society. After serious preparation, students will visit Cyprus and interact with the main players. Based on this visit, the class will prepare a report, for which every member will contribute.</p>
DIPL 2114	<p>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</p>

	(Ethiopia), students will explore and interrogate the theories and practice of conflict resolution by international organizations, with particular reference to the AU.
DIPL 2118	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 2120	International Conflict and Security Provides an overview of the classical issues in the study of war and peace, and examines the nature and functions of the use of force, macro- and micro-theories of conflict, arms races and control, nuclear proliferation, and deterrence. Recent developments in the management of weapons of mass destruction are also explored.
DIPL 3104	Public International Law Deals with the nature, history and domains of international law. Through case studies, this course provides understanding of the international legal system with regard to such basic goals as curbing resort to war, peaceful settlement of disputes, fostering peaceful use of the oceans, Antarctica and outer space, enhancing respect for human rights, preserving the environment and strengthening the capability of the United Nations and the U.N. system as a primary instrument of world order.
DIPL 3111	Practicum III: Internship 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 (P)ass/(F)ail basis.
DIPL 3115	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. Thorough 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 3116	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 3150	New Dimensions of Human Security This course transcends traditional interstate conflict by examining new security threats such as infectious diseases, environmental change, growth of human populations, energy security, and water and food scarcities. Special attention will be given to their effects on development, stability, and security.

DIPL 3201	Sustainable Development Explores the concept of sustainable development. Examines sustainability issues related to both industrial countries and developing countries, for example aging of populations, sustainable consumption, institutional adjustments, managing growth, and pressures of population change.
DIPL 3800	Investigating International Relations This course introduces the basic tools of scientific investigation. Students learn about the scientific method, data gathering, research design, quantitative and qualitative analyses, and computer applications for international relations research. The course aims to equip students with the facts, intuition, and experience necessary for conducting research projects in subsequent diplomacy courses.
DIPL 3851	Religion, Law and War This course will examine wars of religion and religious views of war. We are living through an era fraught with religious warfare – wars animated by religious conflict and wars that use religious abuse as weapons to demoralize and subdue the enemy. The course will focus on three major religious traditions (Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism) and set in dialogue their respective views of war, assess their contributions to the contemporary laws of war, and examine the particular historical episodes of religious conflict – as well as contrary episodes of religious toleration. This course will count as a Signature Three Core Course. <i>Prerequisite: CORE 2101.</i>
DIPL 3852	Catholic Peacemaking The Catholic Peacemaking course offers an introduction to the understanding and practice of Catholic peacemaking as experienced through the centuries. It focuses on Catholic contributions to a contemporary understanding of peace; the appreciation of the changing context in which this understanding has evolved, especially through the encounter with relevant Catholic Peacemakers; and the identification of peace as a relevant contemporary challenge that must be confronted by all. Each student will present on an historical case. This course will count as a Signature Three Core Course. <i>Prerequisite: CORE 2101.</i>
DIPL 4101	Research Project Culminating research project of the international relations program. Enables students to apply qualitative and quantitative methodologies as needed in the development of interdisciplinary research projects related to their own area studies. Course runs as a research seminar. Students work with a faculty mentor to write their research thesis. Limited to Diplomacy majors only.
DIPL 4104	Independent Study Students pursue a course of specialized reading and discussion supervised by a member of the faculty.
DIPL 4106	Human Rights Law and Policy Combines skill development in research, writing and oral communication with development of an understanding of the sources and nature of those rights of individuals and groups that are, or have been, identified as “Human Rights” under various international conventions, state constitutions and bills of rights, United Nations resolutions and other sources. Specific human rights violations in areas of health, nutrition, labor, the environment, educational systems, political torture and genocide are explored.
DIPL 4108	International Political Economy This course examines the interaction between politics and economics in the international system, i.e. how international economic activity is affected by the political decisions rendered by states and how states are in turn affected by the international financial and trading systems.
DIPL 4111	Senior Leadership Internship 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 (P)ass/(F)ail basis.

DIPL 4115	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 the skills and knowledge for managing the most challenging political, organizational and interpersonal relationships.
DIPL 4170	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 4183	Art and Science of International Negotiation States, NGOs and international organizations all negotiate with each other in the context of international conflicts. In this course, students practice and improve their negotiation skills in interactive exercises, learn theories and dynamics of conflict, and apply this knowledge to practical cases.
DIPL 4185	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 4193	Eastern European and Post-Soviet Politics Comprehensive introduction to the politics of the former Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, and post-Soviet Russia, including the development of the Soviet Union as a multi-national, planned economy empire and the causes of collapse. The course also explores the challenges faced by the states that emerged, with special attention to the economic and political problems of these states' transformations as affected by the different legacies of the Soviet period in each of the countries involved.
DIPL 4197	UN 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 UN officials and representatives of governments, civil society, and the private sector on a broad range of issues of current concern to the United Nations.
DIPL 4198	International Criminal Law Explores the historical, political and diplomatic evolution of international criminal law in this century, including war crimes, crimes against humanity and the International Criminal Court.
DIPL 4205	United Nations Field Seminar Students attend, at UN Headquarters, weekly briefings and conferences involving UN DPI-accredited NGOs and committees. Students supplement their academic appreciation of UN NGOs, explore the issues before these organizations, discover how issues are identified, and learn how issues are dealt with in a multicultural, multi-sectoral environment.
DIPL 4277	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 4555	Economic Aspects of International Relations Reviews the current economic issues generated by globalization by emphasizing facts as well as theories.
DIPL 4556	Financial Aspects of International Relations This course focuses on issues such as proposed changes in the international financial architecture, the single currency in Europe, the Asian financial crisis, and government intervention in the foreign exchange market.
DIPL 4717	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 4803	Politics and Society in Latin America and the Caribbean This course 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 5101	Diplomacy Honors Thesis Project This course is the capstone designed for Diplomacy Honors students. It helps students learn research, writing, and oral communications skills that they can apply to academic and professional pursuits. The course runs as a research seminar. Limited to Diplomacy Honors students. <i>Pre-requisite: HONS 2105.</i>