RINT 501  GLOBAL GOVERNANCE  B. Greenhill  
7274  TH  5:45PM - 9:25PM  HS 202  
This course examines the organization of world politics in the context of globalization and provides an overview of international organizations, such as the United Nations, and regional organizations, such as the European Union. The course reviews the historical evolution of the international system and the basic concepts of international relations. It then examines international cooperation beyond the confines of formal organizational structures with particular emphasis on international regimes, institutions and norms that govern state practices in particular issue areas—from trade and weapons proliferation to the environment and refugees. The course also examines transnational relations of non-state actors such as nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and multinational corporations as well as transgovernmental relations of sub-national governments and government agencies that shape policymaking at a global level.

RINT 502  ECONOMICS FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS  C. Murray  
8588  T  5:45PM – 9:25PM  MI 215  
This course will examine applied microeconomics and macro-economics in cross-national settings and introduces students to the principles, policies, and practices of international trade and finance that are fundamental for understanding international economic relations and the global economy. This course is designed for students without an economics background. Students who pass a microeconomics and macro-economics placement examination may take a more advanced economics class as a substitute. Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in RINT 503 Quantitative Approaches to International Affairs.

RINT 503  QUANTITATIVE APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  N. Siddiqui  
7057  M  5:45PM – 9:25PM  MI 215  
Introduction to the quantitative methods used by international affairs professionals for planning, policy analysis, and decision-making. The main goals of this course are to introduce students to introductory statistical techniques, including hypothesis testing, the fundamentals of research design, and the basics of Excel. Students will learn how to work with real-world data and to conduct their own analysis.

RINT 512/RPAD 568/RPOS 568  HUMAN RIGHTS  D. Guinn  
9595  W  5:45-9:24  HS 304  
This course examines the legal, political, and social dimensions of the modern human rights movement, its relationship to International Criminal Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Law as a whole and its implications for international affairs. It provides both an introduction to basic human rights philosophy, principles, instruments, and institutions, and an overview of several current issues and debates in the field. The course also seeks to analyze the ways in which allegations of human rights violations are dealt with and to expose some of the limitations in the architecture of the international system. Case studies will be used to illustrate contemporary debates regarding hierarchy among rights, conflicts between individual rights and societal priorities, human rights in single-party states, rights and transitions to democracy, amnesty for human rights violations, and the linkage between human rights and other national interests.

RINT 531  COMPARATIVE DIGITAL GOVERNMENT  M. Gasco Hernandez  
7885  ONLINE  
There has always been a connection between technology and context. From the first use of stone tools to the development of smartphones, technology has influenced context just as much as context has sparked advancements in technology. Digital government, widely conceptualized as the use of information technology in government, is not an exception. In this course, we will learn to think globally about information technology in public organizations, by developing comparative skills to make wise decisions about it. We will learn to understand the contextual and cultural differences in the conceptualization of digital government but, also, in the planning and implementation processes of digital government projects around the world and to analyze their similarities and differences.
This course explores the critical tasks associated with managing international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working primarily in the international development, humanitarian assistance and human rights domains. It will examine internal operational efficiency, strategic management, program performance, and sustainability of NGOs, and introduce a set of analytic and management tools. Features of NGO management are compared and contrasted with the public and private sectors and issues such as funding, scale of operations, accountability, local participation, comparative advantage, and effectiveness. It analyzes NGOs’ roles as project implementers, technical assistance providers, intermediaries, partners, and advocates.

This course addresses the causes and consequences of political violence, insurgency, and terrorism. Topics include: causes of civil war, electoral violence, social and psychological effects of violence, ethnic conflict, determinants of participation in violence. Case studies will be drawn from Asia, Africa, and South America.

The objectives of this module are threefold: to increase student insight into personal and professional development needs and heighten awareness of career opportunities; to provide a forum for the dissemination of information on employment trends; and, to refine resume writing, interviewing, and job search skills.