International Affairs Schedule Fall 2018

Core:

RINT 501 Global Governance  
Rey Koslowski  
Tuesday 5:45PM - 9:25PM  
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  
Charles Murray  
Thursday 5:45PM - 9:25PM  
This course provides an introduction to microeconomics and macroeconomics as well as 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 macroeconomics placement examination may take a more advanced economics course as a substitute. Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in RINT 503 Quantitative Approaches to International Affairs.

RINT 503 Quantitative Approaches to International Affairs  
Niloufer Siddiqui  
Monday 5:45PM - 9:25PM  
Introduction to computer-based tools for planning, policy analysis, and decision-making. Topics include evaluating the quality of data for decision making, database construction and information management, administrative and policy models in spreadsheets, project monitoring and evaluation, performance measurement. Emphasis is placed on summarizing information meaningfully for policy makers and different stakeholders.

Electives:

RINT 511 International Law  
David Guinn  
Monday 5:45PM - 9:25PM  
This course is an introduction to international public law in its political context. It examines the role of law in the functioning of the international system of states, including operation of international organizations and activities of non-state actors and individuals. It also includes an
examination of the theory, development, and practice of international law, the interplay between
law and politics, and the content and process of international legislation and authoritative
decisions. It will introduce students to the International Court of Justice, the international law
governing the use of force, the laws of war (international humanitarian law or the law of armed
conflict), and the development of international criminal courts.

RINT 513 Global Environment: Politics and Policy
Brian Greenhill
Thursday 5:45PM - 9:25PM
This course examines the theory and practice of international environmental politics to better
understand why the international community has been successful at solving some international
environmental problems but not others. It considers policies that aim to address transnational
issues such as climate change, ozone depletion, overfishing, deforestation, and species
extinction. Theoretical approaches applied to these problems will consider not only the central
role of states, but also the ways in which non-state actors, such as non-governmental
organizations, multinational corporations, and transnational networks of cities, are becoming
important players in managing these problems.

RINT 531 Comparative Digital Government
Mila Gascó
Note: will be taught as asynchronous (online) distance learning course
This course focuses on the ways that information strategies and management approaches affect
governmental functions, democratic processes, and public programs across different countries
and cultures. It draws from literature and case studies to understand cultural differences in the
conceptualization of digital government but, also, in the planning and implementation processes
of digital government projects around the world. It introduces students to the interaction of policy,
management, data, and technology in the design, operation, and evaluation of government
programs, citizen engagement, and public services taking into account the role of context and
culture. Prerequisites: The course content presumes that you are familiar with the principles,
structures, and processes of American government and administration and have some
understanding of public administration in other countries. Students who do not have the
prerequisites for this course are suggested to choose one of the following books (or a similar one)
to gain the needed background knowledge: 1) Shafritz, J. M., Russell, E. W., Borick, C. & Hyde,
readings. Amsterdam (The Netherlands): Elsevier.

RINT 533 Global Non-profit Management
Gina Volynsky
Tuesday 5:45PM - 9:25PM
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.
RINT 543 Political Violence, Insurgency and Terrorism
Victor Asal
Thursday 6:15PM - 10:05PM
This course examines the relationships among, and differences between the following activities in the international political system: political violence, insurgency, and terrorism. The course will include a consideration of the causes of these activities, their effects on national and international politics, and an evaluation of governmental responses to them.

RINT 584 / RPOS 584 American Foreign Policy Formulation & Implementation
Christopher Clary
Wed 5:45PM - 9:25PM
A study of the foreign policy making and diplomacy of the United States, the objectives and formulation of policy goals and procedures and the domestic constraints on U.S. statecraft.

RINT 599 Selected Topics: International Development in Conflict Zones
Niloufer Siddiqui
Tuesday and Thursday 10:15AM - 11:35AM
This course examines the emergence of foreign assistance and development aid as a tool of counterinsurgency and post-conflict reconciliation in a wide range of countries, including Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, and the Philippines. It begins with an overview of the politics of development aid, before focusing on its most recent manifestation as an overtly political instrument. This course will introduce students to research on the dynamics of violence in civil war settings, and examine the ways in which intervention by outside actors may affect local conflict. In short, this course will examine how aid and violence intersect. This course will also aim to equip students with an understanding of monitoring and evaluation approaches, including survey experiments, randomized control trials, natural experiments, and qualitative studies.