Fall 2017 - IR Course Offerings

IR 101-01 (3crs.) - Catholic Thought, the State, and Security in the Modern World – M W F- 9:00-9:50 - Sawicki, J.
The increasing tensions of the present security environment can have a strangling effect on the spirit and ethos of moral reason, and faith founded social institutions. The State needs to be secure and have its people secure. Doing so, however, may involve hard choices to do things it would not do ordinarily. How can a principled and faith founded people respond to these exigencies? This course introduces the student to the rich tradition of Roman Catholic thinking on the subject of war, peace, and State and the dignity of the individual. It will then open a conversation with some of the other approaches to contemporary problems, as well as assess responses to pressing security issues confronting the world.

IR 102-01 (1cr.) - Careers in IR - W- 3:00-3:50 - Sawicki, J.
This course is intended to introduce the new IR major to fundamental logistics of a career in International Relations generally and the IR program at Duquesne University specifically. It will cover professional and academic elements, review internship processes and outline study abroad options. Further it will provide a stepping stone to the IR advisement process, career options with the major and help students focus on setting and achieving career goals after graduation.

IR 103-01 (3crs.) – Elementary Arabic I for IR – T R- 10:50-12:05 – TBA
This is an introduction to the Arabic language. Emphasis will be given to appropriate lexicon for students of IR.

IR 200-01 (3 crs.) - Writing and Research in IR – T R- 9:25-10:40 – SPANGENBERG
Students will learn to do research and write papers related to IR issues.

IR 200-02 (3 crs.) - Writing and Research in IR - TR- 3:05-4:20 - SPANGENBERG
Students will learn to do research and write papers related to IR issues.

IR 201-01 (3 crs.) - Human Security in Sub-Saharan Africa – T R- 3:05-4:20 - Bob
Focusing on sub-Saharan Africa, the course examines human security issues including religious and ethnic conflict within states; genocide and mass slaughter; terrorism; food security; migration and human trafficking; development and aid; and democratization. Among countries considered in the course are some of Africa's largest and most important, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Uganda, and Zambia.

IR 206-55 (3 crs.) - Japanese Culture - Online - TBA
Broad overview of cultural and social topics including social aspects, ethics, and values of the Japanese society. (Taught in English).
IR 207-01 (3 crs.) - Arab Culture – M W F - 11:00-11:50 TBA
This course will engage students in the study of a variety of literary, linguistic, geographical, historical, social, religious, cultural and artistic aspects of the modern Arab world. Many course components are specifically intended to heighten students’ sensitivity to racial bias and sharpen awareness of multicultural issues. The course intends to increase tolerance and understanding by providing students with a realistic view of the cultural contours of the modern Arab world and the richness of the Arab cultural heritage. (Taught in English).

IR 208-01 (3 crs.) - Politics of Great Powers – T R - 10:50- 12:05 - Schulze, J.
An introduction to government, politics, culture, and economic policy in Europe and Japan.

IR 210-01 (3 crs.) - Introduction to International Security Studies – M W F - 1:00-1:50 - Sawicki, J.
This course seeks to establish the basic foundations of the use of force by States, legal and moral restrictions on its application and the fundamental foundations of strategic policy. It will examine how states have responded to their security challenges over the centuries as technology has transformed the strategic landscape by examining a series of State security case studies.

IR 216-61 (3 crs.) - Foundations of IR Theory - R - 6:00-8:40 - TBA
The goal of this course is to develop understanding of how contemporary international relations theory rests upon a long-standing historical conversation about the conditions for a just international order. Specific objectives include comprehending:
a) classical realism, idealism, imperialism and cosmopolitanism
b) Christian just war theory and cosmopolitanism
c) early modern realism, the rise of the state and international law
d) modern liberal nationalism and internationalism
e) modern cosmopolitanism and imperialism.

IR 245-01 (3 crs.) - International Relations –T R- 12:15-1:30- Haas, M.
A study of politics between states including sovereignty, balance of power, war, and economics.

IR 254-01 (3 crs.) - American Foreign Policy –T R- 1:40-2:55- Haas, M.
A study of American foreign policy since World War II.

IR 270-01 (3 crs.) - Latin America: Conquest to Independence – T R - 10:50- 12:05 - Dwyer, J.
A survey of Latin America from around 200 AD to the 1820s. The course begins with an in-depth look at the pre-Columbian Maya, Inca, and Aztec civilizations and their conquest by Spain. It then examines the socioeconomic, cultural, and political development of colonial Spanish and Portuguese society and the growing nationalistic tensions that led to the independence movement of the early 19th century.

IR 294-01 (3 crs.) - China Today –T R- 1:40-2:55- Li, J.
This course introduces students to China in the contemporary era. After the death of the Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong in 1976, China went through historic changes that led...
to the rise of China as the world’s second largest economy and the significant liberalization of the country. At the same time, China has been confronted with lingering problems and new challenges, including continued political authoritarianism, increasing economic disparity, social tension and cultural uncertainty, as well as issues of environmental sustainability. China’s national experience in the past few decades offers important lessons for the larger world as it struggles with modernization. Course suitable for students wishing to acquire a basic knowledge of China in recent times.

**IR 296-01 (3crs.) - Intelligence Operations – M W F- 9:00-9:50 - LeBeau, J.**

Intelligence existed as a profession long before intelligence organizations became instruments of power. The development of national intelligence agencies was - in some instances - crucial to a government retaining or increasing control; in other instances intelligence organizations were partly responsible for a government's collapse. This course examines the role of intelligence in national power, the Intelligence Cycle and basic principles of intelligence operations.

**IR 323W-01 (3crs.) - Spanish-American Culture – M W - 6:00-7:15 - TBA**

Selected readings and films that underscore literary, historical, artistic, political, and social developments in Spanish America from the pre-Columbian era to the present.

**IR 325W-01 (3 crs.) - Introduction to German Drama – M W- 3:00-4:15- Krause, E.**

Analysis of selected works and authors, including review of dramatic forms, techniques, and theories.

**IR 346-01 (3 crs.) - World War II – M W- 3:00-4:15- Mitcham, J.**

World War II was, simply put, “the largest single event in human history.” This course will examine its causes, course and consequences. While the military aspects of the conflict will be discussed in detail, the human factors, political realities and social effects will also be covered.

**IR 349-01 (1 cr.) - United Nations I – M W - 4:25-5:40 - TBA**

Examines the processes and policies of the United Nations through classroom lecture and experiential (lab) activities. A strong focus will be placed on reinforcing professional skills such as research, negotiation, and public speaking. The required lab portion of this course will consist of student participation in all parts of local and/or national Model United Nations conferences, amounting to at least 12 hours of this lab/activity outside the classroom. Permission of instructor required.

**IR 350-01 (1 cr.) - United Nations II – M W - 4:25-5:40 – TBA**

Examines the processes and policies of the United Nations through classroom lecture and experiential (lab) activities. A strong focus will be placed on reinforcing professional skills such as research, negotiation, and public speaking. The required lab portion of this course will consist of student participation in all parts of local and/or national Model United Nations conferences, amounting to at least 12 hours of this lab/activity outside the classroom. Permission of instructor required.

**IR 385-01 (3 crs.) - International Law & Organization –T R - 4:30-5:45 - Bob, C.**

Examines the historical development and present role played by international law and organizations.
IR 393-61 (3 crs.) - Political and Economic Geography – M - 6:00-8:40- Spangenberg, G.
What is political and economic geography? Political and economic geography is a discipline which studies the world (its continents, oceans, nation-states, natural resources, climatic/environmental conditions, et al), as it is understood and controlled by its inhabitants. This discipline invites us to think critically about our conceptualization of the world, past, present and future through the lenses of political and economic power.

IR 403W-61 (3 crs.) - Italian Cinema - M- 6:00-8:40- Lucente, C.

IR 404-61 (3crs.) – Introduction to Information Security – M – 6:00-8:40 – TBA
This course will cover fundamentals of the Internet, a survey of foundational cyber-security concepts, and managerial and policy topics. The course is geared to help students have sufficient technical awareness and managerial competence that will enable them to pursue advanced study in cyber security. There is no prerequisite for this course but successful students will have fundamental knowledge of information and computer systems as well as a general awareness of security issues in these systems.

IR 407-61 (3 crs.) - Terrorism – W - 6:00-8:40- Sawicki, J.
How does an open society counter an organization opposed to democratic freedoms, yet modeled on a Fortune 500 company and exploiting all the assets of an open society? In a globalized environment borders have become largely fluid and social groupings segue into each other with often explosive results. The impetus for terrorist acts is growing; identify the main causes of terrorism as a military, social, economic, and constructivist phenomena. It will survey the function and utility of terrorism as a path for groups or states which employ it and review responses which are available to the Open Society and the international system.

IR 410W-01 (3 crs.) - Survey of Spanish Literature II - MWF- 1:00-1:50- TBA
Survey of works representative of the major literary movements in Spain from the 18th through the 21st centuries.

IR 423W-01 (3 crs.) - Comparative Intelligence Agencies - MWF- 2:00-2:50- LeBeau
An examination of the development, structure and usage of intelligence agencies with particular emphasis on how such functions impact upon national policy makers and the policy making process. The primary focus of the course centers on a study of the CIA, British M16 and Russian KGB/FSB.

IR 437-01 - (3 crs.) Intelligence Research - MWF - 11:00-11:50- LeBeau, J.
This course will focus on the tenure of Stansfield Turner as Director of Central Intelligence, 1977-1981. Turner’s directorship was his first position in the U.S. Intelligence Community; he had previously served as an Admiral in the Navy. The course will use Turner’s book Secrecy and Democracy as a guide and will explore the dilemmas of reforming an intelligence institution as well as contrast Turner’s effort with the (considerably later) 2004 Intelligence Reform Act.
IR 467W-01 - (3 crs.) **Advanced Spanish Grammar - MWF- 11:00-11:50 - TBA**
Study of the finer points of Spanish grammar with emphasis on idiomatic uses of the language and the subtle differences in meaning in the use of specific elements of grammar.

IR 491-01 - (1-3 crs.) **Internship** – Permission of IR directors required.

IR 493W-01 - (1-6 crs.) **Directed Readings**
An opportunity for selected students to engage in independent study and research.

IR 496-01 - (3 crs.) **Special Topics** - Permission of IR directors required.

IR 901-91 - **Villa Nazareth** - Permission of IR directors required.