IAF—INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

IAF U100 International Affairs at Northeastern 1 SH
Introduces first-year international affairs students to the majors, the departments servicing IAF, and the university as a whole; familiarizes students with the skills needed for success as a university student.

IAF U101 Globalization and International Affairs 4 SH
Offers an interdisciplinary approach to analyzing global/international affairs. Examines the politics, economics, culture, and history of current international issues through lectures, guest lectures, film, case studies, and readings across the disciplines. Coreq. IAF U102.

IAF U102 Recitation for IAF U101 0 SH
Provides small-group discussion format to cover material in IAF U101. Coreq. IAF U101.

IAF U160 Middle East Studies 4 SH
Concentrates on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries of the “Middle East” (Arab World, Israel, Turkey, and Iran), the links with southwest Asia (Pakistan, Afghanistan), and U.S. engagement with the Middle East. This course seeks to provide students with effective interdisciplinary analytical skills as well as historical, political, ethical, social, cultural, religious, and economic perspectives on the Middle East. Same as HST U160.

IAF U400 International Conflict and Negotiation 4 SH
Offers an interdisciplinary approach to analyzing international conflict and negotiations: how conflicts evolve, are managed, and/or resolved. In dealing with different types of regional and international conflicts, students focus on historical, ethnic, religious, geographic, and political aspects of a variety of conflicts and the consequences these conflicts hold for regional and international actors. Prereq. IAF U101 and POL U160.

IAF U404 International Food Economics and Policy 4 SH
Covers basic concepts in economic and political dimensions of food production, consumption, and trade, with particular emphasis on the global food system. Topics include market and consumption analysis, the agriculture and food industries, types of food policy and other political instruments related to food, and how these affect consumer food choices, environment, diet, nutrition, and health. Discusses and analyzes factors driving the rapid evolution of the way food is produced, processed, distributed, and consumed, and its implications, in the context of the global food environment. Reviews current empirical evidence on the world food situation and discusses issues such as hunger, food security, obesity, and food safety. Prereq. ECN U116.

IAF U460 Transnational Activism in Global Civil Society 4 SH
Examines transnational advocacy and activism from both theoretical and practical aspects. Offers students an opportunity to explore the growing literature of transnational activism with a focus upon the impact of such movements upon global and local civil society and issues of democratization. Also includes a training component in grassroots organization and NGO development. Offers students an opportunity to research local and global problems and organize a community development project over the course of the semester to address these issues. Prereq. IAF U101.

IAF U565 Morocco: History, Cultures, and Economic Development in the Mediterranean Basin 4 SH
Offers the opportunity to (1) better understand the origins and contemporary practice of Islam; (2) investigate the dynamics of Morocco as a multicultural society: Arab, Berber, African, and European; (3) explore the unique aspects of the major historical eras in Morocco: Islamic, French Imperialist, postcolonial; (4) consider the complex relationship between local economy and global economic trends; (5) identify the promises and problems involved in modernization in the postcolonial African/Islamic/Arab world(s); and (6) consider the dilemmas facing women as Morocco confronts the twenty-first century. Optional travel to Morocco by permission of instructor. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U700 Senior Capstone Seminar in International Affairs 4 SH
Offers a capstone course for IAF majors after returning from international experience (study abroad, co-op experience, or internship). Develops one or two main topics to be investigated as a senior research seminar. Topics vary each year and may include emerging economies, international relations, global drug trade, global fight against terrorism, world trade, and other issues of globalization. Prereq. Senior standing and international experience.

IAF U900 Special Topics 1 SH
Covers selected topics in current events in global affairs and international studies. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U904 Special Topics 4 SH
Covers selected topics in current events in global affairs and international studies. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U921 Directed Study 1 SH
IAF U922 Directed Study 2 SH
IAF U923 Directed Study 3 SH
IAF U924 Directed Study 4 SH
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. Prereq. Permission of instructor.
IAF U937 Dialogue of Civilizations: Science and Technology  4 SH
Engages students with the culture, civilization, and people of the countries studied and visited. The course provides students with an in-depth and on-site experience, learning science and technology in the country of study. Students connect with their peers in each country/society and gain a “global experience” that enhances their academic studies on campus in Boston. The experience culminates in an independent research project conducted by the students before, during, and after their time in-country. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U938 Dialogue of Civilizations: Globalization  4 SH
Engages students with the culture, civilization, and people of the countries studied and visited. The course provides students with an in-depth and on-site experience, learning the politics, sociology, journalism, human services, law, public policy, and/or economics and business in the country of study. Students connect with their peers in each country/society and gain a “global experience” that enhances their academic studies on campus in Boston. The experience culminates in an independent research project conducted by the students before, during, and after their time in-country. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U939 Dialogue of Civilizations: Globalization, Humanities, and Cultural Studies  4 SH
Engages students with the culture, civilization, and people of the countries studied and visited. The course provides students with an in-depth and on-site experience, learning the history, anthropology, philosophy, culture, music, arts, literature, theatre, and/or cinema in the country of study. Students connect with their peers in each country/society and gain a “global experience” that enhances their academic studies on campus in Boston. The experience culminates in an independent research project conducted by the students before, during, and after their time in-country. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U941 Global Corps Practicum  4 SH
Provides students with the opportunity to participate in an intensive practicum on global civil society in an international setting. Covers the essentials of global citizenship and how to form a nongovernment organization to respond to local and global problems. Offers students an opportunity to work and live with international students in host country. Prereq. African course in any discipline and permission of instructor.

IAF U951 Experiential Education Directed Study  1 SH
IAF U952 Experiential Education Directed Study  2 SH
IAF U953 Experiential Education Directed Study  3 SH
IAF U954 Experiential Education Directed Study  4 SH
Draws upon the student’s approved experiential activity and integrates it with study in the academic major. Restricted to those students who are using it to fulfill their experiential education requirement. Prereq. Permission of instructor.

IAF U970 Junior/Senior Honors Project 1  4 SH
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. Culminating experience in the University Honors Program. Combined with Junior/Senior Project 2 or college-defined equivalent for 8-credit honors project. Prereq. Honors program participation.

IAF U971 Junior/Senior Honors Project 2  4 SH
Focuses on second semester of in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. Culminating experience in the University Honors Program. Prereq. IAF U970 and honors program participation.