

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (IAF)

IAF 710. Global Systems and Challenges. (3 h)

This course explores the political, economic, technological, and security systems that shape today's world order. Students study how governments, firms, international organizations, and civil society use trade, finance, and emerging tech as tools of power, and how issues such as great-power rivalry, global health, climate, and global logistics resilience create shared risks. Emphasis is placed on identifying and managing geopolitical and economic threats while safeguarding human rights and business interests.

IAF 712. International Governance, Trade, and Law. (3 h)

Study the legal and institutional frameworks that govern international cooperation, trade, and regulation. Emphasis is placed on international agreements that embed trade, investment, and human rights obligations, and on how multilateral and regional bodies monitor compliance and settle disputes—often with limited coercive power.

IAF 714. Global Political Economy and Development. (3 h)

Examine the interplay of politics and economics in shaping development strategies worldwide. Students assess the influence of global markets, development finance, trade policy, data trends, and international institutions on sustainable growth.

IAF 720. Global Analytics and Emerging Technologies. (3 h)

This course equips students to analyze and visualize international data to inform global decision-making. Students explore how emerging technologies—including AI, predictive analytics, and data visualization—shape international policy, economic development, business strategy, security, and diplomacy. Through applied projects, students transform complex global datasets into actionable insights and develop professional dashboards, visualizations, and briefing materials for decision-makers.

IAF 722. Ethical Leadership and Strategic Policy in Global Markets. (3 h)

This course cultivates ethical leadership and principled decision-making in the context of global markets and international policy. Students examine how strategic policy decisions, international regulations, and cross-cultural dynamics influence global business and economic development. Emphasizing character, integrity, and responsible leadership, the course prepares students to engage diverse stakeholders, navigate complex geopolitical landscapes, and lead with purpose. Through applied projects, students practice aligning organizational objectives with global responsibility, sustainability, and ethical impact.

IAF 750. Global Health Systems and Policy. (3 h)

This course explores how health systems operate and are governed across the globe, focusing on the policies, international frameworks, and cross-sector strategies that drive public health outcomes. Students will examine how global organizations, governments, and NGOs coordinate responses to health challenges such as epidemics, health inequities, and system sustainability. Special attention is given to digital health integration, cross-border health initiatives, and evidence-based decision-making that strengthens health systems worldwide.

IAF 751. Global Immersion. (3 h)

This short-term study abroad course provides an immersive experience for students to examine international affairs in practice. Through pre-departure preparation, on-site visits with government, business, and nonprofit organizations, and post-immersion reflection, students gain firsthand insight into how political, economic, and cultural dynamics shape policy, governance, and organizational strategy in a global context.

IAF 799. International Affairs Capstone. (3 h)

This culminating experience provides students the opportunity to integrate and apply their learning in international affairs through a substantial applied or research-based project. Students investigate a complex global issue using multidisciplinary frameworks and data-driven insights, develop strategic and actionable solutions for international policy, diplomacy, or global business, and apply ethical leadership in cross-cultural contexts. Deliverables may include a policy report, strategic plan, applied research project, or data-driven briefing with a professional presentation to stakeholders.