INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (INTR)

See Course Description Symbols and Terms (https://catalog.csuchico.edu/academic-standards-policies/course-description-symbols-terms/) for an explanation of course description terminology and symbols, the course numbering system, and course credit units.

INTR 102 Politics of the Developing World 3 Units GC, GE
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
The political dynamics of selected developing countries. Major emphasis will be on problems of poverty, colonialism, comparative political structures and behavior, imperialism, and international relations. The course will also focus on tensions in the political culture between traditional and non-traditional values in contemporary developing societies. 3 hours lecture. (007468)
General Education: Social Sciences (D)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division; Global Cultures

INTR 141 Introduction to International Relations 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
Introduces students to concepts and theories in International Relations, with an emphasis on contemporary issues. This is a prerequisite for upper-division International Relations courses. 3 hours lecture. (021819)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division

INTR 142 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course introduces students to concepts and theories in Comparative Politics, as well as the politics of the different regions of the world. This course is a prerequisite for upper-division comparative politics courses. 3 hours lecture. (021810)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Lower Division

INTR 340A Model United Nations 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only
Introduction to the United Nations, its procedures and current issues on its agenda to prepare delegates to participate in the a Model United Nations Conference held during the fall semester. 3 hours lecture. (007498)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 340B Model United Nations 3 Units
Prerequisite: INTR 340A.
Typically Offered: Spring only
Individual and group research on an assigned country and its U.N. policy positions plus mock session activities to prepare delegates to represent that country at the National Model United Nations Conference held in New York City during the spring semester. Either attendance at the New York City conference or a 15-page research paper on a U.N. agenda topic is required. 3 hours lecture. (007499)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 340C Model United Nations Leadership 1-12 Units
Prerequisite: INTR 340A, INTR 340B.
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course directs students through the process of being an officer in the Model United Nations (MUN) program. As an officer, students have the opportunity to take on significant responsibilities in the management and mentoring process of the MUN program. Must have successfully completed at least two semesters of Model United Nations courses previously and have received both the recommendation of peers within the program and the faculty advisor’s permission. Enrollment in this course is required for both the fall and spring semesters. In addition, each officer will have responsibilities over winter break intersession. Must participate in MUN conferences in both the fall and spring semester. 1 hour seminar. (021165)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 12 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 344 U.S. Foreign Policy 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Course analyzes post-World War II American foreign policy. It examines the origins and development of the cold war, with attention to nuclear capabilities, the growth of national security bureaucracy, and the impact on American society. Special attention is given to the decision-making process as well as to theories of personality, organizational behavior, and the political process as these affect the cold war basis of American foreign policy. 3 hours lecture. (007503)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 345 War, Conflict, and Security 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only
The objective of this course is to further the student’s understanding of the causes and nature of both international war and within state conflicts. The course covers the different typologies war and strategies of waging war, as well as, the evolution of arms/weapons. The final part of the course focuses on the causes and consequence of the civil conflict and the nature of intrastate organized violence. We also discuss the rationale for international bodies and individual nation’s attempts to intervene and prevent wars. 3 hours lecture. (021830)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
INTR 346 International Organizations and NGO's 3 Units
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course explores modern political phenomenon of how states and
groups use international organizations (IOs) and non-governmental
organizations (NGOs) to address pressing international problems. After
reviewing the theoretical basis for cooperation, the course examines IOs
and NGOs in their any forms (e.g. the United Nations, OPEC, Common
Markets, the IMF, the World Bank, multinational corporations, Amnesty
International and Greenpeace). Students learn the details of these
different IOs and NGOs function as the basis for a discussion of two
fundamental questions of international relations: Whether or not
countries and/or groups can cooperate to solve international problems?
And, if so, how? 3 hours lecture. (007561)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 347 Comparative Political Behavior 3 Units
Typically Offered: Fall only
This course introduces students to the study of mass political behavior.
The course examines how well theories if voting, partisanship, protest,
and public opinion travel to other parts of the world. Students are also
introduced to the forms of political participation in contexts dissimilar
from our own, such as authoritarian regimes. 3 hours lecture. (021813)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 391E Simulation in Political Science: International Relations 1 Unit
Typically Offered: Fall and spring
This course is a simulation on selected topics in international relations. 3
hours independent study. (007512)
Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 410 International Law 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course explores the international laws that govern the behavior
of nation-states. Students in this course learn a variety of skills,
including how to brief cases, analyze the strengths and weaknesses
of the international legal system, and conduct original research on
an international legal topic of their choosing. Though this course
covers the broad system of how international laws are made as well
as the normative content of those laws, special attention is given to
how the United States engages with the international law. 3 hours
lecture. (021827)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 411 Political Economy 3 Units
Prerequisite: INTR 141.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
Examines the intersection of the market and the polis, including the
emergence of capitalism and international trade. The first part of the
course focuses on the evolution of market-oriented societies by surveying
classical readings in political economy including Hegel, Kojeve, Locke,
Ricardo, Marx, and Polanyi. The second part examines the complex
dynamics between the state and the economy with an emphasis on
contemporary challenges (e.g., the politics of fiscal and monetary policy,
economic integration, international trade and finance, human rights and
labour issues, poverty, and inequality). 3 hours lecture. (021828)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 412 Comparative Political Institutions 3 Units
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course introduces students to the variety of institutional
arrangements found outside of the United States. The course covers
both authoritarian and democratic institutions, but focuses primarily
on the latter. Specifically, the course covers executive and electoral
arrangements, as well as federal v. unitary systems. At the culmination of
the course, students are able to assess advantages and disadvantages of
each institutional arrangement. 3 hours lecture. (021803)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 414 Politics of Terrorism 3 Units
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
A multi-dimensional and cross-disciplinary study of the historical and
contemporary phenomenon of terrorism and counterterrorist policy.
Focus is on terrorism as different from war, the sources and practitioners
of terrorism, and the multiple rationales for its use. Study will include
both domestic and international terrorism, private and state as well as
national and international counterterrorist policy. Particular attention on
the threat of terrorism to liberal democracy and development of liberal
democratic counterterrorist policy. 3 hours lecture. (007579)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 441W Capstone in Comparative Politics and International Relations (W) 3 Units W
Prerequisite: INTR 141, INTR 142.
Typically Offered: Spring only
This course is a culminating experience in the International Relations
Program. Students use the skills and knowledge acquired in previous IR
courses to conduct a semester long research project relating to either
sub-field. 3 hours lecture. (007559)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division; Writing Course

INTR 443 Politics of Europe 3 Units
Prerequisite: Recommended: INTR 141, INTR 142.
Typically Offered: Inquire at department
This course introduces students to the Politics of European countries,
as well as the Politics of the European union. Covers both comparative
politics and international relations. 3 hours lecture. (007539)
Grade Basis: Graded
Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units
Course Attributes: Upper Division
INTR 444 Politics of Asia 3 Units

Typically Offered: Inquire at department

This is a comparative politics course, introducing students to the Politics of Asia. The course covers seminal topics in comparative politics, such as regime type, democratization, models of development, political institutions, and political behavior, using selected Asian cases to illustrate the concepts. The course draws upon cases from across Asia, including the People's Republic of China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, India, and Pakistan. 3 hours lecture. (021812)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 446 Politics of the Middle East 3 Units

Typically Offered: Inquire at department

Analyzes the foreign policies of the Middle Eastern nations. Emphasizes Arab-Israeli and inter-Arab dynamics, the impacts of Muslim culture, sectarian strife, and the roles of external forces, including the superpowers. 3 hours lecture. (007565)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 447 Politics of Africa 3 Units

Typically Offered: Inquire at department

This is a comparative politics course, introducing students to the history and politics of Africa. Specifically, the course examines historical foundations, political and economic development, regime type and transition, ethnicity, and violence, using African cases as illustrations. 3 hours lecture. (021829)

Cross listing(s): AFRI 447, HIST 447

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 3 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 449 Issues in Comparative Politics and International Relations 3 Units

Typically Offered: Inquire at department

This course focuses on selected issues in comparative politics and international relations. The topics rotate, depending upon student demand and instructor interests. 3 hours seminar. (007576)

Grade Basis: Graded

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 6 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division

INTR 489B Internship in International Relations 1-3 Units

Prerequisite: INTR 141 (may be taken concurrently).

Typically Offered: Spring, summer, fall

This course involves an internship in selected government agencies or with an elected official, political party organization, interest group, or media outlet that is concerned with international organizations, non-governmental organizations, or domestic agencies concerned with international issues, foreign policy, or governmental action. No more than 3 units may be counted toward the major or minor. 0 hours independent study. (021293)

Grade Basis: Credit/No Credit

Repeatability: You may take this course for a maximum of 15 units

Course Attributes: Upper Division