INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (IAFF)

Explanation of Course Numbers

- Courses in the 1000s are primarily introductory undergraduate courses
- Those in the 2000–4000s are upper-division undergraduate courses that can also be taken for graduate credit with permission and additional work
- Those in the 6000s and 8000s are for master's, doctoral, and professional-level students
- The 6000s are open to advanced undergraduate students with approval of the instructor and the dean or advising office

IAFF 1005. Introduction to International Affairs: A Washington Perspective. 4 Credits.
Open only to first-year students in the Elliott School. An introduction to the study of international affairs, integrating material designed to orient students to the Elliott School, the University, and the city of Washington. Students who have transferred into the Elliott School should take PSC 1003 instead of this course. Credit may not be earned for both IAFF 1005 and PSC 1003.

IAFF 2040. Basic Topics in International Affairs. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes. May be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Primarily for Elliott School freshmen and sophomores.

IAFF 2090. Latin America: Problems and Promise. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary course in Latin American studies designed to introduce undergraduates to the diverse, rich, and complex history, politics, economy, culture, and society of Latin America.

IAFF 2091. East Asia-Past and Present. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary course offering a comprehensive and integrated introduction to the civilizations and present problems of East Asia.

IAFF 2092. Russia and Eastern Europe: An Introduction. 3 Credits.
A multidisciplinary introduction to the lands and cultures of the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe. The main emphasis is on history and politics, with attention also given to economics, trade, geography, military matters, literature, and the media.

IAFF 2093. Africa: Problems and Prospects. 3 Credits.
Aspects of the environment, culture, and politics as they affect the present and anticipated future of Africa.

IAFF 2094. Europe: International and Domestic Interactions. 3 Credits.
A multidisciplinary view of contemporary Europe, including the E.U. states, other states of Eastern Europe, and Turkey. The widening processes of political, judicial, economic, cultural, and security integration. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005, PSC 1001.

IAFF 2190. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
IAFF 2190W. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
IAFF 3155. Spain in the Modern World. 3 Credits.
IAFF 3171. U.S. Foreign Policy Summer Program. 3-4 Credits.
The institutions and ideas that shape U.S. foreign policy, including the U.S. Congress and administration, foreign embassies, international organizations, think tanks, interest groups, and media outlets. A separate section of the course covers issues of reporting on foreign policy issues. The program has special admission criteria.

IAFF 3179. Special Topics in Science and Technology Policy. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3180. Special Topics in Security Policy. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3180W. Spec Topics in Security Policy. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3181. Special Topics in Conflict Resolution. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3182. Special Topics in Foreign Policy. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3183. Special Topics in Development Policy. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3184. Special Topics in Trade and International Economic Policy. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3185. Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3186. Special Topics in Asian Studies. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.
IAFF 3186W. Special Topics in Asian Studies. 0-3 Credits.
IAFF 3187. Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3188. Special Topics in Middle East Studies. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3189. Special Topics in African Studies. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3190. Special Topics in International Affairs. 0-3 Credits.
The course may be repeated for credit provided the topic differs. Prerequisite: IAFF 1005 or PSC 1003; junior or senior standing.

IAFF 3190W. Special Topics. 0-3 Credits.
IAFF 3192. ESIA Undergraduate Scholars Workshop. 1 Credit.
For Elliott School juniors and seniors who have applied to and been accepted into the ESIA Undergraduate Scholars Program. Students fine-tune their research questions, conduct the bulk of their research, draft abstracts, and outline their papers. See http://elliott.gwu.edu/academics/ugrad/scholars/index.cfm for more information.

IAFF 3193W. ESIA UG Scholars Course. 3 Credits.
IAFF 3195. Internship. 0-3 Credits.
Internships in public, private, and nonprofit organizations concerned with international affairs. Students must meet selection criteria, find a sponsoring faculty member, and receive approval from the Elliott School Office of Academic Advising and Student Services. May be repeated for up to 6 credits with permission.

IAFF 3198. Independent Study and Research. 1-3 Credits.
For juniors and seniors with a minimum grade-point average of 3.0. Students must find a sponsoring faculty member and receive approval from the Elliott School Office of Academic Advising and Student Services. May be repeated for credit with permission of the dean.

IAFF 4191. Research Seminar. 3 Credits.
Intensive readings, discussion, research, and writing. Students must meet selection criteria and receive advisor approval. For Elliott School juniors and seniors only. Restricted to For Elliott School juniors and seniors only.

IAFF 4191W. Research Seminar. 3 Credits.
Intensive readings, discussion, research, and writing. Students must meet selection criteria and receive advisor approval. For Elliott School juniors and seniors only.

IAFF 4199. Senior Thesis. 3 Credits.
For Elliott School seniors only. Students must meet selection criteria, find a sponsoring faculty member, and receive approval from the Elliott School Office of Academic Advising and Student Services.

IAFF 5700. Special Topics. 3 Credits.
IAFF 6101. IA Cornerstone. 3 Credits.
Political, economic, and social theories of international relations and their applications to practice.

IAFF 6102. Global Gender Policy. 3 Credits.
An interdisciplinary and comparative approach to examination of policies targeted at achieving gender equality and of the costs of policies that are not gender-specific. Topics include poverty reduction, environmental sustainability, social justice, global and personal security, and prevention of and responses to extreme calamities and crises. How global gender policies are rationalized, adopted, implemented, and assessed. Focus on “what works” and why it works; gaps that remain in achieving global gender equality.

IAFF 6106. Nuclear Weapons. 3 Credits.
The technology and politics associated with nuclear weapons. Strategy and deterrence, force planning and operations, and the prospect of nuclear terrorism.

IAFF 6118. Special Topics in International Affairs. 3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6121. International Development Studies Cornerstone. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the concepts and methods of international development. Open only to M.A. candidates in international development studies.

IAFF 6122. Development Policy and Practice. 3 Credits.
An overview of economic development in developing countries; key challenges of economic growth, poverty alleviation, and development.

IAFF 6136. Gender and Development. 3 Credits.
Theoretical approaches to gender and development and debates over how to promote gender equity and rights across the gender spectrum. Key issues in gender and development and the range of actors who are involved in promoting gender equality. General patterns, lessons with broader applications, and challenges and differences within and between societies.

IAFF 6137. Development Studies Pre-Capstone Workshop. 1 Credit.
Students work in teams to find a suitable client and negotiate a project, with detailed terms of reference and a work plan to be carried out in the spring semester. Open only to M.A. candidates in international development studies.

IAFF 6138. Special Topics in International Development Studies. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.
IAFF 6139. International Development Studies Capstone. 3 Credits.
A project-oriented development course abroad, designed to synthesize the skills and knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in international development studies.

IAFF 6141. International Science and Technology Policy Cornerstone. 3 Credits.
Introduction to the study of international science and technology policy; focus on policy issues that arise from interactions between scientific and technological developments and government activity.

IAFF 6142. Technology Creation/Diffusion. 3 Credits.
Examination of the relationship between invention (inception), innovation (first application), and dissemination (diffusion) of technological knowledge; focus on the technological environment prevailing in the major developed market economies.

IAFF 6145. U.S. Space Policy. 3 Credits.

IAFF 6146. Space Law. 3 Credits.
The underlying principles of international space law, with emphasis on issues of particular concern as the uses of space increase for exploration, commerce, and security.

IAFF 6148. Special Topics in Space Policy. 3 Credits.
Topic announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6151. Environmental Policy. 3 Credits.
Examination of public policies designed to protect the human and physical environment; focus on the ways science and technology can simultaneously create new environmental problems and contribute to their mitigation and prevention.

IAFF 6153. Science, Technology, and National Security. 3 Credits.
The contributions of science and technology to U.S. security in military, intelligence, and homeland security activities.

IAFF 6158. Special Topics in International Science and Technology Policy. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6159. ISTP Capstone Project. 3 Credits.
A seminar designed to synthesize the skills and knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in science and technology policy.

IAFF 6160. Defense Policy and Program Analysis. 3 Credits.
Examination of how national security policy is formulated and translated into a defense budget, program priorities, and force structure. Focus on nuclear forces.

IAFF 6163. Transnational Security. 3 Credits.
Overview of security concerns that transcend state borders, including terrorism, drug trafficking, organized crime, weapons proliferation, migration, and environmental degradation.

IAFF 6165. Fundamentals of Intelligence. 3 Credits.
The institutional structure of the intelligence community; the intelligence production cycle, including tasking, collection, analysis, covert action, and counterintelligence; and relations between the intelligence and policy communities.

IAFF 6167. Defense Policy & Program Analysis II. 3 Credits.
Analysis of the development of national security policy and analytic techniques to derive a defense program and force structure from it. Special attention to general-purpose forces.

IAFF 6169. Homeland Security. 3 Credits.
The central missions of a homeland security agency: domestic security, emergency preparedness, technology policy, timely intelligence, counterintelligence, and preemptive actions. How the U.S. has dealt historically with internal security matters; contemporary approaches to security problems.

IAFF 6171. Introduction to Conflict Resolution. 3 Credits.
Intermediate disputes, contemporary civil wars, complex political emergencies, and other forms of organized violence.

IAFF 6173. Security and Development. 3 Credits.
Consideration of the relationship between security and development reflecting the growing interest from the security field in issues that have traditionally been the purview of development, and vice versa.

IAFF 6186. Special Topics in Security Policy Studies. 3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6189. Security Policy Studies Capstone. 3 Credits.
A project-oriented course, designed to synthesize the skills and knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in security policy studies.

IAFF 6198. Special Topics in International Trade and Investment Policy. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6199. International Trade and Investment Policy Capstone. 1 Credit.
A project-oriented course, designed to synthesize the skills and knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in international trade and investment policy.

IAFF 6208. Special Topics in Global Communication. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6209. Global Communication Capstone. 3 Credits.
A project-oriented course, designed to synthesize the skills and knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in global communication.

IAFF 6211. MIPP Practicum. 3 Credits.
For Master of International Policy and Practice degree candidates only.
IAFF 6302. Taiwan: Internal Development and Foreign Policy. 3 Credits.
The social, political, and economic development in Taiwan since World War II; Taiwan’s foreign affairs.

IAFF 6305. U.S.-South Asia Relations. 3 Credits.
The nature of challenges and opportunities facing the South Asia region and the U.S. policy response. The rise of India as a global actor; relations between India and Pakistan; political transformation in the countries of the region, including Nepal and Sri Lanka.

IAFF 6308. Intl Relations of South Asia. 3 Credits.

IAFF 6318. Special Topics in Asian Studies. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6321. European and Eurasian Studies Cornerstone. 3 Credits.
Survey of current research on Europe and Eurasia. Research paper required. Required of M.A. candidates in European and Eurasian studies; open to others with permission of the instructor.

IAFF 6338. Special Topics in European and Eurasian Studies. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6339. European and Eurasian Studies Capstone. 3 Credits.
Survey of current research on Europe and Eurasia. Research paper required. Required of M.A. candidates in European and Eurasian studies; open to others with permission of the instructor.

IAFF 6341. Latin American and Hemispheric Studies Cornerstone. 3 Credits.
Multidisciplinary foundation course for the Latin American and hemispheric studies program.

IAFF 6342. Drug Trafficking in the Americas. 3 Credits.
A historical, comparative, and contemporary picture of drug trafficking in the Americas and the anti-narcotics policies to combat this trade.

IAFF 6343. Indigenous Social Movements. 3 Credits.

IAFF 6357. Pre-Capstone Workshop. 1 Credit.

IAFF 6358. Special Topics in Latin American and Hemispheric Studies. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6359. Latin American and Hemispheric Studies Capstone. 3 Credits.
A project-oriented course, designed to apply the skills and synthesize the knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in Latin American and hemispheric studies.

IAFF 6361. Middle East Studies Cornerstone. 1 Credit.
Multidisciplinary foundation course for the Middle East studies program. Introduction to key issues.

IAFF 6362. Regional Security in Middle East. 3 Credits.
The nature, elements, and future of security in the Middle East region. Various analytical frameworks are examined to consider the interplay of national interests, ideology, and regionalism. Issues in regional security.

IAFF 6363. Political Economy/Middle East. 3 Credits.
Current political economy of the Middle East, including an overview of Islamic economic concepts and political organizations.

IAFF 6364. Religion and Society in the Modern Middle East. 3 Credits.
Comparative overview, both historical and current, of religious and social trends in the Middle East.

IAFF 6378. Special Topics in Middle East Studies. 0-3 Credits.
Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6379. Middle East Studies Capstone. 3 Credits.
A project-oriented course, designed to synthesize the skills and knowledge that students have acquired in their graduate study. Open only to M.A. candidates in Middle East studies.

IAFF 6501. Quant Analysis Int’l Aff Prac. 3 Credits.
Overview of quantitative measurement, data summary, statistical inference, and elementary modeling such as linear regression.

IAFF 6502. Professional Skills I. 1 Credit.
Short courses that focus on developing specialized skills for international affairs professionals. Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6503. Professional Skills II. 1 Credit.
Continuation of IAFF 6502. Short courses that focus on developing specialized skills for international affairs professionals. Topics announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6504. Intermediate Conversation. 1 Credit.
Short courses designed to develop professional language skills for international affairs students. Specific languages announced in the Schedule of Classes.

IAFF 6515. Graduate Internship in International Affairs. 0 Credits.
Limited to Elliott School M.A. degree candidates. Internship and research paper involving experience at an international organization or with international issues.

IAFF 6516. Independent Study and Research. 1-3 Credits.
Limited to Elliott School M.A. degree candidates. Written permission of instructor required.
IAFF 6517. Independent Study and Research. 1-3 Credits.

IAFF 6521. U.S. Foreign Policy Summer Program. 3-4 Credits.
The institutions and ideas that shape U.S. foreign policy, including the U.S. Congress and administration, foreign embassies, international organizations, think tanks, interest groups, and media outlets. A separate section of the course covers issues of reporting on foreign policy issues.

IAFF 6898. Capstone Workshop. 1 Credit.
The first part of a two-semester project that addresses a concrete policy problem or issue in international affairs. In small teams, students refine the policy question of the capstone project, develop a research strategy, select appropriate research methods, and begin research.

IAFF 6899. Capstone Course. 3 Credits.
Completion of the capstone sequence by conduct of the group’s research, completion of the capstone report, and oral presentation of research findings and recommendations. Prerequisites: IAFF 6898.

IAFF 6998. Thesis. 3 Credits.
Open to Elliott School M.A. candidates who have selected the thesis option.

IAFF 6999. Thesis. 3 Credits.
Open to Elliott School M.A. candidates who have selected the thesis option.