International Administration (IGS)

IGS 545. Global Warming Policy in European Union. 3 Credit Hours.
This course studies the EU, and especially the French, efforts to ecologically modernize their advanced economies particularly in regards to global warming emissions and energy usage. Class is centered in Paris with excursions to Starsbourg and Freiborg.

Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Summer.

IGS 599. Special Topics. 0-3 Credit Hours.
The UM/MAIA program has a cooperation and student exchange program with St. Petersburg State University in St. Petersburg, Russia, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic and Belgrano University in Argentina.

Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

IGS 611. International Organizations. 3 Credit Hours.
Covers the entire spectrum of international organizations and the theoretical and practical issues relating to international organizations including peace and security, human rights, and economic development.

Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

IGS 612. International Administration. 3 Credit Hours.
Presents a broad overview of concepts, theories, processes, and practical global challenges confronting professional public/nonprofit managers; discusses contemporary issues facing multi-national corporations, non-government organizations, and public agencies; and analyzes the similarities and differences between public, non-profit and private management.

Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

IGS 613. Global Cultures: Religion, Communication, and Security. 3 Credit Hours.
An overview of world religions and cultures as a backdrop of effective communication for international professionals. Religious and political conflicts have increasingly become a staple of our complex, globalized world. As a result, it is important for professionals working with international and non-governmental organizations to understand the religions and the cultures of the world to better facilitate their work in different societies in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean and the Americas. Since religion is an integral part of many cultures, understanding the religious implications of certain activities is important in navigating certain societies and facilitating the work of professionals, especially in regions where religion and political violence dominate foreign relations and foreign policy.

Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

IGS 614. World Affairs and Diplomacy. 3 Credit Hours.
This course introduces the conceptual basics of international relations and trains students in analytical and critical thinking skills through familiarity with the broad palette of issues and actors that make up today’s world politics. Topics include the origins of the state and its changing role in today’s world and an examination of the actors in international relations and the issues before them.

Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall & Spring.

IGS 615. International Political Economy. 3 Credit Hours.
Reviews the essentials of International Economics. It then provides students with an operational understanding of the theory of comparative advantage and its application to policy issues.

Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring.

IGS 616. International Leadership, Strategy, and Decision Making. 3 Credit Hours.
Explores organizations from the strategic perspective of the leader, identifying common elements of thinking, structure, measures, outcomes, issues, and challenges faced by those who seek leadership roles in international administration.

Components: SEM.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.
IGS 617. Capstone in International Administration. 3 Credit Hours.
The capstone experience gives students the opportunity to apply academic theory and acquired skills in international administration under real world conditions. Students may complete an approved internship in an appropriate organization or compose a research paper under the supervision of a MAIA faculty member or affiliated faculty member. The capstone project must reflect the student's area of concentration, as applicable. The capstone experience is meant to be completed in a single semester.
Components: PRA.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.

IGS 644. Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability. 3 Credit Hours.
The concepts of environmental sustainability and energy security will be explored. The importance of energy and the mitigation of climate change in formulation of country strategies, advancement of national interests and shaping of the international system will be stressed.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Spring & Summer.

IGS 645. Human Security: Prevention & Mitigation. 3 Credit Hours.
Theoretical approaches and the major global threats to human security along with some of the most promising policy solutions will be explored. Some of these human security threats are well known, like genocide, and others, like cybersecurity, are newly emerging. Focus will be placed on key human security topics such as war, terrorism, human trafficking, climate change, famine, violence against women, and infectious and non-infectious diseases.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall.

IGS 646. Civil Security Management. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the management of civil crisis issuing from violent human actions. In the first section of the course, a framework will be developed that addresses the security of “civil space,” emphasizing actions threatening public order and individual safety. Emphasis will be placed on the burdens of “critical incident management” and the elements central to its success. These elements—planning and contingency, leadership and management, intelligence and analysis as well as operations and communication—will be engaged further in the second section. The final section of the course will examine specific threats to civil order and the management of systems designed to mitigate their effects.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Summer.

IGS 647. Disasters and Humanitarian Assistance. 3 Credit Hours.
This course examines the management of disasters from natural causes. It is focused primarily on the theory and practice of response. At the center of this investigation is a difficult question: how to help? The answers are not obvious. Through the vocabularies of practitioners and the frameworks offered by academic literature, we will explore the ways in which responders respond, the lessons learned and the best practices that have emerged in the field of disaster response and humanitarian intervention.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Summer.

IGS 648. International Business Finance for MAIA. 3 Credit Hours.
International Finance provides a working knowledge of international financial issues, theories, concepts and practice. The first part of the course examines the mechanics of the foreign exchange market, reviewing spot, forwards, futures and options. The second part of the course constructs the four building blocks of international finance: interest rate parity (covered and uncovered interest rate arbitrage), purchasing power parity, the international Fisher (expectations) effect, and asset market equilibrium (money market and exchange market equilibrium). The role of the money supply in exchange rate and price level determination according to interest rate parity is stressed. The case for common currencies is reviewed. In the third part of the course, currency risk management is explored in detail. We then analyze Ponzi schemes and other fraudulent financial practices. We conclude with a review of financial leverage, moral hazard and the financial crisis of 2008-2009.
Components: LEC.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Summer.

IGS 699. Special Topics. 3 Credit Hours.
Special topics related to international administration. Content varies by semester and is indicated in parentheses following course number and title in Class Schedule.
Components: LEC.
Grading: GRD.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.
IGS 820. Research in Residence. 1-9 Credit Hours.
For students conducting additional research, practice, field experience or special projects as part of their graduate experience.

Components: THI.
Grading: SUS.
Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, & Summer.