ISS—Integrative Studies in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences

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College of Social Science

210  Society and the Individual (D)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
Evolution of human behavior with an emphasis on the individual and society. Family and kinship, social organizations. Societal types, personality, and the life cycle.

215  Social Differentiation and Inequality (D)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
Types, causes and consequences of stratification in human societies. Age, class, gender, race and other factors which define social position. Education, occupation, political economy.

220  Time, Space and Change in Human Society (D)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
Evolutionary, ecological, and spatial theories of adaptation and change. Cultural evolution from prehistoric foraging to the post-industrial age. Continuity and change in the emergence and development of contemporary ways of life.

225  Power, Authority, and Exchange (D)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)

230  Government and the Individual (D)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0)
Critical examination of the role of government in regulating individual behavior. Implications for cultural values and beliefs and modes of behavior. Analysis of consequences of different theories for resolving, or creating problems in public policy.

235  Liberal Democracy as a Way of Life (D)
Fall. 4(4-0)
Cultural tendencies of liberal democracy that form the characters and constitute the ways of life of individuals in liberal democracies.

300  Social Science Approaches to Law (D)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Law theories, practices, methodologies. Social, cultural, institutional, global, environmental, family, or historical context.

310  People and Environment (I)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Contemporary issues related to the interaction of socio-cultural and ecological systems. Global, regional, national and local environmental problems and responses.

315  Global Diversity and Interdependence (I)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.


318  Lifespan Development Across Cultures (I)
Fall. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.


320  World Urban Systems (I)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Patterns of urbanization in various areas of the world over time. Linkage between urbanization and intergenerational accommodation and adaptation to urban growth and change.

325  War and Revolution (I)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.


327  Risk and Society (D)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Assessment, management, and communication of risk. Role of media in amplifying risk. Topics may include gangs, terrorism, health, stock markets, drug markets, sports, food, and traffic. Similarities and differences in understanding risk among scientists and the public, and between natural and social scientists.

328  The Social Science of Sports (I)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Contemporary issues in sports. Critical examination of the industrial organization, public finance, labor relations, earnings, discrimination, and historical context of sports in society. Analysis of sports gambling, performance enhancement, and strategic decision-making.

330A  Africa: Social Science Perspectives (I)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Comparative study of geography, cultures, politics, and economies of Africa. Diversity and change.

330B  Asia: Social Science Perspectives (I)
Fall, Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Comparative study of geography, cultures, politics, and economies of Asia. Diversity and change.

330C  Latin America: Social Science Perspectives (I)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors.

Comparative study of geography, cultures, politics, and economies of Latin America. Diversity and change.

335  National Diversity and Change: United States (N)
Fall, Spring, Summer. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors. SA: ISS 335A

Racial, ethnic, class, gender, and other forms of diversity in the United States. Systems of dominant-minority relations and forms of prejudice and discrimination. Scope of and responses to group inequalities.

336  Canada: Social Science Perspectives (I)
Spring. 4(4-0) P: ISS 210 or ISS 215 or ISS 220 or ISS 225 or ISS 230 or ISS 235 or MC 201 R: Open to sophomores or juniors or seniors. SA: ISS 335B