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1. Fall 2006 Registration Already!

Believe it or not, just when you are beginning to think that you have this semester under control it's time to start thinking about next fall. Registration for Fall 2006 begins on Monday, April 3. I will have a sign-up sheet on my door beginning on March 27 so that you can sign up for advising appointments. If you are a declared International Studies major, you **MUST** see me to register. In the meantime, so you can start thinking about everything, here are the course offerings in International Studies for the fall. If you see another course that interests you, ask me if it will count towards your major.

Courses in the core of the major/courses for the minor:

ECON 202 Microeconomics: TRF 11:15
ECON 334 International Economics: MTR 11:15
GOVT 352 International Organizations: TWR 12:20
HIST 326 Diplomatic History of Europe: TWF 10:10
INTL 201 Global Issues Seminar: TR 2:30-3:55

European Concentration:

ART 323 Revolutions in Art: T 6:15
GOVT 332 Central and Eastern European Politics: MWR 1:25
HIST 322 Special Topics: Women in Europe: TR 2:30-3:55
HIST 326 Diplomatic History of Europe: TWF 10:10
ITAL 301 Survey of Italian Literature: TBA
ITAL 303 Italian Through Film: TBA
SPAN 303 Spanish through Film: TR 3:35-5:05
SPAN 320SV Contemporary Hispanic Issues MWF 10:40 (CMSV)

Latin America and the Caribbean Concentration:

ART 400 Special Topics: Music of the Latin Caribbean: W 1:25 – 4:15
GOVT 345 Government and Politics of Latin America: TR 1:25-2:50
HIST 318 Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean: MTR 9:05
RELS 359 Afro-Caribbean Religions, TRF 10:10
SPAN 303 Spanish through Film: TR 3:35-5:05
SPAN 320SV Contemporary Hispanic Issues MWF 10:40 (CMSV)
SPAN 435 Latin American Short Story MWR 11:15

Middle East and Africa Concentration:

ARAB 101 Arabic for Beginners TR 4:00-5:30; W 4:00-5:00
ART 400 Special Topics: Popular Music of the Middle East TR 2:30-3:55
RELS 353 African Traditional Religions: MTR 1:25
RELS 355 Islam M 6:15-9:05

Asia Concentration:

JAPN 101 Introduction to Japanese: 9:05-11:00 MF; 9:00-10:00 W
PHIL 342 Chinese and Japanese Philosophies: MTR 9:05
RELS 355 Islam M 6:15-9:05
RELS 357 Religions of China and the Far East: T 6:15-9:05

Global Issues Concentration

ART 102 World Music Appreciation: TR 10:10-11:40
GOVT 205 Political Geography: MTR 9:05
GOVT 207 Introduction to Peace Studies: MWR 11:15
GOVT 309 Comparative Politics: TRF 10:10
GOVT 352 International Organizations: TWR 12:20
INTL 310 Technology and Society: TR 2:30-3:55
SOC 335 Culture, Health and Illness: MWR 11:15

There also may be courses at the College of Mount St. Vincent that may count towards your major. Contact Dr. Chasek if you think you might have found something. Remember, you can also do an internship for credit towards your major. Contact Doris Pechman in Career Services to find out more.

2. Upcoming Events

Between Greek and Latin: The Role of Arabic Science in the European Renaissance

This lecture is by Prof. George Saliba, a professor of Arabic and Islamic Science at the Department of Middle East and Asian Languages and Cultures at Columbia University. It will take place on Thursday, March 2 at 4:00 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311).

Human Rights Film Festival

“State of Fear” Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30 pm in Smith Auditorium

This film dramatizes the human and societal costs a democracy faces when it embarks on a war against terror, a war potentially without end, all too easily exploited by unscrupulous leaders seeking personal political gain.

“Private” Monday, March 27 at 7:30 pm in Smith Auditorium

This film approaches the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the eyes of one Palestinian household – a well educated, middle-class family who own a luxury car and a spacious home on the countryside. The family members are totally divided about what they should or should not do.

Terrorists: Who are they?

The Spring Core Symposium will take place on March 30 at 4:00 pm in Smith Auditorium. The topic is Terrorists: Who are they? In preparation for the symposium, the film “The Battle of Algiers) will be shown in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311) at the following times:

Monday, March 27: 3:30-5:30

Tuesday, March 28: 3:30-5:30

Wednesday, March 29: 3:30-5:30

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00-8:00.

Not for Profit Organizations: Career Opportunities

In order to heighten the awareness of Not-for-Profit Organizations as a career choice Career Development and Campus Ministry & Social Action will be hosting 3 events this spring - a workshop, a panel, and a career fair:

1. March 1st - Sally Skidmore, Consultant to JP Morgan Chase, will talk about the different opportunities that are available for all majors in the Non-Profit world. Starts at 4:00 pm in the O'Malley Library Alumni Room. Refreshments will be served.

2. March 22nd - A Panel of Professionals from different Non-Profit Organizations will present their experiences in the Non-Profit world and what kind of work they do. Starts at 6:00 pm in the Rodriguez Room. Refreshments will be served.

3. April 19th - The Not-for-Profit Job/Internship Career Fair from 2:00 – 5:00 pm in Smith Auditorium. All students and alumni are encouraged to attend and bring resumes. Dress is professional.

Graduate School/Law School Fellowship Opportunities

If you're thinking about grad or law school -- particularly if you are a junior -- come to this meeting. Law School, Graduate School and Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship/Scholarship presentations have been scheduled for Monday, April 3 from 4:30-5:30 pm in Miguel 214. follows:

Government/International Studies/Peace Studies/Urban Studies Dinner

On Wednesday, 26 April, the International Studies Program will join the Government Department and the Peace Studies and Urban Studies Programs in our third annual Student/Alumni Dinner. This year's program will feature the induction of students into Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society and Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society. We often have an alumni guest speaker. It is a nice event and will give you the opportunity to interact with our alumni and see old friends. All International Studies majors and minors are invited. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

3. Reflections on a Semester in Washington, DC

Senior Melissa Lynch spent the fall semester at the American University Washington Semester Program in Washington, DC. Here is what she writes:

This past semester I did the Washington Semester program in Foreign Policy. I felt that the best part about Washington Semester was that it forced me out of my academic bubble. For two days a week I interned at the American Enterprise Institute, one of the many think tanks down in DC. At my internship I worked alongside one of the research assistants and a few other interns in re-launching their NGO Watch project. For the project I did *a lot* of research, wrote some small papers, worked on the website, and coordinated some of the conference details. I got a taste of what it is like to work in an area having to do with my field of study, which is great because it allowed me to have a better understanding of what type of career I want to pursue after school. The other three days a week were seminar days, which were just as effective as the internship in exposing me to different careers in the field of foreign policy and international studies. In the seminar there was, at most, one traditional lecture during the week, the rest of the time was spent visiting various places and people, or having them come to the campus to give a lecture. During the semester we talked to people from NGOs, international organizations, think tanks, and the government. It was really interesting to be able to see how the material I was learning in class was applied in the outside world.

If you are interested in spending a semester in Washington, see Dr. Chasek in Miguel 414.

4. Reflections on a Semester in Italy

Junior Joanna Da-Sylva spent the fall semester studying in Florence. Here is what she wrote:

Studying Abroad was the experience of a lifetime. I went to Florence, Italy – one of the most beautiful and ancient cities in Europe. I went through the school of Richmond and they were very well organized. We had a three week orientation in a beach town called Lido Di Camaoire, and it was paradise. We had Italian classes in the morning and we were free for the afternoons. We stayed in a hotel and we were on the beach all day between the warm sea and the mountains. We also visited amazing places like Cinque terre, Lucca, Viareggio, and other awesome places during our orientation.

Then we finally went to Florence where we were all given awesome, ancient apartments while others were welcomed in families. We tried to learn Italian and apply it, but it was much harder than I thought considering all our classes were in English and the school only had American students. I lived a 30-minute walk away from school and I didn't mind it at all because to go to school I walked through the Uffizi, the Ponte Vecchio, and the tiny streets that date back to the Renaissance. The school had awesome events every month like cooking classes, wine tasting, trips, opera tickets, and soccer matches. We also traveled in Europe with the help of the cheapest airline Ryanair. We went to Belgium, France, Ireland, England, and Scotland. In Italy we also visited places like Capri, Positano, Rome, Venice, and we had the time of our lives. I would recommend EVERYONE study abroad with an open mind to learn a new culture.

If you are interested in studying abroad, see Nancy Cave, Coordinator, Study Abroad in Memorial 420.

5. Internship, Job, Summer Program and Scholarship Announcements

International Symposium at the United Nations

ATHGO International will be hosting its annual UN symposium on April 25-27, 2006. The symposium will convene at the United Nations in New York and will involve 400 young professionals, diplomats, and students from world Universities and Colleges. The three-day event will discuss the proposed UN reform and its importance for meeting the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The goal of the symposium is to encourage the participants to co-produce a resolution that will identify the advantages of the UN reform in regards to meeting the MDGs and suggest alternative strategies for securing a constructive outcome. For more information about participating, internship opportunities and scholarships, go to www.athgo.org

Greenpeace Organizing Term

Greenpeace is now accepting applications for the Greenpeace Organizing Term, a semester of action, training and travel. The Greenpeace Organizing Term (GOT) is an action-filled semester and the best hands-on training for you to become an environmental leader. You'll be making an investment in your leadership skills and get trainings in grassroots organizing, media, direct action, and campaign strategy. You'll travel abroad with Greenpeace and join a team of incredible activists working to protect the planet. For more information and to apply, go to www.greenpeaceusa.org/got The application deadline is March 17, 2006.

American University's Summer Institute on Human Rights in the 21st Century

American University's School of International Service will be holding its Summer Institute on Human Rights in the 21st Century from May 15 to June 4, 2006. This special summer program, a collaboration between Amnesty International USA and American University, is a series of leadership development courses for emerging human rights scholars and activists, unique in its scope and the opportunities offered to participants. The combined program will provide students with the knowledge, skills, applied experiences, and professional opportunities to address the new human rights challenges of the global era. Students may earn a certificate of achievement in the Study of Global Human Rights upon completion of nine credits.

This leadership development program for emerging human rights scholars and activists consists of four separate, but complementary, elements: Introduction to Human Rights, Advanced Topics in Human Rights, Skills in International Human Rights, and a Human Rights Internship. The intensive format of the program allows students to concentrate the time they spend in the classroom and to pursue options for internships.

Tuition: Tuition for undergraduate students (must be juniors or seniors with a 3.3 GPA) is \$864 per credit hour (\$2,592 per 3-credit course). For graduate students the tuition is \$930 per credit hour (\$2790 per 3-credit course). Tuition for professionals enrolling for the non-credit option will be \$783/non-credit hour. (Please note: students enrolled in only non-credit options are not eligible for internships.)

Housing: Participating students and interns may apply to live on campus, in clean and comfortable air-conditioned residence hall rooms. Each coed floor has centrally located bath and individual shower facilities, and a kitchenette area with a stove top and microwave oven.

How to Apply: Students may download the application from the Institute's website at <http://american.edu/sis/humanrights/index.html>. For further information, please contact Irene Nasser at the Division of International Politics and Foreign Policy at (202) 885-1843 or ipfp@american.edu. Application deadline is May 1, 2006.

United Nations Intensive Summer Study Program

The United Nations Intensive Summer Study Program will be offered from Monday, July 17 to Friday, July 21, 2006 by the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University and the United Nations Association of the USA. Designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, this unique program immerses participants in the political dynamics of the United Nations.

Students will attend official sessions at United Nations headquarters as well as briefings at UNA-USA. The course is designed to familiarize students with the inner workings of the United Nations by bringing them together with distinguished practitioners working in the field of multilateral diplomacy.

Each day commences with breakfast at Seton Hall, followed by a chartered bus to the U.N. Program sessions continue throughout the day at U.N. plaza, with dinners provided on campus in the evenings. Students will also have time for cultural activities in New York City. On-campus

single rooms with an adjoining bath are available from July 16th to July 22nd. Participants may also choose to commute to Seton Hall for the duration of the program.

Successful completion of either option results in a certificate from the Whitehead School of Diplomacy. In addition, the credit option allows students to earn three semester credit hours from Seton Hall University.

Prior to the beginning of the course, participants will be responsible for preliminary course readings and a short paper. All sessions of the program are mandatory and students are required to actively participate in dialogue and discussion with guest speakers and peers.

Students attending for credit must also keep a journal documenting their reactions to the briefings and submit a research paper one month after the program ends.

For applications and information about tuition and fees, go to the Whitehead School of Diplomacy website (<http://www.diplomacy.shu.edu>) under the link for UN Connections. For additional information, contact Dr. Courtney Smith at (973) 313-6203 or smithcou@shu.edu. The application deadline is May 1, 2006. Students will be notified of their status by May 15, 2006.

Everett Summer Internship Program

The Everett Foundation provides funding (\$230 per week for 10 weeks) for summer internships at more than 58 non-profit organizations in four US cities. All applicants must meet the following qualifications: completed at least two semesters of college education, be a current undergraduate or graduate student attending a United States university, or have just graduated in spring 2005, be available to work full-time for 10-weeks beginning between May 23rd and June 13th, be new to the organization, (you may not serve as an Everett Intern at the same organization more than once), attend all mandatory weekly lectures and events for Everett Interns (Event schedules posted in late spring). Application deadlines vary based on the organization. Visit www.EverettInternships.org for more information.

Human Rights Watch Internships

Human Rights Watch has a number of internships available for the summer and fall in its New York Office. Undergraduate internships are primarily administrative and clerical in nature, but other projects can be assigned as they arise and match the student's interests and abilities, including research, drafting documents, translating, and helping researchers prepare for missions. Internships are unpaid, except for the Everett Public Service Internship, described above. Academic credit can be arranged as well.

Applicants should be well-organized, self-motivated and reliable, with a strong interest in international human rights. Relevant coursework is highly desirable, and knowledge of foreign languages is a plus. Computer literacy (i.e., Microsoft Office, Internet applications) is required. For more information, go to <http://www.hrw.org/internships/undergraduates/undergraduates.html>.

Note: Additional information about jobs, internships and scholarships can be found on the International Studies www page:

http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/arts/intl/intl_resources.shtml

6. Essay Competition

EarthTrends Environmental Essay Competition

The World Resources Institute is seeking a fact-based analysis of an important condition or trend related to the environment and sustainable development (for example, HIV/AIDS, climate change, and tropical deforestation). Entries should discuss issues that have a global or regional (larger than single country) impact. It is strongly advised that contestants familiarize themselves with the feature articles currently on the EarthTrends website. Entries will be judged on quality of writing, depth of analysis, and relevance to the mission of the World Resources Institute.

Submissions should be between 750 and 1,500 words. Chosen topics should be specific enough to be discussed satisfactorily within the space allotted while remaining relevant to global issues and trends. Besides essay text, entries may include 1-4 graphs, charts, maps, or tables (properly cited in the text and referenced, if not produced by the author); these may be included with the text and submitted as a single document, or submitted as separate files.

All entries must be received by midnight (12am) local time on April 1, 2006. Please send your submissions to EarthTrends as email attachments in word (.doc), OpenOffice, or .pdf formats to earthtrendscontest@wri.org. The body of the e-mail must include the student's name, major or degree program, title of the article, preferred e-mail address, and contact information for the entrant's academic advisor (to verify enrollment status).

Winners will be notified in May, 2006. The selected articles will become the property of the World Resources Institute, which will cooperate with authors towards publication on the EarthTrends website. In addition, \$500 and \$250 prizes will be given to the first and second/third place entrants, respectively.

For more information and guidelines, see <http://earthtrends.wri.org/miscell/contest.php?theme=0>

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