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1. Registration time is coming

Do you know that Spring 2006 registration begins on Tuesday, November 1? The Spring 2006 course listings will soon be available on Web for Students and should be available in hard copy by mid-October. There will be a sign-up sheet on the door to Miguel 414 for advising appointments, which will begin the week of October 24.

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 spring. If you see a course that interests you, ask me if it will count towards your major.

If you are have a Middle East/Africa concentration and are interested in doing an independent study on African History, let me know.

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

ECON 334	International Economics:	MTR 11:15
GOVT 357	US Foreign Policy:	TWR 1:25
INTL 405	Senior Seminar: Diplomacy	W 1:25-3:30

European Concentration:

ART 323	Revolutions in Art	T 6:15-9:00
ENGL 392	Topics in Literature: Irish Poetry	TWF 11:15
FREN 340	French Civilization	MR 4:30-6:00
GOVT 374	Western Political Thought	MWF 9:05
HIST 307	Genocide and Racism	MWR 11:15
HIST 352	Nineteenth Century Europe	MWR 10:10
ITAL 340	Italian Civilization	MWR 9:05
RELS 331	Eastern Christianity	MWR 11:15

SPAN 424 Modern Novel in Spain & Spanish America MW 3:00-4:30
SPAN 429 Golden Age of Spain MWR 11:15

Latin America and the Caribbean Concentration:

ART 400-02 Music of the Latin Caribbean TR 12:20-1:45
GOVT 344 Government and Politics of the Caribbean TR 2:30-4:00
SPAN 300 Hispanic Musical Heritage TR 3:30-5:00
SPAN 340 Hispanic Civilization MWR 2:30
SPAN 424 Modern Novel in Spain & Spanish America MW 3:00-4:30

Middle East and Africa Concentration:

ARAB 102 Arabic for Beginners II TR 4:00-5:30; W 7:00-8:00
ART 400-01 Music of the Middle East and North Africa WF 11:15-12:35
GOVT 343 Government and Politics of the Middle East MTR 12:20
HIST 307 Genocide and Racism MWR 11:15
RELS 331 Eastern Christianity MWR 11:15

Asia Concentration:

FILI102 Intro to Filipino II MW 4:30-6:00; T:5:00-6:00
HIST 312 Modern China TWF 9:05
JAPN 102 Japanese for Beginners II MF 9:05-11:05; W 9:05-10:00
RELS 354 Buddhism T 6:15-9:00

Global Issues Concentration

ART 102 World Music Appreciation TR 10:10-11:40
ENGL 347 Literature and War MWR 9:05
GOVT 357 US Foreign Policy: TWR 1:25
GOVT 457* Model United Nations TR 2:30-4:00
HIST 307 Genocide and Racism MWR 11:15
PHIL 238 Philosophy of War and Peace MWR 2:30
SOC 317 Anthropology of Drugs MWR 11:15

* May also count for other concentrations depending on the country we are assigned.

Remember, you can also do an internship for credit towards your major. Contact Doris Pechman in Career Services to find out more.

Pam Chasek
Director, International Studies Program
Manhattan College



2. Upcoming Events

Lecture on Public and Labor Law: If you are thinking about going to Law School, you should attend a lecture by Carol L. Van Scoyoc on public and labor law. It will be on **Wednesday, October 5** from 4:00-5:30 in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, Pre-Law Advisor, ext. 7129; jeff.horn@manhattan.edu.

Lecture: Is further trade liberalization dead? The prospects for success at the WTO

David Runnalls, President of the International Institute for Sustainable Development and current Leopold Fellow at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies will be speaking about free trade and the upcoming ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization. It will be on **Tuesday, October 18** from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). For more information, contact Dr. Pamela Chasek, ext. 7248; pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu

Career Fair: Manhattan College's Fall Career Fair will be on **Wednesday, October 19** from 12:00-5:00 pm in Draddy Gymnasium. While many potential employers will be present, you should definitely check out the Peace Corps booth.

If you have ever been interested in using your skills to help a developing country? Are you eager to learn, first hand, about a different culture? Do you want to learn Romanian?...Thai?...Pular?... Or any foreign language? Find out more about how the Peace Corps fits into your future career!

Come to the 2005 Career Fair to meet a Recruiter and Returned Peace Corps volunteer who will both be on hand to talk about her experiences and answer your questions. Take this opportunity to find out more about volunteer opportunities with the Peace Corps!

- Discuss the current trends in Peace Corps.
- Learn about the many benefits during and after service.
- Pick up literature on the various programs.
- Find out just how easy it is to apply.
- Discover if you are meant for the Peace Corps!

Costello Lecture: Stephen Cohen will be speaking on "The Question of All Questions: Why did the Soviet Union End?" It will be on **Wednesday, October 19** from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Rodriguez Room (Miguel 311). For more information, contact Dr. Claire Nolte, ext. 7133, claire.nolte@manhattan.edu

Holocaust Center Lecture: Holocaust Center Visiting Speaker, Professor Claudia Koontz will be speaking on **Tuesday, November 1**, at 7:30 pm in Smith Auditorium. For more information, contact Dr. Jeff Horn, ext. 7129; jeff.horn@manhattan.edu.

Mark Your Calendars: The Annual Government/Urban/Peace/International Studies dinner will be on **Wednesday, April 26, 2006.**

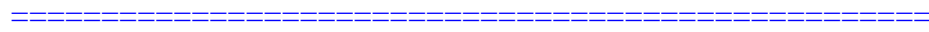
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3. Minors and Clusters

If you haven't already, you have the chance to declare a double major or have one major and one or more minors or clusters. You can minor in just about any department in the School of Arts as well as in the other schools. A number of International Studies majors take minors in the School of Business, so you may want to check those out. You can talk to Diana Gonzalez or check the Catalogue.

Now onto clusters. What is a cluster you may ask? A cluster is an interdisciplinary minor, sort of like International Studies is for a major. Students can use their electives to form a cluster of five courses from various departments that focus on a common theme. The School of Arts offers clusters in Law, American Studies, Pan-African Studies, Latin-American and Caribbean Area Studies, Women's Studies, Cognitive Science, Environmental Studies, and Roman Catholic Studies.

Information on the courses and on the requirements is available from the Cluster Coordinators: Dr. George Kirsch (American Studies); Dr. Winsome Downie (Pan-African Studies); Dr. Rodney Rodriguez (Latin-American and Caribbean Area Studies); Dr. Mary Ann O'Donnell (Women's Studies); Dr. Jay Friedenber (Cognitive Science); Dr. Pamela Chasek (Environmental Studies); and Dr. Michele Saracino (Roman Catholic Studies).



4. Do you want to study in Washington, DC?

All International Studies majors are encouraged to spend a semester or a year abroad as part of their college experience. However, you also have the opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, DC. Some students have combined programs and have spent one semester abroad and one semester in Washington. It makes for a great junior year.

Manhattan College is affiliated with two programs in Washington, DC, which provide you with the chance to intern and take courses – all for credit. One is the Washington Center program and one is the American University Washington Semester Program. All students at Manhattan can participate. However, the American University Washington Semester Program offers several options that are tailor made for International Studies students.

Each American University program involves a two-day a week internship and a three-day a week seminar. The seminar includes lectures and visits to places all around Washington DC from the State Department to the World Bank, to Congress and other places, depending on your course of study. You can round out your 15 credits by taking an elective course at American University. Financial aid opportunities are available and the cost is the same as your Manhattan College tuition. Options that are good for International Studies students include:

Foreign Policy: You spend the first five weeks examining the institutions, participants, and processes involved in international policy-making in our country. The remainder of the semester is spent examining specific issue areas such as national security and arms control, the Middle East crisis, international economic policy, and international development.

International Business and Trade: The first part of the program explores major issues, such as export/import procedures, foreign investment, and political risk analysis, while the latter part of the semester analyzes specific business opportunities in the Middle East, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the Pacific Rim. In the Spring 2006 semester, students will also have the opportunity to spend 3 weeks in **China**.

International Environment and Development: This semester provides a hands-on, experiential approach to learning about international environmental problems and politics, international development challenges, and the nexus between these areas. Still, this type of program would not be complete without firsthand exposure to a developing region and to the problems and decisions that accompany efforts aimed at promoting development while safeguarding the environment. That's why the Washington Semester Program sends your class on a three-week overseas field practicum to **South Africa** (Spring Semester) and **Brazil** (Fall Semester).

Peace and Conflict Resolution: This semester explores social and political conflicts around the world, with an emphasis on peace building initiatives between people, communities, and nations. You consider fundamental conflict resolution principles and receive basic communication and conflict resolution training. This program also goes on a three-week overseas field practicum to a region which has experienced the conflict and peace process firsthand such as **Northern Ireland**, or the **Balkans**. You meet the people involved in and affected by regional strife and post-conflict rebuilding, and get the rare opportunity to put a human face on conflicts you may have only heard about on the news.

For more information, go to <http://www.washingtonsemester.com> There are still spaces available for Spring 2006, but come to Miguel 414 ASAP to apply because the deadline is the end of October and since they have rolling admissions, some programs may already be filling up. If you want to go in Fall 2006, you can get materials and apply now. Questions, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu

5. Alumni News

Here is some news reported by International Studies alumni since last month.

Carmelita Francois [haitian69@hotmail.com] (2005) recently participated in the "Young Global Leaders Summit: Ending Poverty" conference at NYU.

Rachel Cerbone [rachelcerbone@hotmail.com] (2002) started graduate school at NYU in September and loves it.

Marissa Gross [miastellabella@optonline.net] (2005) came by for a visit and reported that Seton Hall's School of Diplomacy is great. She is working with the undergraduate Model UN program (no surprise there) and loves her classes.

Gemarla Babilonia [gbabilonia@stafireislny.uscg.mil] (2004) writes “Right now I'm in the US Coast Guard, station in Fire Island. I'm studying hard to get into Officer Candidate School, I didn't go right away I wanted to know what it felt like to be an enlisted member of the Armed Forces. I'm starting my Masters in January in Public Relations. I love the Coast Guard in another month it will be a year, so time flies.”

Jennifer Aponte [Jenny0406@aol.com] (2004) writes “I just started working as a Spanish and French teacher in a school here in the Bronx. It is going well so far and I am excited to work with the children. The kids are not that bad but the classes are of about 35 kids each so it gets hard to control them but thankfully they have not gotten out of control yet.” I am applying to the teaching fellows program. I'm thinking of getting a Master's Degree in school administration and supervision and hopefully that is my calling.”

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu .

Alumni: I would like to put together a panel of International Studies alumni to talk about life after Manhattan College. If you are in the area and want to participate, let me know by the end of October.

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6. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Asia International Job Opportunities in China.

Asia International is a small Western company with its main office in Nanjing (People's Republic of China). The company has had an average of 30% growth in sales and size since its founding 9 years ago, with current sales of over US\$10 million and headcount in the Nanjing office at about 20 people (half Chinese and half Westerners). The company provides sourcing services to buyers of Asian manufactured products. Current client base includes clients in over 25 countries around the world, most of them in Europe, North America and Latin America. They currently have openings for Account Directors manage a group of existing clients, being accountable for their businesses and acting as the only point of contact between the client and Asia International.

If you are interested, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu and I will send you the information I received.

Clark Fellowship.

Manhattan College is one of 25 colleges invited to nominate students for a Clark Foundation Fellowship. Upon graduation, Clark Fellows work (part-time or full-time) in a non-profit organization and begin a graduate degree program in New York City. The Clark Foundation provides a \$10,000 supplement to the Fellow's salary for 2 years (totaling \$20,000), plus \$10,000 toward the cost of graduate tuition. The Clark Foundation also provides guidance to Fellows in pursuing a professional career in the non-profit, public interest sector, during their senior year and their years as a Clark Fellow.

Applicants should:

- Be a junior at Manhattan College.
- Have a strong academic record (Any major, any school).
- Have a record of service and leadership in student, professional or community organizations
- Have an interest in a career in nonprofit, community-oriented services.

Michael Brady MC '05 and Erin Coriston MC '06 have won Clark Foundation Fellowships. Previous Clark Fellows have earned degrees in Social Work, Public Administration, Art History, and other fields. Fellows may attend school full or part time. Some of the organizations previous fellows have worked for include: Community Service Society, The Bronx Council of the Arts, Volunteers of America, St. Christopher's Independence Inn, Children's Aid Society, Delaware Valley Community Reinvestment Fund, and the CG Jung Institute.

The Manhattan College Graduate Fellowships Committee will choose the college's nominees in mid-March. For more information, contact Professor Margaret Groarke, Miguel 426, ext. 7943 or margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu.

Columbia University Job Opportunity.

Assistant Director, Masters Program in Climate Science and Policy Responsibilities include managing and coordinating the day-to-day activities of the Masters of Climate Science and Policy program (formally know as the Climate and Society or MSC program), including oversight of all student recruitment efforts for MCS educational programs. Responsibilities include the implementation of national and international marketing campaigns; arranging information sessions and campus visits for MCS program participants; coordinating and assisting in the development of on-line resources; oversight of the development and maintenance of databases to be used for market outreach; and serving as the principal liaison between the MCS program and internal and external constituents. Bachelor's degree or equivalent required. Masters Degree strongly preferred. Minimum of two years related experience required. Candidate must have experience in developing publications and marketing materials and thorough proficiency in the use of computers, including Microsoft Office. Further information and application procedures available at jobs.columbia.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=97235

Job Opportunity: Research Associate, National Security, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York

Salary: \$33,000 to \$35,000 based on education and experience.

Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is a leading nonprofit membership organization, research center, and publisher, with headquarters in NY, offices in Washington, D.C., and programs nationwide. It is dedicated to increasing America's understanding of the world and contributing ideas to U.S. foreign policy. The Council's 4000+ members are the leading scholars and practitioners in international affairs and foreign policy. The Council also

publishes Foreign Affairs, the preeminent journal on global issues. The Council is host to the widest possible range of views, but an advocate of none.

Like the great universities, foundations, and other think tanks, the Council aims to enhance the quality of study and debate on world issues, develop new generations of leaders, and help meet international challenges by generating concrete and workable ideas.

The Council's Studies Department is one of the country's largest foreign policy think tanks, with a widely respected and influential research staff of over 100 Fellows. The Studies department's aim is to produce insights into international affairs and U.S. foreign policy through its research, programs, and publications.

The Research Associate will support the work of a Senior Fellow, whose focus will be national security. The major responsibilities of this position will include (but are not limited to):

- Researching specific areas for articles, book chapters, and other publications, as requested by the Fellow
- Assisting with the drafting, proofreading and editing of articles, book chapters, and other written material, under the direction of the Fellow
- Coordinating events, including preparing invitations, travel arrangements, corresponding with speakers and presiders, helping to prepare background papers and materials for distribution, and providing other logistical support
- Providing administrative support to the Fellow, handling correspondence, scheduling, and responding to requests for information
- Tracking news and data sources
- Managing budgets, including preparing budgets and tracking monthly statements, monitoring grant information and writing reports and requests, creating and updating Excel spreadsheets, and preparing vouchers for reimbursement

Preferred Qualifications:

- Degree in History, International Relations or a related field, with a focus on national security; demonstrated high academic credentials
- One-plus years' related internship and administrative experience
- Excellent research skills and experience
- Strong writing skills and the ability to effectively proofread and edit
- Highly organized with the proven ability to meet deadlines
- Excellent computer skills, including MS Word, Excel, Lotus Notes, and the Internet

The Council on Foreign Relations is an equal opportunity employer and actively seeks candidates from a diverse background.

To Apply: Qualified candidates should e-mail, fax, or mail a resume and cover letter to the Human Resources department. Please include the position name in the subject of your e-mail.

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**Job Opportunity: Program Assistant, International Center for Transitional Justice
New York, New York**

Job Description: The Program Assistant will provide general administrative support to the International Policymakers Unit and the Research Unit. The Assistant will support the Directors of the two units, as well as the Deputy Director of the Research Unit. Assistance will include scheduling appointments and maintaining calendars, assisting with budget preparation, tracking expenditures, and creating and maintaining filing systems. The assistant will also coordinate the logistics of conferences and meetings, including those of high-level international policymakers, which require close and careful relations with senior policymakers worldwide and strong attention to detail.

Background: The International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) assists countries pursuing accountability for mass atrocity or human rights abuse. The Center works in societies emerging from repressive rule or armed conflict, as well as in established democracies where historical injustices or systemic abuse remain unresolved. For further information, please see www.ictj.org.

The International Policymakers Unit aims to inform, influence, and substantively assist senior international policymakers, particularly those within inter-governmental institutions such as the United Nations. The IPU sponsors seminars and briefings on a range of transitional justice issues, produces targeted publications, and provides input into current policy developments.

The Research Unit works with partners worldwide to produce in-depth primary research on critical transitional justice issues. The Unit undertakes large-scale multiyear projects that involve frequent communication with partners across the globe.

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree
- 2-3 years of work experience
- High attention to detail
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills; enjoys working with a diverse range of colleagues and partners
- Full proficiency in Microsoft Office

Successful candidates should demonstrate a high level of professionalism and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines. In addition to English, proficiency in other languages, particularly Spanish and French, is highly desired.

Other Information: No phone calls, please. The ICTJ provides an excellent salary and benefits package, and a committed multicultural, international environment.

Please send cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references by October 3, 2005 via e-mail or by fax to:

International Center for Transitional Justice

Fax: (212) 509-6036

E-mail: recruitment@ictj.org

URL: <http://www.ictj.org>

Manhattan College Mentor Program.

The Office of Career Development has a Mentor Program that enables current sophomores and juniors to get connected with a Manhattan College alum in the career of your choice. You will learn about the ins and outs of your intended career, visit their worksite, discover if this is the right career for you and make connections for a possible internship. The application deadline is Friday, October 7, 2005. For more information, contact: Brother Ralph, Mentor Office/Career Development, 504 Miguel Hall ext.7519, mentorprogram@manhattan.edu

Essay Contest.

The International Debate Education Association is pleased to announce its first ever The People Speak essay competition! From September 1 through November 30th, IDEA will be accepting essays written by youth from any country in the world who are 24 years of age and under that address the UN-US relations in one of four areas - the "Environment", "Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorism", "War and Conflict", and "Poverty, Hunger and Health".

Essays can deal with overviews of these issues or with specific topics within them, and must be a minimum of a 1,000 words and can be as long as 10,000. In evaluation by the awards panel, preference will be shown to essays that show originality and insight, and that demonstrate research and the use of evidence.

The writer of one grand prize essay will receive \$500, and will have their essay published by IDEA. Up to ten additional awards of \$250 each will be awarded to the writers of ten other winning essays. Winning contestants affiliated with any IDEA-recognized debate organizations will also have awards of \$100 made in their honor to their organization. An IDEA-affiliated Grand Prize winner will have \$250 donated to their organization.

For more information go to http://www.idebate.org/thepeoplespeak/essay_comp.html