

International Migration (ISIM)

ISIM 3355 Immigrants, Refugees State 3 Credits

This course examines the causes and consequences of forced migration, focusing in particular on displacement from conflict and human rights violations. It begins with the history of the concept of 'refugee' and then traces the evolution of the international regime for protecting and assisting refugees and displaced persons. The course then focuses on current examples of displacement in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, Central and South Asia, and Europe.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 3376 Global Child Migration 3 Credits

This course is a comprehensive look at the mobility of children around the world, the causes and effects from sociological, economic, social psychological and legal perspectives. The class will show why their identity as children, not adult migrants, should drive the way children are processed by immigration authorities and government policies. We will study refugee children seeking asylum and children who are migrating for economic reasons as well as children who are internally displaced inside their country of origin. Special consideration will be given to minors who enter another country not accompanied by parents as well as children accompanied by undocumented migrant parents who enter a country without authorization. The United States previous executive order of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) will be assessed. We will compare the approaches taken by European and other governments. We will look at the many diverse situations of children around the world including the exploitation of children through sexual and labor trafficking and the dangers of cross border smuggling in Africa, Asia and both Latin America and North America. Students will gain a sophisticated understanding of the highly diverse and complex phenomenon of children on the move.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 3379 ISIM: 3 Credits

This course examines the role of climate change and other environmental factors on the migration and displacement of individuals and communities. The course will include analysis of environmental risk due to physical processes, drivers and patterns of migration and the intersections of environmental and socio-economic factors that lead people to move. The course will also focus on the consequences for those who move, for the destination communities, for those left behind and for national and international politics.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 3600 Global Challenge of Migration 3 Credits

This seminar focuses attention on migrant students (including refugee students) and their educational needs. We will examine educational systems across various national contexts and the opportunities and challenges these present for border-crossing students. We begin by exploring recent historical and contemporary issues of migration, with particular attention paid to children and youth, before delving into the topics ranging from access to education for stateless persons and asylum-seekers, minority rights and adult education for immigrants. Case studies and theoretical readings will highlight the issues around migrant education as addressed and experienced at a range of levels, from INGO and NGOS, federal, state, and municipal level education agencies. In our final section of the course, we will explore innovative approaches to providing inclusive education.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 4400 Environmental Migration 3 Credits

This course examines the role of climate change and other environmental factors on the migration and displacement of individuals and communities. The course will include analysis of environmental risk due to physical processes, drivers and patterns of migration and the intersections of environmental and socio-economic factors that lead people to move. The course will also focus on the consequences for those who move, for the destination communities, for those left behind and for national and international politics.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 4455 Immigrants, Refugees State 3 Credits

This course examines major causes and consequences of migration. It focuses on how states, organizations, and institutions influence the drivers of international migration and forced displacement, and their consequences. The course begins with an overview of global migration, tracing the evolution of the needs of displaced persons and international responses to refugees and migrants. We will also discuss the search for solutions for and by refugees and internally displaced persons, how global responses to refugees and migrants have changed over time, differences in the ways countries create or dissuade migration and resettlement opportunities, and the implications for migrants and sending/receiving countries.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Equivalent to ISIM 3355

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

ISIM 4466 Migration, Race and Ethnicity 3 Credits

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 4467 Migration and Human Rights 3 Credits

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Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 4468 Environmental Migration 3 Credits

Human mobility within and across borders is on the rise with rapid globalization and infrastructural investments. National concerns over human security and resource allocation have prompted discussion over the drivers and consequences of emerging migration patterns related to environmental stressors. The objective of this course is to gain perspective on the environmental refugee debate and learn how governments, donors, and international agencies are currently tackling this problem. Students will be introduced to cross-disciplinary concepts of migration and environmental stressors (e.g., natural disasters, climate change, water scarcity, soil erosion) in order to understand and discuss recent scientific work. The class will investigate the challenges in documenting this phenomenon and its consequences on society. The course will conclude with a broader discussion related to how existing governments and humanitarian agencies are addressing the issue today, in policy and practice. Registered students are assumed to have a basic familiarity with multivariate regression analysis.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 4476 Trafficking Corp Accountability 3 Credits

In this course, we will examine the abuse of vulnerable populations for commercial gain. We will analyze the dynamics of the relationships between domestic and foreign migrant labor, global/local supply chains and capital markets, emerging corporate accountability, civil society, organized crime, government policy, and the legal frameworks that continue to allow exploitation to occur and thrive. We will also understand the nature of the abuse and methods of exploitation. Finally, we will consider potential changes needed to alter the relationships within the system in favor of protection and compensation of the vulnerable. Throughout the course, we will examine important system framing perspectives such as wicked problems, complex adaptive systems, and design thinking.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

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Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 4600 Global Educ Migration Challeng 3 Credits

Educational institutions in the 21st century are increasingly connected through international organizations, formal partnerships, and comparative assessment. How do various types of actors – international non-governmental organizations, states, private corporations, and philanthropy – intersect in shaping education at the global, national, and municipal levels? By taking a comparative lens, we draw on a wide range of cases from various parts of the world. In the first part of the course, students will develop an understanding of education in nation-building and rebuilding after armed conflict. Next, we will examine the rise of international networks and organizations that engage in agenda-setting to structure norms and practices. Finally, we focus on the nexus of education, migration and social cohesion. How do school systems meet the challenges of adapting to the arrival of students from new cultures? We consider new opportunities for education and migration pathways. This course explores educational policies and practices around the world through a comparative lens and by using case studies.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 5402 Gender and Migration in Europe 3 Credits

Created at a time when women were traditionally excluded from the exercise of power, the European Union is now generally characterized as the most “gender-friendly” political institution on the planet. The “feminization” of migration is not a new phenomenon, but existing EU policies have exacerbated the problems of physical insecurity, economic disadvantage and social exclusion confronting female migrants over the last decade. This course analyzes a complicated web of labor migration patterns, refugee flows, family unification trends, asylum policies and human-trafficking challenges intricately connected to globalized production and consumption chains. It addresses the “securitization” of border controls introduced in the wake of the 2015 refugee crisis, relegating women's rights as human rights to the back burner in violation of the EU gender acquis. We begin by differentiating among various types of migration, and the double-jeopardy to which male-normed legal categories subject women, children, ethnic /religious minorities and LGBTI groups. Drawing on interdisciplinary sources, we explore the role of international norms, expanded Treaty provisions and national backlash in the EU's efforts to establish common migration, integration and asylum policies, with special attention to the reform efforts of the EU's first female Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 5427 Migrants/Displaced Pop Eurasia 3 Credits

This course focuses on two neighboring regions of Eurasia - the Caucasus and Central Asia that have witnessed enormous social, political, and economic change since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Drawing on the work of social scientists, especially anthropologists, this course is intended to broaden and deepen students' knowledge and understanding of the ethnic, linguistic, and religious similarities and differences among the people of the Caucasus and Central Asia, with an emphasis on the regions' minority groups. This course also serves to focus students' attention on two of the more pressing issues for both the national governments of the states in these regions and the international community: migration and forced displacement. Tajikistan is consistently one of the top remittance-receiving countries as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) in the world, while Georgia and Azerbaijan host large populations of internally displaced persons (IDPs). This course is divided into three parts: 1) a socio-cultural overview of the Caucasus and Central Asia, with an emphasis on the regions' transformation from Soviet to post-Soviet; 2) an examination of migration in the Caucasus and Central Asia; and 3) an examination of forced displacement in the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 5521 Project Design Implementation 3 Credits

This course will provide an overview of project design concepts, including problem identification, theory of change, assessments plans, activity selection, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) planning. Students will have the opportunity to design a sector-based project using skills developed during the course duration and meet with experienced humanitarian and development professionals.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 5540 Race, Ethnicity Migration 3 Credits

This advanced graduate seminar delves into the intricate connections between international migration and notions of race and ethnicity, both in the United States and globally. We will explore the forces behind the formation of multicultural, multiethnic, and multiracial societies, with a focus on how race and ethnicity influence patterns of human mobility—and particularly immobility. Through critical inquiry, we will examine concepts such as identity, citizenship, class, nationality, gender, and indigeneity, viewed through the lenses of colonial history and contemporary migration dynamics. This course will provide insights into understanding race and ethnicity in the context of international migration, drawing from disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, Black studies, history, ethnic studies, comparative literature, Latinx studies, feminist studies, Asian American studies, and more.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 5547 Migration Remittance Diaspora 3 Credits

This course examines the economic, social, and cultural dimensions of migration, with a particular focus on remittances and diaspora engagement. It explores how migrant financial flows, social networks, and diaspora initiatives shape household welfare, investment patterns, and transnational economic and sociocultural connections between migrant-sending and migrant-receiving societies. Students will analyze the drivers of migration, the dynamics of global remittance flows, and the ways diasporas engage in economic activities such as entrepreneurship, philanthropy, investment, and knowledge transfer that connect migrants with the economies of their countries of origin. Discussions will also address how migration intersects with broader development issues such as labor markets, gender, climate change, social protection, health, and education. Drawing on insights from economics, sociology, public policy, political science, social development, and migration studies, the course integrates academic literature, policy reports, and case studies to examine emerging trends in remittance systems, including digital transfer technologies and financial inclusion. Students will also explore how diaspora engagement can shape economic opportunities and influence development outcomes, while developing analytical and research skills through discussions, applied analysis, and a research project focused on migration-related economic questions.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Equivalent to ISIM 6547

ISIM 5570 US Refugee Policy 3 Credits

US Refugee Policy Development & Implementation This course analyzes US policies toward refugees, including assistance to refugees overseas, those who are resettled in the US and those who arrive on US borders in search of asylum. We will examine how US refugee policy has evolved since World War II and the many actors involved in developing and implementing this policy, from the State Department to other government agencies to multilateral organizations and non-governmental organizations. We will discuss the ways in which both foreign and domestic interests have shaped US policies toward refugees and consider the key roles of diplomacy, international law and multilateral organizations in shaping US refugee policy. The course will include lectures, class discussions, case studies, and student presentations.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 5571 Environmental Displacement 3 Credits

Full title: Seminar in Environmental Displacement. This course will examine the multiple ways that environmental and climate change is driving migration and displacement. It will consider environmental risk as well as the socio-economic, political, security, and demographic factors that affect environmental displacement and migration and will analyze the consequences for those who move, for the destination communities, for those left behind and for national and international politics.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 5572 Migration in the Americas 3 Credits

The Americas (Latin America and the Caribbean) have a rich migration history, which encompasses both migration within the region and to countries outside the region (especially the United States, Canada, and European countries). This course examines the history of migration within, from, and to the Americas, including the reasons that different migration patterns have developed; how public policies have evolved over time to regulate migration; and the role that migrants play in the life of both their new home countries and their countries of origin.

Level: Graduate, Juris Doctor

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 5573 Migrant Integration/Inclusion 3 Credits

Migrant Integration and Inclusion This course examines the issue of integration, inclusion and identity of migrants, including issues around language, access to the labor market and public services, education, religion, gender and political rights. We will explore contending theories of how migrants come to belong into a new society, how they seek to maintain ties to their countries of origin and how their identity changes. We'll look at different experiences of integration by gender, age, ethnicity, religion, legal status and other factors and we will compare integration policies in the US and elsewhere. The course will include lectures, class discussions and student presentations.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 5574 Migration in Africa 3 Credits

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 5576 Migration Surveillance/Enforcement 3 Credits

This class explores the ethical and political stakes of emerging technologies when used in migration surveillance and enforcement, and the relationship between privacy and democratic governance.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 6420 Global Policies on Migration 3 Credits

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 6501 Migration Policy/Economies 3 Credits

How Migration Policy Shapes Economies, Local and Global: Migration policy is one of the most difficult and consequential public decisions of our age. This course will offer fundamental economic tools to consider the effects of policies that shape international migration on national economies and the world economy. It will focus on migrants from the Global South to the United States, Europe, Australia/New Zealand, and within the Global South itself. Students will use those tools on current policy debates.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6510 Global Overview/Trends/Migration 3 Credits

This gateway course provides conceptual and theoretical foundations as well as a global overview of recent and current processes in international migration. It covers trends in mobility and immobility, theories of migration and displacement, normative frameworks, and examines differences among internally displaced persons, refugees, and other migrants. It will have a strong focus on the ethics of the global migration regime and will also cover related topics, such as unauthorized migration and deportation, smuggling and trafficking, labor migration, remittances, and development. We will ask and seek answers to fundamental questions around global migration and forced displacement: Why do people migrate? What policies discourage or encourage people to leave? And what are the leading factors that shape the response of transit and host countries? Do 'development-at-place' aid reduce migration? What factors affect social and political attitudes toward migrants and refugees in host countries? We will read leading scholarly works in sociology, anthropology, political science, political theory, economics, law, and public policy. We will also analyze how influential activist-scholars, decision makers, policy analysts, immigrant community leaders, and experts from local and international organizations have addressed these issues globally. This is a learning-centered seminar designed for students to achieve (1) increased, interdisciplinary knowledge of the most pressing contemporary global migration issues and the scholarship surrounding them; and (2) better critical thinking skills on the topic through reflection, writing, and discussion. Students will be assessed on their engagement with the course material through writing assignments, group activities, and participation in class discussion. Learning Objectives: 1. Critically assess migration theories and global dynamics by identifying root causes of migration, distinguishing between voluntary and forced movements, and applying theoretical frameworks to contemporary case studies. 2. Evaluate migration governance structures and policies by analyzing the effectiveness of international legal frameworks, assessing the roles of key actors and institutions, and examining how public opinion and political factors shape policy outcomes. 3. Analyze the impacts and experiences of migration across diverse contexts by comparing categories of migrants, assessing integration barriers and opportunities, evaluating differential impacts on marginalized groups, and examining consequences for countries of origin, transit, and destination.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6511 Strangers No More-Solutions Re 3 Credits

Strangers no more – Durable solutions for refugees. Traditionally, the three durable solutions for refugees have been voluntary repatriation, local integration in the country of first asylum, and resettlement to a third country. "Protection-sensitive" labor and other legal migration pathways outside of asylum are increasingly being explored as the "fourth durable solution." Yet intractable refugee situations are more prevalent than ever, encompassing refugees hosted in countries with encampment policies, urban refugees without integration prospects, endless "temporary" protection regimes, as well as Palestinian refugees. This course will explore durable solutions for refugees and strategies for pursuing those solutions. First, we will seek to define the goal: When is durable solution achieved?; i.e. when refugees are in a place where they are refugees no more, in their own eyes and the eyes of the community around them. Second, we will examine each of the durable solutions in depth. Third, we will examine durable solution strategies for refugee populations, paying particular to how refugees, states, host communities, and institutions can identify and act on their interest in accomplishing those solutions. Finally, we will propose solutions strategies for some of the world's most protracted refugee situations, and look at early actions designed to prevent displacement crises from becoming protracted in the first place.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6512 MIMR Capstone 3 Credits

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Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6515 Rsrch Mthds Refugees Migrtn 3 Credits

This course will introduce students to the methods used in the social sciences to understand the causes and consequences of people on the move. Students will learn both qualitative and quantitative methods of data collection including surveys, interviews, and ethnographic research, and become familiar with their strengths and weaknesses. The course will also cover ethical issues in research on refugees and migrants.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6520 Skills: Advocacy Ref Migr 1.5 Credits

This 7-week course will provide an introduction to strategies in advocating on refugee and migration issues including setting an advocacy agenda, identifying relevant stakeholders, developing effective messages, building coalitions and assessing impact. Students will have the opportunity to develop an advocacy strategy on a topic of their choosing and will meet with experienced refugee and migration advocates.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6530 MIMR Practicum 3 Credits

This course is designed to provide practical, hands-on experience for students in the MIMR program by working with a refugee or migration agency. Students will relate these experiences to their academic course work through faculty-guided discussions and individual reflection papers.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in International Affairs, International Affairs, International Affairs or International Affairs.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6547 Migration Remittance Diaspora 3 Credits

This course examines the economic, social, and cultural dimensions of migration, with a particular focus on remittances and diaspora engagement. It explores how migrant financial flows, social networks, and diaspora initiatives shape household welfare, investment patterns, and transnational economic and sociocultural connections between migrant-sending and migrant-receiving societies. Students will analyze the drivers of migration, the dynamics of global remittance flows, and the ways diasporas engage in economic activities such as entrepreneurship, philanthropy, investment, and knowledge transfer that connect migrants with the economies of their countries of origin. Discussions will also address how migration intersects with broader development issues such as labor markets, gender, climate change, social protection, health, and education. Drawing on insights from economics, sociology, public policy, political science, social development, and migration studies, the course integrates academic literature, policy reports, and case studies to examine emerging trends in remittance systems, including digital transfer technologies and financial inclusion. Students will also explore how diaspora engagement can shape economic opportunities and influence development outcomes, while developing analytical and research skills through discussions, applied analysis, and a research project focused on migration-related economic questions.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6548 Intl Migration Development 3 Credits

The International Migration and Development course invites students to explore the broad and interconnected relationship between international migration and development, emphasizing their crucial role in addressing pressing global challenges. This interdisciplinary course equips students with the critical tools and analytical frameworks necessary to understand and address the challenges migration presents to development. Through a multidisciplinary approach, students will engage with essential theories and methodologies, analyzing the causes and consequences of migration, the mechanisms and effects of remittances, and the policy responses to these phenomena. The course employs various teaching methods, including readings, news discussions, and case studies, to facilitate real-world, real-time engagement with migration and development issues. Students will lead group discussions, reflect on contemporary challenges, and interact with guest lecturers, while staying up-to-date with global news related to migration. Through the use of current data, reports from international organizations, and academic sources, the course provides students with the knowledge and skills required to navigate the complexities of migration in today's globalized world. The final paper will reflect the integrative approach of the course, allowing students to apply their critical thinking to the material, offer their own analysis, and demonstrate their understanding. By the end of the course, students will be prepared to take on key roles in shaping policies that effectively manage international migration and enhance development outcomes. The course will provide the foundation for students to engage with global social change, address issues of migration and development, and contribute to the creation of informed policies in this increasingly critical area. New Course Credit Value:

Level: Graduate, Juris Doctor, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Arab Studies, Arab Studies, Arab Studies, Arab Studies, Asian Studies, Asian Studies, Asian Studies, Asian Studies, Eurasian, Russian, E Euro Stud, Eurasian, Russian, E Euro Stud, Eurasian, Russian, E Euro Stud, Eurasian, Russian, E Euro Stud, Foreign Service, Foreign Service, Foreign Service, Foreign Service, German and European Studies, German and European Studies, German and European Studies, German and European Studies, Global Human Development, Global Human Development, Global Human Development, Government, Government, Government, Government, Int'l Development Policy, Int'l Development Policy, Int'l Development Policy, Int'l Development Policy, Latin American Studies, Latin American Studies, Law/Arab Studies, Law/Arab Studies, Law/Arab Studies, Law/Arab Studies, Law/Foreign Service, Law/Foreign Service, Law/Foreign Service, Law/Foreign Service, Law/Security Studies, Law/Security Studies, Law/Security Studies, Public Policy, Public Policy, Public Policy, Russian East European Stud, Russian East European Stud, Russian East European Stud, Russian East European Stud, Security Studies, Security Studies, Security Studies or Security Studies.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6556 Turkey, the EU and Migration 3 Credits

Turkey and the European Union (EU) have had a long and difficult relationship. Among the many issues both sides have had to deal with, migration and the governance of migratory movements have been an especially thorny subject. In hindsight, the summer of 2015, when close to one million refugees, mostly Syrian nationals, and migrants arrived at Europe's doorstep, was a turning point. These developments had a deep impact on the EU, its internal unity, politics and external relations, as well as its relations with Turkey. Decades of migration from Turkey to Europe have had important economic, political and social consequences on a number of European countries and on Turkey itself. In recent years, Turkey was transformed from a primarily country of emigration to an immigration and transit country, mostly as a result of its economic development that was deeply shaped by its engagement with the EU. This course provides an overview of the EU's policies toward migrants and refugees, the evolution of Turkish policy toward those arriving on its borders and analysis of EU-Turkish relations with a particular emphasis on policies toward refugees and migrants, including the foreign policy, political, institutional and regulatory aspects of these migratory movements, ranging from asylum seekers and irregular migrants to exchange students and retirees.

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6590 Humanitarian Action 3 Credits

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Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6594 Refugee/Humanitarian Emergnc 3 Credits

This research seminar will critically examine a number of humanitarian crises, including Afghanistan, Bosnia, Colombia, Haiti (earthquake -2010), Iraq, Philippines (Typhoon Haiyan -2013), Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, West Africa (Ebola-2014), and Yemen. Each of these crises will be analyzed in terms of: their causes; efforts to prevent, respond to and recover from the crisis; the extent to which international legal frameworks were applied and the impact of the crisis on legal principles; the engagement of different actors (from military forces to local faith-based communities); the extent to which humanitarian principles of neutrality, independence, and impartiality were compromised in humanitarian response; the relationship between refugees, internally displaced persons and 'trapped populations' as determinants of international attention; and difficult operational issues around access, negotiations with non-state actors, and the relationship between security concerns and humanitarian response.

Level: Graduate, Juris Doctor, Undergraduate

Prerequisites: (INAF 687 or INAF 6887) or (INAF 698 or AFST 6698)

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 6698 Intro to Humanitarian Crisis 3 Credits

This course examines the consequences of and responses to humanitarian emergencies—including conflict, natural disaster, and protracted crisis—with particular attention to displacement and refugee protection. Drawing on contemporary cases from diverse regional contexts, students analyze the international legal frameworks governing humanitarian action, the architecture of the global humanitarian system, and the politics of intervention. The course critically assesses who acts, how, and for whom, with attention to refugees, internally displaced persons, and intersecting groups such as women, children, and persons with disabilities, as well as the challenges of achieving durable solutions in complex humanitarian settings.

Level: Graduate, Undergraduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.

ISIM 7949 Tutorial International Migrati 0-3 Credits

Level: Graduate

Grading: Main Campus (UGrad, Grad)

ISIM 9991 MIMR Continuous Registration 0-3 Credits

This course will meet the requirement of the MIMR Practicum.

Level: Graduate

Grading: No Grade

Course registration restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in International Affairs, International Affairs, International Affairs or International Affairs.

Enrollment is limited to Graduate level students.