

IBEI-UPF International Relations Program 2016-17

The Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) and the UPF Education Abroad Program have partnered to offer an International Relations Abroad program for undergraduate students. Addressed to students majoring in International Relations, Political Science, Legal Studies, Humanities, Economics or Journalism, this program aims to provide high quality teaching for students interested in increasing the understanding of today's world's challenges in the spheres of global politics, international relations and international security.

Being an European leader in graduate studies and advanced research within the framework of international studies, IBEI counts on excellent, well prepared international faculty to stimulate student's critical vision of globalization.

ELECTIVE COURSES

Fall term

United Nations: international peace and security

Instructors: Ignasi Torrent (UPF) / Jordi Quero (UPF)

The aim of this course is threefold: first, to introduce students to the United Nations (aims, institutions, history) and its critical role in contemporary international society; second, to focus on the analysis of mechanisms in place at the UN architecture to achieve one of its main goals: maintaining international peace and security; and third, to provide a systematic toolkit which helps students out in critically analyzing the performance of the UN Peace Operation missions, by identifying strengths and weaknesses of different historical operations in the field.

Literatura y Política en América Latina

Instructors: Dunia Gras (UB) / Tania Pleitez (UPF) / Jacint Jordana (UPF-IBEI)

La creación literaria y la política se encuentran estrechamente interrelacionadas. Sea como fuente de inspiración, como ensayo de interpretación, o simplemente como contexto inevitable, con mucha frecuencia los autores latinoamericanos se enfrentan a su propia realidad política haciendo uso de sus armas narrativas. Este curso tiene como objetivo introducir al estudiante en las complejidades de la América Latina contemporánea a través de un estudio en profundidad de cinco novelas recientes de escritores latinoamericanos (Roberto Bolaño, Evelio Rosero, Yuri Herrera, Horacio Castellanos Moya y Zoe Valdés) y del contexto político en el que transcurre cada una de ellas.

Spring term

Politics, Society and International Relations of the Mediterranean and the Middle East

Instructors: Eduard Soler (CIDOB-IBEI) / Lurdes Vidal (IEMED) / Jordi Quero (UPF)

The course has two main objectives. First, it aims at introducing students to the sociopolitical reality of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. It does so by systematically and critically examining the contemporary history, politics, society, religion and international relations of the region. Secondly, the course will provide the students with specific analytical tools -mainly from Political Science and International Relations disciplines- which will aid them in properly analyzing sociopolitical realities beyond the ones covered by the course.

España en el Mundo: Política Exterior y Diplomacia Pública

Instructor: Laia Mestres (IBEI)

¿Es realmente España una potencia media con presencia global, tal y como defienden los diplomáticos y políticos españoles? O, por el contrario, ¿La crisis económica y financiera, que tanto ha afectado a los españoles, ha sido también una causa de deterioro de la imagen de España en el exterior? El objetivo de este curso es profundizar en el papel de España en el mundo, desde la perspectiva de las Relaciones Internacionales, mediante los instrumentos de análisis de las políticas exteriores.

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Spring term

International Politics of Humanitarian Action

Instructor: Miriam Bradley (IBEI)

In 2013, the US government spent US\$4.7 billion on overseas humanitarian assistance. This is part of a wider trend of increasing spending on humanitarian aid since the end of the Cold War. Does this massive expansion of the humanitarian sector suggest the world is becoming more compassionate and civilized? How do the political interests of donor governments drive humanitarian priorities? Does aid do more harm than good? How does humanitarian aid differ from human rights or development work? Should humanitarian action be political? How does law protect in war? This course will grapple with these, and other, important questions regarding the ethics, law, politics and practice of humanitarianism.

International Business and globalization

Instructor: Francisco J. Granados (IBEI)

The course starts with an overview of economic globalization from a political, sociological and historical perspective, focusing on the aspects most relevant to international business. It outlines main globalization debates, such as the role of states and international institutions, economic development, and inequalities across and within countries. The second part of the course considers a set of international management topics examined in reference to the global context where firms operate: the political environment of international business, internationalization strategies, international strategic alliances, global marketing, global human resource management, global R&D management, and corporate social responsibility.

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