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Perspectives in International Studies

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This course provides majors in International Studies with a comprehensive introduction to the field. Readings and discussions will cover all regions of the world and engage with contemporary global problems through an interdisciplinary lens that draws from political science, anthropology, economics, sociology, environmental studies, and geography.

Topics include globalization, political and economic change, poverty and development, migration and refugees, nationalism, human-environment interactions, human rights, and religion. The course will pinpoint connections between these themes and give students the analytical tools to understand and address the challenges facing human communities at the global and local levels. Our readings and lectures will cover all regions offered to International Studies majors as a specialization.