COURSES TAUGHT AT MINES

LAIS339. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE MIDDLE EAST. 3.0 Hours.
A broad survey of the interrelationships between the state and market in the Middle East as seen through an examination of critical contemporary and historical issues that shape polity, economy, and society. Special emphasis will be given to the dynamics between the developed North and the developing South.
-Prerequisite: LAIS100. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SYGN200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

LAIS439. MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Hours.
This international political economy seminar analyzes economic, political and social dynamics that affect the progress and direction of states, markets, and peoples of the region. It examines the development of the Middle East from agrarian to post-industrial societies; economic, political and cultural transformations since World War II; contemporary security issues that both divide and unite the region; and the effects of globalization processes on economies and societies in the Middle East.
-Prerequisite: LAIS100. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SYGN200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

LAIS440. WAR AND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. 3.0 Hours.
This course introduces students to theories of war and then discusses a select number of historical wars and contemporary ones. It also analyzes efforts at peace-making efforts and why some fail and others succeed. The global consequences of war and peace in the Middle East will be explored in terms of oil supply and of other geo-strategic interests that America has in that region.
-Prerequisite: LAIS100. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SYGN200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.
LAIS 560 / LAIS 460. GLOBAL GEOPOLITICS. 3.0 Hours.
This seminar examines geopolitical competition between great and aspiring powers for influence, control over land and natural resources, critical geo-strategic trade routes, or even infrastructure. Using empirical evidence from case studies, students develop a deeper understanding of the interconnections between the political, economic, social, cultural and geographic dimensions of foreign policies, as well as issues of war and peace.
-Prerequisite: LAIS100 or LAIS101. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SYGN200. 3 hours seminar; 3 credit hours.

LAIS 588/488. WATER POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Hours.
Seminar on water policies and the political and governmental processes that produce them, as an exemplar of natural resource politics and policy in general. Group discussion and independent research on specific politics and policy issues. Primary but not exclusive focus on the U.S.
-Pre requisite: LAIS100. Prerequisite or co-requisite: SYGN200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.