

IAS 3003 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 2025

IAS 3003 SEC. 001 ARCTIC SECURITY, TR 9:00-10:15AM, ROB ANDREW

This course plans to cover the following topics: U.S.-Russia military resources devoted to the Arctic, relations/issues/competition/race to develop and secure the Arctic, etc.; What U.S. government departments/agencies have equities in the Arctic and how they approach it; Role of NATO and other related security organizations such as NORDEFECO; Explore China's (and other major non-Arctic countries) role/potential role in the Arctic, especially trade and shipping lanes during ice-free summers; Role of the Arctic Council in security and other issues such as search and rescue and environmental spills; Effect of climate change on the Arctic, such as ice-free summers for shipping and greater potential ability to extract natural resources such as natural gas and oil, etc. as well as melting permafrost in Siberia causing methane releases, etc. Also, what climate change means for security issues in terms of how it affects military operations by the U.S. and Russia and others, etc.; Role of indigenous peoples in security of region (if at all, or any role that they may have, such as the Sami in northern Europe/above Arctic Circle); Will it be a "region of cooperation" or a "region of competition"?; Role of UN and other government and NGOs in the region; Discuss the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and its application to the Arctic.

IAS 3003 SEC. 003 PERSIAN LITERATURE & CULTURE, MWF 10:00-11:50AM, MINA RABINSABET

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of Persian culture, examining common beliefs, festivals, religious rituals, cultural norms, and various art forms including music, architecture, and theatre. Students will engage with Persian literature as a rich source for understanding and analyzing these cultural concepts. The course traces the roots and evolution of Persian cultural elements from ancient times to the present day, providing insight into the continuity and transformation of Persian cultural identity. Additionally, we will explore how Iranian identity has transformed across centuries, from the pre-Islamic era to modern-day Iran. This course will also examine the role of women in Iran's literary and cultural history, and how their contributions have both reflected and driven societal change.

IAS 3003 SEC. 004 EUROPEAN POLITICS, MWF 1:00-1:50PM, DR. LAUREN GATCH

This course is an analysis of political developments in Europe, emphasizing state structures, intergovernmental relations, and regional political dynamics. Topics of study will include institutions and processes of European politics from a comparative perspective; the significance of the European Union as a regional integration project that impacts the domestic politics of its member countries; the roles individual European countries, and the European Union itself, play in international politics; an analysis of selected policy areas of concern to European countries.