

SPECIAL COURSE OFFERINGS FOR FALL 2007

Some of the courses listed below cannot be found in the *Undergraduate* or *Graduate Bulletins*. The following material has been prepared to assist students in selecting from the wide array of recently approved, elective, and variable topic course offerings that might otherwise go unnoticed because they are so new or have not been offered in several years. Some courses are grouped in selected categories of interest. For additional information on variable topic courses, please consult individual department postings.

Earth & Environmental Sciences

GEOL 009/URBST 265 Environmental Issues/Special Topics in Urban Studies: Global Climate Change—Science, Policy, Economics 3 hr.; 3 cr.
See course information under Urban Studies..

Environmental Studies

GEOL 009/URBST 265 Environmental Issues/Special Topics in Urban Studies: Global Climate Change—Science, Policy, Economics *See course information under Urban Studies..*

Geology

GEOL 009/URBST 265 Environmental Issues/Special Topics in Urban Studies: Global Climate Change—Science, Policy, Economics *See course information under Urban Studies..*

History

HIST 144 Early South Asian History
3 hr.; 3 cr. South Asian history from ancient times to the 17th century. (Sen)

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: 18th Century Ireland 3 hr.; 3 cr. The political, social, and cultural history of Ireland in the 18th century. (McGough) **HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: Christians & Jews** 3 hr.; 3 cr. The history of the relationship between Christians and Jews. (Mintz)

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: Modern Middle East (1790–1923)
3 hr.; 3 cr. “Modern” reforms from the late 18th century through the impact of World War I. (Frangakis Syrett)

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: War & Society 3 hr.; 3 cr. The impact of wars on societies throughout history. (Wintermute)

HIST 259 The American Revolution & the Foundation of the Republic, 1763–1800 3 hr.; 3 cr.
The American Revolution, the establishment of the federal union, and the formation of political parties in the 1790s. (Scott)

Irish Studies

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: 18th Century Ireland *See course information under History.*

Jewish Studies

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: Christians & Jews *See course information under History.*

Middle Eastern Studies

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: Modern Middle East (1790–1923)

See course information under History.

Political Science

PSCI 209 Special Topics in Political Science: The Politics of Immigration

3 hr.; 3 cr. An examination of the economic and political forces that shape immigration as well as the impact of immigration on the U.S. economy and political system. How has immigration policy changed over time? What are the factors that have shaped policy? What groups have been the winners and losers? Does immigration contribute to growth? What is the impact of immigration on the labor market? How has immigration shaped the strategies of political parties, employers, and labor unions? Finally, we will compare the U.S. experience with that of countries in Western Europe. How does the U.S. model of immigration and integration compare with other countries? How successful have European countries been in integrating immigrants from non-European countries? How has the “war on terror” impacted policy toward immigration and immigrants? (Bowman)

Religious Studies

HIST 200 Selected Studies in History: Christians & Jews *See course description under History.*

Urban Studies

URBST 220 Studies of Selected Urban Service Institutions: Immigration & the Making of New York City 3 hr.; 3 cr.

Prereq.: 6 credits in anthropology, economics, political science, sociology, or urban studies. Immigration of diverse people and their subsequent interests and roles have had a significant impact on shaping New York City since its very inception. This course will highlight the major waves of immigration to New York City from colonial times through the 19th century to the more recent post-1965 immigration.

We will discuss a historical overview of immigration policy; various models explaining acculturation and integration of immigrants into the city and the nation; and formation of immigrant communities and cultures as part of the diverse city. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding the impact of immigration and the state of intercultural relations in New York City neighborhoods. As a class project, students will conduct fieldwork and basic research in Queens’s neighborhoods. The course will include guest speakers and field visits during class time. (Khandelwal) **URBST 265/GEOL 009 Special Topics in**

Urban Studies: Global Climate Change—Science, Policy, Economics/Environmental Issues 3 hr.; 3 cr. An examination of the science, politics, and economics of global climate change and its likely impact on humankind’s use of energy. The class will focus on two themes: (1) the scientific basis for concern about climate change, including how the atmosphere, oceans and biosphere are reacting to human induced causes of climate change, and (2) issues surrounding the likely causes of climate change, including population growth, energy consumption, urbanization, transportation, energy alternatives, and energy economics. The evolution of the environmental movement and of environmental policymaking in the U.S. and internationally will be discussed. Videos, internet sources, and guest speakers will provide the most up-to-date information. Students will be encouraged to examine and report on particular topics among the many issues that will be raised. The class will be conducted with one lecture and one discussion section each week. (Hendrey/Rodberg)