

INTERDISCIPLINARY (INT)

INT 105 Learning in College (3 Credits)

This integrative seminar is designed to help new students make a successful transition to Medaille College. The course aims to foster the development of the academic skills needed to succeed in college and develop an understanding of college as a culture. This course aims to support the development of students' personal, academic, and professional goals. This course provides students with opportunities to use campus resources, participate in life on campus, and appreciate the benefits of being a part of college culture; this will allow students to immediately apply what they are learning to their other courses and activities. Offered as needed.

Department: Preparatory Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 110 Introduction to Dialogues in Critical Thinking (3 Credits)

As a cornerstone of Medaille's "Dialogues" Core curriculum, this course aims to introduce students to the fundamentals of critical thinking. Its coursework integrates basic critical thinking, argumentation, and related written and spoken communication lessons with the exploration and evaluation of significant ideas. Thus, the course specifically addresses some of the most important academic skills required not only for success in college, but also for open-minded and reflective inquiry, substantial understanding, and informed judgment. Plato's concept of "dialogue" is rooted as a foundation of the course, as well as a foundation of the entire Core curriculum. Offered as needed.

This course may satisfy the general education core: Critical Dialogues.

Essential Learning Outcomes for Medaille College: Critical Thinking

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 150 Introduction to International Studies (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to the variety of approaches to International Studies in the social sciences and the humanities. Both interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary, the course will approach international issues and problems using different disciplines, and also connecting those disciplines in ways that provide deeper and more thorough understandings. The course will also introduce the essential concepts necessary to engage in academic conversations about global issues. The broad sweep of the course will focus on how different cultures and societies approach solutions to similar problems. In particular, the course will emphasize intercultural awareness, international relations, and problem solving in a global context. By doing so, the course will serve as a foundation for both International Studies majors and majors interested in taking other courses within the field of international studies. Offered as needed.

Essential Learning Outcomes for Medaille College: Critical Thinking and Cultural Literacy

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 220 Enduring American Dialogues (3 Credits)

This course explores enduring dialogues in American democracy. After surveying perennial questions about citizenship, freedom, authority, and justice, the course examines ideas and arguments that have animated civic discussion throughout U.S. history to the present day. The course integrates historical, political, social, and ethical perspectives to deepen understanding of key American values and institutions. Offered as needed.

This course may satisfy the general education core: American Dialogues.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: INT 110 and ENG 110.

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 240 Issues and Problems in Human Sexuality (3 Credits)

The course presents the major empirical findings in broad content areas of human sexuality. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

Fees: None

INT 275 Death, Grief, Loss and Change (3 Credits)

This course is designed to acquaint students with death and dying in order to develop skills in coping with grief, loss, life changes, suicide, guilt, and death for themselves and in dealing with others. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

Fees: None

INT 298 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies (3 Credits)

Topic to be specified each semester course offered.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 310 Psychoanalysis & Politics (3 Credits)

This course employs interdisciplinary materials and theoretical lenses to consider the relationships between psychology and politics, the psyche and the polis, the inner world and the public sphere. 'Politics' is understood in its broadest sense to include not only the workings of governments and global institutions but interactions involving 'power' and 'influence,' whether they occur at international, local, or interpersonal levels. Object-relations psychoanalytic theories help students develop questions and hypotheses about the political needs, aims, and aversions of individuals and groups, possibly in relation to current social or political events. Diverse and interdisciplinary texts and film excerpts are offered in order to explore the connections between, for example, the politics and ethics of colonial occupation and warfare, on one hand, and, on the other, of psychic repression and internalized hatred and aggression. Offered as needed.

This course may satisfy the general education core: Global Dialogues.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: ENG 200.

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 320 American Popular Culture (3 Credits)

This course is an upper-level introduction to the issues surrounding popular culture, particularly focused on production, consumption, and reception of popular culture. This course will explore the significance of popular culture as both a reflection of and an influence upon American attitudes, beliefs, expectations, hopes, and concerns. The theoretical framework for this course is drawn from cultural studies, with special emphasis on race, gender, and class issues. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: ENG 200.

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior.

Fees: None

INT 325 Intercultural Communication (3 Credits)

The overarching purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the process of communicating across cultural boundaries. It will deal with culture as both a producer and product of communication. It will discuss how cultural similarities and differences may facilitate or impede political, economic, and social exchanges between people of different cultural backgrounds. The course will develop an appreciation of intercultural communication as an essential factor in promoting peace and fostering development in national, regional, and global contexts. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: ENG 110.

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 350 Seminar in Religion and Belief (3 Credits)

This course will introduce the field of religious studies by exploring and comparing various religious cultures around the world. Two central questions provide the focus of the course: What is religion? How does religion shape the human experience and social life? This course will examine the ways in which religion is part of larger social and culture systems that provide a variety of functions: producing group cohesion, forming how individuals and communities understand themselves and their world, shaping decision-making, and causing social tensions. While the course is not a survey of world religions, the history, principles, and practices of a variety of religions will be studied for the purpose of being able to investigate how religion influences the thoughts and actions of human beings. Offered as needed.

This course may satisfy the general education core: Global Dialogues.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior.

Fees: None

INT 377 International Studies Field Experience I (3 Credits)

This internship course offers students a structured, supervised opportunity to design their own learning within the context of the goals of the International Major for enhancing students' academic and professional development and the needs of their host organization. Targeted placements will be with a local organization that works with immigrant or refugee populations, or conducts work outside of the United States. Skills practiced in the field experience are expected to be at a high-level of competence and difficulty and approved by the course instructor. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior.

Fees: None

INT 398 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies (3 Credits)

Topic to be specified each semester course offered.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 411 Global Leadership (3 Credits)

Students will engage in the examination of fundamental, research-based leadership traits, skills, and behaviors as well as historical and contemporary conceptions of leadership and the leadership process. They will explore leadership challenges, practices, and processes from gender, multidisciplinary, cross-cultural, and global perspectives. Students will engage in the self-assessment of their leadership behaviors and abilities throughout the course and participate in a leadership-in-action project. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: ENG 200.

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment limited to students with a classification of Junior or Senior.

Fees: None

INT 450 Capstone in Citizenship (3 Credits)

This course gives students the opportunity to integrate their course work in their major with individual research projects. The course will teach students how to develop a capstone proposal on a topic developed out of their major disciplinary field that seeks to solve a real-world problem, how to conduct scholarly research on their topic, and how to write a scholarly research paper. Students will also learn how to give an oral defense of their research. Offered as needed.

This course may satisfy the general education core: Citizenship Dialogues.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: INT 411 or GEN 410.

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

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INT 450E Capstone in Citizenship (3 Credits)

This course gives students the opportunity to integrate their course work in their major with individual research projects. The course will teach students how to develop a capstone proposal on a topic developed out of their major disciplinary field that seeks to solve a real-world problem, how to conduct scholarly research on their topic, and how to write a scholarly research paper. Students will also learn how to give an oral defense of their research.

This course may satisfy the general education core: Citizenship Dialogues.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: INT 411 or GEN 410.

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None

INT 477 International Studies Field Experience II (3-12 Credits)

This internship course offers students a structured, supervised opportunity to design their own learning within the context of the goals of the International Major for enhancing students' academic and professional development and the needs of their host organization. Targeted placements will be with a local organization that works with immigrant or refugee populations, or conducts work outside of the United States. Skills practiced in the field experience are expected to be at a high-level of competence and difficulty and approved by the course instructor. Offered as needed.

Department: Interdisciplinary Studies

Pre-Requisites: INT 377.

Co-Requisites: None

Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate level students.

Fees: None

INT 498 Independent Study in Interdisciplinary Studies (3 Credits)

Topics to be specified each semester course offered.

Department: None

Pre-Requisites: None

Co-Requisites: None

Fees: None