HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HASS)

HASS100. NATURE AND HUMAN VALUES. 4.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with HNRS105, LAIS100.
Nature and Human Values will focus on diverse views and critical questions concerning traditional and contemporary issues linking the quality of human life and Nature, and their interdependence. The course will examine various disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches regarding two major questions: 1) How has Nature affected the quality of human life and the formulation of human values and ethics? 2) How have human actions, values, and ethics affected Nature? These issues will use cases and examples taken from across time and cultures. Themes will include but are not limited to population, natural resources, stewardship of the Earth, and the future of human society. This is a writing-intensive course that will provide instruction and practice in expository writing, using the disciplines and perspectives of the Humanities and Social Sciences. 4 hours lecture/seminar; 4 semester hours.

HASS101. ACADEMIC ENGLISH PROFICIENCY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Academic English Proficiency will help non-native English speakers understand and apply advanced reading and writing skills required for success at the university level. Working with content from a wide range of academic and professional disciplines, students will master advanced grammar, inference, analysis, and vocabulary. The course will teach students how to incorporate complex sentence structure, diverse clauses, and word forms to improve their composition abilities in multiple writing contexts. To support these components, students will also improve their reading fluency and comprehension through academic texts specifically chosen to engage English language learners. Content and coursework will promote critical thinking and responses in English. Overall, students will learn about the cultural expectations associated with academic writing in American universities.

HASS198. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: none. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS199. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS200. GLOBAL STUDIES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS200, SYGN200.
(i, II, S) Part of the Mines core curriculum, following the first-year requirement of HASS 100 (Nature and Human Values). Modern scientists and engineers operate in an increasingly interconnected world. This course is designed to enhance student capacity to understand, appreciate, and critically analyze the global contexts in which they will live and work. Course material examines the modern world through specific thematic lenses, with an emphasis on the major patterns of cultural, political, and/or environmental change. Students will develop original analysis through comparative empirical research on diverse societies and regions, and will communicate this analysis orally and in writing. Prerequisite: HASS100. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS201. WORKSHOP FOUNDATIONS: THE ART AND CRAFT OF CREATIVE WRITING. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS201.
(i, II, S) (WI) This course examines the major patterns of modern and contemporary written forms. Topics analyzed include poetic expression, prose and creative nonfiction, and the personal or lyric essay. Poetics will focus on writing from imagism to modernism to beat and hippy writing, up to contemporary and postmodern poetry. Prose writing will examine the development of the short story from inception to contemporary approaches. Analysis of historical trends and change will also serve as a basis for developing student writing habits and strategies. Over the course of the semester, these subjects will be addressed through seminars, readings, workshops, and in-class discussion and activities. Prerequisites: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS202. TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I) Technical Communication introduces students to the written and oral communication of technical information, and prepares students for effective professional communication. The course covers workplace writing, such as memos, proposals, and reports, visual communication, best practices for layout and design, ethical practices in the workplace, multimodal communication technologies, and oral presentations. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS203. INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS220.
A general introduction to philosophy that explores historical and analytic traditions. Historical exploration may compare and contrast ancient and modern, rationalist and empiricist, European and Asian approaches to philosophy. Analytic exploration may consider such basic problems as the distinction between illusion and reality, the one and the many, the structure of knowledge, the existence of God, the nature of mind or self. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. 3 hours lecture; 3 credit hours.
HASS221. INTRODUCTION TO RELIGIONS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS221.
This course has two focuses. We will look at selected religions emphasizing their popular, institutional, and contemplative forms; these will be four or five of the most common religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, and/or Islam. The second point of the course focuses on how the Humanities and Social Sciences work. We will use methods from various disciplines to study religion-history of religions and religious thought, sociology, anthropology and ethnography, art history, study of myth, philosophy, analysis of religious texts and artifacts (both contemporary and historical), analysis of material culture and the role it plays in religion, and other disciplines and methodologies. We will look at the question of objectivity; is it possible to be objective? We will approach this methodological question using the concept ?standpoint.? For selected readings, films, and your own writings, we will analyze what the ?standpoint? is. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS226. BEGINNING CLASS PIANO AND FUNDAMENTALS OF MUSIC. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS226.
(I, II, S) HASS 226 is a beginning keyboard class. Students will learn to read music, develop fundamental keyboard skills, grasp basic music theory and history concepts, and understand the communal nature of music through ensemble preparation and public performance. Assessment will be based on class participation, written exams, student reflection papers, written and aural homework assignments, and public performances in class. The course will be a recommended, but not required, prerequisite for HASS 326 (Music Theory) and HASS 328 (Basic Music Composition and Arranging). Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS286. GLOBAL POLITICS & SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS286.
(I, II, S) This is a beginning-level course intended to familiarize students with the study of politics across societies. The method is comparative in that it approaches the task of studying the world's different political systems by contrasting and comparing them along different dimensions, and by seeking generalizations about them. The class focuses on cases, topics, and methodologies in American and comparative politics. The course is part of the Global Politics & Society Minor. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS298. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hrs.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS298. SPECIAL TOPICS. 6.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS298B.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS298. SPECIAL TOPICS. 6.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS298C.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS299. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS299. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS299B.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS299. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS299C.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS299. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS299D.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS300. CREATIVE WRITING: FICTION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS300.
Students will write weekly exercises and read their work for the pleasure and edification of the class. The midterm in this course will be the production of a short story. The final will consist of a completed, revised short story. The best of these works may be printed in a future collection. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS301. CREATIVE WRITING: POETRY I. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS301.
This course focuses on reading and writing poetry. Students will learn many different poetic forms to compliment prosody, craft, and technique. Aesthetic preferences will be developed as the class reads, discusses, and models some of the great American poets. Weekly exercises reflect specific poetic tools, encourage the writing of literary poetry, and stimulate the development of the student?s craft. The purpose of the course is to experience the literature and its place in a multicultural society, while students ?try on? various styles and contexts in order to develop their own voice. Prerequisite: HASS 100. Corequisite: HASS 200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.
HASS305. AMERICAN LITERATURE: COLONIAL PERIOD TO THE PRESENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS305,
This course offers an overview of American literature from the colonial period to the present. The texts of the class provide a context for examining the traditions that shape the American nation as a physical, cultural and historical space. As we read, we will focus on the relationships between community, landscape, history, and language in the American imagination. We will concentrate specifically on conceptions of the nation and national identity in relation to race, gender, and class difference. Authors may include: Rowlandson, Brown, Apess, Hawthorne, Douglass, Melville, Whitman, James, Stein, Eliot, Hemingway, Silko, and Auster. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS307. EXPLORATIONS IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS307,
This course examines major figures and themes in the modern literatures of Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Reading, discussion and writing will focus on fiction and poetry representing Francophone, Arabic, and Hispanophone traditions within these world regions. Engaging these texts will foster understanding of some of the pivotal philosophical, political, and aesthetic debates that have informed cultural practices in diverse colonial territories and nation-states. Thematic and stylistic concerns will include imperialism, nationalism, existentialism, Orientalism, negritude, and social and magical realisms. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS309. LITERATURE AND SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS309,
Before the emergence of sociology as a distinct field of study, literary artists had long been investigating the seemingly infinite complexity of human societies, seeking to comprehend the forces shaping collective identities, socio-cultural transformations, technological innovations, and political conflicts. Designed to enrich recognition and understanding of the complex interplay of artistic creativity and social inquiry over time, this course compares influential literary and social-scientific responses to the Enlightenment, the Industrial Revolution, and other dynamic junctures integral to the forging of “modernity” and the volatile world we inhabit today. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS315. MUSICAL TRADITIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS315,
An introduction to music of the Western world from its beginnings to the present. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS316. JAZZ AND AMERICAN POPULAR MUSIC. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I, II, S) This upper-level HASS course explores the American musical style called Jazz, as well as examining the evolution and development of popular music in America. The shared history, background, differences and similarities of these artistic areas will be examined for a deeper understanding of the impact they had in the modern world. Topics analyzed include: regional influences, evolution in thematic material, technological development, important artistic contributions, political and societal factors, and music as a product vs an art form. Analysis of historical trends and change will also serve as a framework for student opinions. Over the course of the semester, these subjects will be addressed through lectures, seminars, readings, and in-class discussion and activities. Students will develop their own analytical skills, which will be demonstrated in written opinion responses, in-class discussions, and musical analysis projects. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS320. ETHICS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS320,
A general introduction to ethics that explores its analytic and historical traditions. Reference will commonly be made to one or more significant texts by such moral philosophers as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Kant, John Stuart Mill, and others. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS322. INTRODUCTION TO SCIENCE COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS322,
This course will explore the relationship between science and the public through an examination of science writing and communication on current events. Students will study various forms of science communication, including essays, blogs, news segments, media clips, and radio programs in order to understand the ways in which science is communicated beyond the lab or university and into the public consciousness. Science writing often explores the human condition, reflects on hopes and worries about technology, and informs our collective knowledge about the world. Students will discuss the implications of this kind of communication, analyze breakdowns in communication through case studies, and write for peer and popular audiences, including turning a lab report into a short feature article and writing a science essay. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS324. AUDIO/ACOUSTICAL ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS324,
(I) Audio/acoustical engineering and science teaches concepts surrounding the production, transmission, manipulation and reception of audible sound. These factors play a role in many diverse areas such as the design of modern music technology products, recording studios and loudspeakers, civil engineering and building design, and industrial safety. This course will explore and concepts of this field and the physics/mechanics that are involved, as well as aesthetic impacts related to the subject matter. Discussion of human anatomy and psychoacoustic phenomena are also presented. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS325. CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS325,
A study of the social behavior and cultural development of humans. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.
HASS326. MUSIC THEORY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS326,  
(I) The course begins with the fundamentals of music theory and moves into more complex applications. Music of the common practice period (18th century) and beyond is considered. Aural and visual recognition of harmonic material is emphasized. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS327. MUSIC TECHNOLOGY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS327,  
(I, II) An introduction to the physics of music and sound. The history of music technology from wax tubes to synthesizers. Construction of instruments and studio. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS328. BASIC MUSIC COMPOSITION AND ARRANGING. 1.0 Semester Hr.  
Equivalent with LAIS328,  
(I) This course begins with the fundamentals of music composition and works towards basic vocal and instrumental arrangement skills. Upon completion of this course the student should: 1) Demonstrate basic knowledge of (music) compositional techniques; 2) Demonstrate primary concepts of vocal and instrumental ensemble arrangement; 3) Demonstrate an ability to use notational software and MIDI station hardware. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Repeatable for credit. 1 hour lecture; 1 semester hour.

HASS330. MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CAPSTONE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS330,  
(II) Project-based course designed to develop practical technological and communication skills for direct application to the music recording. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS337. ASIA: POLITICS & SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS337,  
(I, II, S) (WI) A broad survey of the interrelationship between the state and economy in East and Southeast Asia 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 of interstate relationships between the developed North and the developing South. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS339. MIDDLE EAST: POLITICS & SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS339,  
(I, II, S) (WI) 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: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS341. AFRICA: POLITICS & SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS341,  
(I, II, S) (WI) A broad survey of the interrelationships between the state and market in Africa 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: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS344. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS344,  
This course surveys major topics and theories of international relations. Students will evaluate diverse perspectives and examine a variety of topics including war and peace, economic globalization, human rights and international law, international environmental issues, and the role of the US as the current superpower. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS360. RESEARCH, VALUES, AND COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
This 3-credit class, which is one of the HASS electives, helps students prepare to be effective in research in science or engineering, for communicating research to an intended audience, and for developing ethical standards that are grounded in personal values. The class covers elements of doing research, such as choosing a research topic, generating research questions, making a work plan, dealing with the ambiguity and hurdles of research, research ethics, broader social and ethical impacts of research, as well as publishing scientific papers, scientific writing, giving oral communications, and writing research proposals. Students acquire hands-on experience by choosing a research project, performing a literature search, develop critical thinking, making a work plan, writing a proposal, and presenting that proposal. The proposal can be the upbeat to a senior design project.

HASS365. HISTORY OF WAR. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS365,  
History of War looks at war primarily as a significant human activity in the history of the Western World since the times of Greece and Rome to the present. The causes, strategies, results, and costs of various wars will be covered, with considerable focus on important military and political leaders as well as on noted historians and theoreticians. The course is primarily a lecture course with possible group and individual presentations as class size permits. Tests will be both objective and essay types. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS366. DIVIDED STATES OF AMERICA. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
This course explores the historical underpinnings of contested developments in recent U.S. history. Students will learn about various social movements, economic changes, and political developments that have created fractures in contemporary American society. Through readings, writings, and discussions, students will develop analytical tools for identifying and assessing differing economic, political, environmental, and social contexts within the United States. The course further emphasizes the application of critical skills for assessing conflicting evidence and interpretations. Topics include economic growth and change, government power and policy, social movements across the political spectrum, wars and international relations, political parties and movements, and racial, class, gender, regional, and religious influences on American life. Prerequisite: HASS100. Co-requisite: HASS200 (although HASS200 can also be taken as a pre-requisite).

HASS370. HISTORY OF SCIENCE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS370,  
An introduction to the social history of science, exploring significant people, theories, and social practices in science, with special attention to the histories of physics, chemistry, earth sciences, ecology, and biology. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.
HASS376. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS376.
(I, II) Community Engagement through Service Learning combines a traditional classroom environment with an off campus learning experience with a local non-profit or community organization. Students spend 3-4 hours per week serving the organization they choose and meet in class once per week to discuss reading assignments, present research findings, and share experiences and insights about the course material. Instructors may choose to focus on a particular topic or social issue, such as poverty and privilege, or may engage with community issues more broadly. The course focuses on several aspects of a student’s learning, including intra- and interpersonal learning, discovering community, and developing communication skills and critical and interdisciplinary approaches. Course work will focus on critical reading, group discussion and deliberation, oral presentations of research, and writing assignments.
Prerequisites: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 2 hours lecture; 3 hours lab; 3 semester hours.

HASS398. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS398B.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS398. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS398C.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS399. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS399C.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS399. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS399D.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS400. ADVANCED SHORT FICTION WRITING WORKSHOP. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS401.
(II) (WI) This upper-level HASS course examines the major patterns of modern and contemporary written forms of fiction, and asks students to apply what they learn in their own writing. Topics analyzed include: prose and narrative theory, organizational approaches to fiction, plot, character, setting, and all the many aspects of professional creative writing. Critical prose writing by the students will examine the development of the short story from inception to contemporary approaches. Analysis of historical trends and change will also serve as a basis for developing student writing habits and strategies. Over the course of the semester, these subjects will be addressed through seminars, readings, workshops, and in-class discussion and activities. Students will advance their own fiction-writing skills, which will be demonstrated in two new short stories over the course of the semester, and will turn in a final portfolio and critical paper to show their growth. Prerequisites: HASS100, HASS200. Corequisites: HASS300, HASS301, and HASS401. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS401. CREATIVE WRITING: POETRY II. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS401.
This course is a continuation of HASS 301 for those interested in developing their poetry writing further. It focuses on reading and writing poetry. Students will learn many different poetic forms to compliment prosody, craft, and technique. Aesthetic preferences will be developed as the class reads, discusses, and models some of the great American poets. Weekly exercises reflect specific poetic tools, encourage the writing of literary poetry, and simulate the development of the student’s craft. The purpose of the course is to experience the literature and its place in a multicultural society, while students try on various styles and contexts in order to develop their own voice. Prerequisite: HASS100, HASS301. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.
HASS404. WOMEN, LITERATURE, AND SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS404,
This reading and writing intensive course examines the role that women writers have played in a range of literary traditions. Far from residing in the margins of key national debates, women writers have actively contributed their voices to demands for social, racial, economic, and artistic equality. We will examine the writing produced by women from a diversity of racial, ethnic, and social backgrounds, as we examine the ways in which women writers respond to the various pressures placed on them as artists and activists. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS406. THE LITERATURE OF WAR AND REMEMBRANCE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS406,
In “The Literature of War and Remembrance,” students survey poetry, prose, and film ranging from classical to contemporary war literature. The course considers literary depictions of the individual and society in war and its aftermath. Critical reading and writing skills are demonstrated in creative presentations and analytical essays. Students will investigate war literature and commemorative art inspired by recent world conflicts, and place a contemporary work into the thematic structure of the course. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS407. SCIENCE IN LITERATURE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS407,
Science fiction often serves as a cautionary tale that deals with the darker side of humanity's desires in order to find a better understanding of who we are and what we hope to become. This class examines scientific and social progress as it is imagined by some of the greatest authors of the genre. We will examine the current events that may have influenced the writing and position our lens to the scientific and technological breakthroughs, as well as the social, cultural, and political state of the world at the time of our readings. This course focuses on classic science fiction from the late 1800's to the present which may include: Jules Verne, H.G. Wells, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Jack Williamson, Isaac Asimov, Robert Heinlein, Alfred Bester, Philip Jose Farmer, Marion Zimmer Bradley, Ray Bradbury, Philip K. Dick, William Gibson, Arthur C. Clarke, Ursula K. LeGuin and Mary Doria Russell, among others. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS408. LIFE STORIES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS408,
Using texts by published authors and members of the class, we will explore the pleasures and challenges of creating and interpreting narratives based on “real life.” The class will consider critical theories about the relationship between the self and the stories we tell. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS409. SHAKESPEAREAN DRAMA. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS409,
Shakespeare, the most well known writer in English and perhaps the world, deals with universal themes and the ultimate nature of what it is to be a human being. His plays are staged, filmed, and read around the globe, even after 400 years. This seminar will explore why Shakespeare’s plays and characters have such lasting power and meaning to humanity. The seminar will combine class discussion, lecture, and video. Grades will be based on participation, response essays, and a final essay. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS410. CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON 20TH CENTURY LITERATURE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS410,
This course introduces students to texts and cultural productions of the 20th Century literature. We will examine a diverse collection of materials, including novels and short stories, poems, plays, films, painting, and sculpture. Science, technology, violence, history, identity, language all come under the careful scrutiny of the authors we will discuss in this course, which may include Conrad, Fanon, Achebe, Eliot, Kafka, Barnes, Camus, Borges, and Marquez, among others. We will also screen films that comment upon the fragility of individual identity in the face of modern technology. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS411. LITERATURES OF THE AFRICAN WORLD. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS411,
This course examines wide-ranging writers’ depictions of collective transformations and conflicts integral to the making and remaking of African and Afro-diasporic communities worldwide. Fiction, poetry, and essays representing diverse linguistic, aesthetic, and philosophical traditions will constitute the bulk of the reading. Alongside their intrinsic expressive values, these texts illuminate religious and popular cultural practices important to social groups throughout much of sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America, and the United States. Primary socio-historical themes may include the slave trade, plantation cultures, generational consciousness, ethnicity, gender relations, urbanization, and collective violence. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS412. LITERATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS412,
This reading and writing intensive course investigates the human connection to the environment in a broad range of literary materials. Discussions focus on the role of place - of landscape as physical, cultural, moral, historical space - and on the relationship between landscape and community, history, and language in the environmental imagination. Readings include texts that celebrate the natural world, those that indict the careless use of land and resources, and those that predict and depict the consequences of that carelessness. Additionally, we investigate philosophical, legal, and policy frameworks that shape approaches to environmental issues. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS415. MASS MEDIA STUDIES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS415,
This introduction to mass media studies is designed to help students become more active interpreters of mass media messages, primarily those that emanate from television, radio, the Internet, sound recordings (music), and motions pictures (film, documentary, etc.). Taking a broad rhetorical and sociological perspective, the course examines a range of mass media topics and issues. Students should complete this course with enhanced rhetorical and sociological understandings of how media shapes individuals, societies, and cultures as well as how those groups shape the media. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.
HASS416. FILM STUDIES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS416,
This course introduces students to the basics of film history, form, and criticism. Students will be exposed to a variety of film forms, including documentary, narrative, and formalist films, and will be encouraged to discuss and write about these forms using critical film language. Students will have an opportunity to work on their own film projects and to conduct research into the relationship between films and their historical, cultural, and ideological origins. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS418. NARRATING THE NATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS418,
The novel, nationalism, and the modern nation-state share the same eighteenth and nineteenth-century roots. Relationships between the works of novelists, local nationalisms, and state politics have, however, always been volatile. These tensions have assumed particularly dramatic expressive and political forms in Latin America and postcolonial South Asia and Africa. This course examines the inspirations, stakes, and ramifications of celebrated novelists’ explorations of the conflicted and fragmentary character their own and/or neighboring nationstates. Beyond their intrinsic literary values, these texts illuminate distinctive religious, ritual, and popular cultural practices that have shaped collective imaginings of the nation, as well as oscillations in nationalist sentiment across specific regions and historical junctures. Studies in relevant visual media -films, paintings, and telenovelas - will further our comparative inquiry into the relationships between artistic narrative and critical perspectives on “the nation.” Alongside the focal literary and visual texts, the course will address major modernist and postmodernist accounts of the origins, spread, and varied careers of nationalist thought and practice across our modern world. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS419. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS419,
(I, II, S) (WI) This course explores the ways that messages about the environment and environmentalism are communicated in the mass media, fine arts, and popular culture. The course will introduce students to key readings in environmental communication, media studies, and cultural studies in order to understand the many ways in which the images, messages, and politics of environmentalism and the natural world are constructed and contested. Students will critically analyze their roles as science and/or technology communicators in the context of environmental issues and will apply their skills to creating communications projects for diverse audiences. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS421. ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS421,
A critical examination of environmental ethics and the philosophical theories on which they depend. Topics may include preservation/conservation, animal welfare, deep ecology, the land ethic, eco-feminism, environmental justice, sustainability, or non-western approaches. This class may also include analyses of select, contemporary environmental issues. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS423. ADVANCED SCIENCE COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS423,
This course will examine historical and contemporary case studies in which science communication (or miscommunication) played key roles in shaping policy outcomes and/or public perceptions. Examples of cases might include the recent controversies over hacked climate science emails, nuclear power plant siting controversies, or discussions of ethics in classic environmental cases, such as the Dioxin pollution case. Students will study, analyze, and write about science communication and policy theories related to scientific uncertainty; the role of the scientist as communicator; and media ethics. Students will also be exposed to a number of strategies for managing their encounters with the media, as well as tools for assessing their communication responsibilities and capacities. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS425. INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS425,
(I, II) The course examines intercultural communication theory and practice. In particular, the course provides students with a window into how intercultural (mis)communication cases arise, evolve, and are resolved. Students investigate communication cases and issues across a broad range of cultural divides, such as national, ethnic, gender, and social class cultures. Some case studies are situated in engineering and applied science contexts. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS426. SCIENTIFIC CONTROVERSIES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS426,
(I, II) Examines national and international, historical and contemporary scientific and engineering controversies. In particular, the course provides students with a window into how scientific controversies arise, evolve, and are resolved both within scientific circles and in the public arena. By exploring case studies of such controversies, students gain a better understanding about how scientific controversies shape and are shaped by communication as well as by public policy. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS427. RISK COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
How do people perceive risk, as well as make decisions and communicate under conditions of uncertainty and risk? This course explores multiple perspectives on that overarching question. Although risk perception, risk management, and risk communication are three major course components, they are not treated separately but in terms of how they interrelate. Case studies include engineers and applied scientists coping with complex forms of uncertainty and risk, communicating in organizational and public sphere contexts with multiple audiences via the press and directly to the public, stockholders, co-workers, local communities, and more. In addition, students will critically reflect on the social consequences of living with risk in our contemporary moment. Prerequisite: HASS100. Co-requisite: HASS200.

HASS429. REAL WORLD RECORDING/RESEARCH. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS429,
(WI) This reading and writing-intensive course explores the acoustical, musical, and technical aspects of recording a variety of live ethnomusicological music genres and/or performances, towards the purpose of learning how to research, document and capture the most accurate and authentic recording. Historical research, non-traditional recording techniques; archival documentation, and editing will all be a part of this course. Prerequisites: HASS100 and HASS315 or HASS327. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.
HASS431. MORAL PSYCHOLOGY, RELIGION, AND AMERICAN SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS431, (I, II, S) (WI) This course introduces intersections of moral psychology, religion in American society. Course begins with an understanding of religion in the United States and how religion has influenced foreign affairs throughout history (national security). Course introduces insights from moral psychology to shed light on the political spectrum in American political life. The course then explores how faith-based organizations make decisions on when and how to enter American political life for social change (intrasecurity). Finally, the course explores the connections between religion and terrorism that have seen some rise in the early 21st century (national security). Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS432. ROBOT ETHICS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(II) This course explores ethical issues arising in robotics and human-robot interaction through philosophical analysis, behavioral and psychological analysis, research ethics education, and the integration of social and ethical concerns in scientific experimentation and algorithm design. Topics include case studies in lethal autonomous weapon systems, autonomous cars, and social robots, as well as higher-level concerns including economics, law, policy, and discrimination. Prerequisite: HASS200.

HASS433. SHAKESPEARE AND THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS433, (I, II, S) (WI) This course investigates ways in which William Shakespeare, a contemporary of Galileo, reflects in his work scientific theories and discoveries emerging during the Renaissance that transformed long-held world views. Shakespeare presents characters encountering unprecedented challenges interpreting their own relationship to the natural world and the political world, the spiritual world and the New World, the world of arts and the human imagination. Because the Renaissance concept of science is so broad and multi-disciplinary, students will be able to pursue individual interests in their research for this course. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS435. LATIN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS435, A seminar designed to explore the political economy of current and recent past development strategies, models, efforts, and issues in Latin America, one of the most dynamic regions of the world today. Development is understood to be a nonlinear, complex set of processes involving political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental factors whose ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for individuals. The role of both the state and the market in development processes will be examined. Topics to be covered will vary as changing realities dictate but will be drawn from such subjects as inequality of income distribution; the role of education and health care; region-markets; the impact of globalization, institution-building, corporate-community-state interfaces, neoliberalism, privatization, democracy, and public policy formulation as it relates to development goals. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS437. ASIAN DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS437, This international political economy seminar deals with the historical development of Asia Pacific from agrarian to post-industrial eras; its economic, political, and cultural transformation since World War II, contemporary security issues that both divide and unite the region; and globalization processes that encourage Asia Pacific to forge a single trading bloc. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS439. MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS439, 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: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS441. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS441, This course provides a broad overview of the political economy of Africa. Its goal is to give students an understanding of the possibilities of African development and the impediments that currently block its economic growth. Despite substantial natural resources, mineral reserves, and human capital, most African countries remain mired in poverty. The struggles that have arisen on the continent have fostered thinking about the curse of natural resources where countries with oil or diamonds are beset with political instability and warfare. Readings give first an introduction to the continent followed by a focus on the specific issues that confront African development today. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS442. NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAR IN AFRICA. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS442, Africa possesses abundant natural resources yet suffers civil wars and international conflicts based on access to resource revenues. The course examines the distinctive history of Africa, the impact of the resource curse, mismanagement of government and corruption, and specific cases of unrest and war in Africa. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS446. GLOBALIZATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS446, This international political economy seminar is an historical and contemporary analysis of globalization processes examined through selected issues of world affairs of political, economic, military, and diplomatic significance. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS448. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS448, Critical examination of interactions between development and the environment and the human dimensions of global change; social, political, economic, and cultural responses to the management and preservation of natural resources and ecosystems on a global scale. Exploration of the meaning and implications of ?Stewardship of the Earth? and ?Sustainable Development.? Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.
HASS450. POLITICAL RISK ASSESSMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS450,
This course will review the existing methodologies and techniques of risk assessment in both country-specific and global environments. It will also seek to design better ways of assessing and evaluating risk factors for business and public diplomacy in the increasingly globalized context of economy and politics wherein the role of the state is being challenged and redefined. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS452. CORRUPTION AND DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS452.
(I, II, S) (WI) This course addresses the problem of corruption and its impact on development. Readings are multi-disciplinary and include policy studies, economics, and political science. Students will acquire an understanding of what constitutes corruption, how it negatively affects development, and what they, as engineers in a variety of professional circumstances, might do in circumstances in which bribe paying or bribe taking might occur. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS453. ETHNIC CONFLICT IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS453,
Many scholars used to believe that with modernization, racial, religious, and cultural antagonisms would weaken as individuals developed more rational outlooks and gave primacy to their economic concerns. Yet, with the waning of global ideological conflict of the left-right nature, conflict based on cultural and "civilization" differences have come to the fore in both developing and developed countries. This course will examine ethnic conflict, broadly conceived, in a variety of contexts. Case studies will include the civil war in Yugoslavia, the LA riots, the antagonism between the Chinese and 'indigenous' groups in Southeast, the so-called war between the West and Islam, and ethnic relations in the U.S. We will consider ethnic contention in both institutionalized, political processes, such as the politics of affirmative action, as well as in non-institutionalized, extra-legal settings, such as ethnic riots, pogroms, and genocide. We will end by asking what can be done to mitigate ethnic conflict and what might be the future of ethnic group identification. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS456. POWER AND POLITICS IN EURASIA. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS456,
This seminar covers the major internal and international issues confronting the fifteen states that once comprised the Soviet Union. After an overview of the USSR and its collapse in 1991, the course explores subsequent economic and security dilemmas facing the "new" nations of Eurasia. Special attention will be paid to oil, natural gas, and other energy sectors in the region. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS458. NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I, II, S) (WI) This course examines the relationship between natural resources and development. It begins by discussing theories of development and how those theories account for specific choices among resource abundant countries. From the theoretical readings, students examine sector specific topics in particular cases. These subjects include oil and natural gas in African and Central Asian countries; hard rock mining in West Africa and East Asia; gemstone mining in Southern and West Africa; contracting in the extractive industries; and corporate social responsibility. Readings are multidisciplinary and draw from policy studies, economics, and political science to provide students an understanding of different theoretical approaches from the social sciences to explain the relationship between abundant natural resources and development. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS460. GEOPOLITICS OF NATURAL RESOURCES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS460,
(I, II, S) (WI) 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: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS464. HISTORY OF ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS464,
(I, II, S) This course examines the major patterns of human energy use and interaction with the natural environment on a global scale from the origins of civilization to the present day. Topics analyzed include the dynamics of historical change in energy and resource use, the ways in which energy and the environment have shaped the development of past societies, cultural perceptions of energy and the environment during different historical eras, and the impact of past human activities on natural systems. Analysis of historical trends will also serve as a basis for discussions related to current issues in energy and the environment. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS467. HISTORY OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS467,
This course provides an overview of the history of some of the key sciences that help us understand the world we inhabit: geology, climatology, evolutionary biology, and ecology. As we investigate key scientific discoveries of the modern era, we will also consider the philosophical and cultural impacts of those scientific discoveries. Thus, our reading will include not only original texts by scientists, but also key literary, historical and other texts inspired by those discoveries. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.
HASS484. US WATER POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I) (WI) This interdisciplinary seminar course engages the complexities of contemporary water governance in the United States, with an emphasis on the arid American West, including the state of Colorado. It engages with governance questions such as how we are to share over-allocated water resources, how we are to engage with increasingly unpredictable hydrologic dynamics, and how changes in water science, engineering, and values shape policy and politics and vice versa. The course engages with concepts in ethics, economics, history, law, and policy, and puts them in conversation with dynamics in hydrology, engineering, and social-ecological systems theory. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS485. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND POLITICS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS485.
This course presents a comprehensive survey of the U.S. Constitution with special attention devoted to the first ten Amendments, also known as the Bill of Rights. Since the Constitution is primarily a legal document, the class will adopt a legal approach to constitutional interpretation. However, as the historical and political context of constitutional interpretation is inseparable from the legal analysis, these areas will also be covered. Significant current developments in constitutional jurisprudence will also be examined. The first part of the course deals with Articles I through III of the Constitution, which specify the division of national governmental power among the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. Additionally, the federal nature of the American governmental system, in which governmental authority is apportioned between the national government and the state governments, will be studied. The second part of the course examines the individual rights specifically protected by the amendments to the Constitution, principally the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS486. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS486.
An examination of current issues relating to science and technology policy in the United States and, as appropriate, in other countries. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS487. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS487.
Seminar on environmental policies and the political and governmental processes that produce them. Group discussion and independent research on specific environmental issues. Primary but not exclusive focus on the U.S. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS488. GLOBAL WATER POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS488,
(II) (WI) This interdisciplinary seminar course analyzes how droughts, floods, water management, global trading system, and climate change affect the hydrological and food systems that are critically important for economic prosperity and political stability. It addresses water policy at scales that range from community level to global governance regimes. It uses relevant analytical perspectives of, for example, psychology, political economy, development studies, and institutional approaches in economic geography to help students understand how certain transboundary water conflicts have emerged, their national and regional implications, and policies and institutions that can be used to resolve them. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS490. ENERGY AND SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with ENGY490,LAIS490,MNGN490.
(I,II) An interdisciplinary capstone seminar that explores a spectrum of approaches to the understanding, planning, and implementation of energy production and use, including those typical of diverse private and public (national and international) corporations, organizations, states, and agencies. Aspects of global energy policy that may be considered include the historical, social, cultural, economic, ethical, political, and environmental aspects of energy together with comparative methodologies and assessments of diverse forms of energy development as these affect particular communities and societies. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS491. ENERGY POLITICS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I, II, S) (WI) We will use political science approaches, theories, and methods to investigate the global, regional, state, and local politics of renewable and non-renewable energy, spanning all uses: transportation, heating and cooling, and electricity. We will look at the politics behind energy in a subset of countries to be chosen by the class, such as China, Brazil, India, Austria, Spain, Venezuela, and Germany. We will then focus on energy in Colorado and other US states, conducting primary research on the stakeholders and the relevant political outcomes. We will hear from energy companies, non-governmental organizations, university and research entities, government representatives, legislators, and local activists. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS492. ENERGY SECURITY POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(I, II, S) (WI) This course applies a social science lens to understanding the intersections between national and international security concerns and energy. We will examine these intersections through a case study approach that includes directed readings, such as books and peer-reviewed journal articles, that incorporate student-led discussions and research projects. By exploring various energy security scenarios, such as restricted access to oil and gas, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the energy-security nexus and the role governments and policies play in enhancing or limiting security. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.
HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498B,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498C,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498D,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498E,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498F,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498G,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS498. SPECIAL TOPICS. 1-6 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS498H,
(I, II) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once. Prerequisite: HASS100. Corequisite: HASS200. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS499. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 1-6 Semester Hr.
(I, II) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Variable credit; 1 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit.

HASS521. ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS521,
Analyzes environmental ethics and philosophy including the relation of philosophical perspectives to policy decision making. Critically examines often unstated ethical and/or philosophical assumptions about the environment and how these may complicate and occasionally undermine productive policies. Policies that may be considered include environmental protection, economic development, and energy production and use. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS523. ADVANCED SCIENCE COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS523,
This course will examine historical and contemporary case studies in which science communication (or miscommunication) played key roles in shaping policy outcomes and/or public perceptions. Examples of cases might include the recent controversies over hacked climate science emails, nuclear power plant siting controversies, or discussions of ethics in classic environmental cases, such as the Dioxin pollution case. Students will study, analyze, and write about science communication and policy theories related to scientific uncertainty; the role of the scientist as communicator; and media ethics. Students will also be exposed to a number of strategies for managing their encounters with the media, as well as tools for assessing their communication responsibilities and capacities. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS525. ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS525,
(I, II, S) This course explores the ways that messages about the environment and environmentalism are communicated in the mass media, fine arts, and popular culture. The course will introduce students to key readings in environmental communication, media studies, and cultural studies in order to understand the many ways in which the images, messages, and politics of environmentalism and the natural world are constructed and contested by diverse audiences. Students will critically analyze their roles as science and/or technology communicators in the context of environmental issues, and will apply their skills to creating communications projects for diverse audiences. 3 lecture hours, 3 semester hours.

HASS535. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS535,
(I, II, S) Explores the political economy of current and recent-historical development strategies, models, efforts, and issues in various world regions. The class will focus on Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Latin America, or the Middle East, depending on the semester. Development is understood to be a nonlinear, complex set of processes involving political, economic, social, cultural, and environmental factors whose ultimate goal is to improve the quality of life for individuals. Students will explore the roles of governments, companies, organizations, and individuals. Exact topics to be covered will vary with current events and the specific region; topics might include income inequality, the role of national and private energy companies, the impact of globalization, the role of development aid, and concepts of good governance. Students may take the course up to three times, covering different regions. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS541. AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS541,
Provides a broad overview of the political economy of Africa. Its goal is to provide students an understanding of the possibilities of African development and the impediments that currently block its economic growth. Despite substantial natural resources, mineral reserves, and human capital, most African countries remain mired in poverty. The struggles that have arisen on the continent have fostered thinking about the curse of natural resources where countries with oil or diamonds are beset with political instability and warfare. Readings give first an introduction to the continent followed by a focus on the specific issues that confront African development today. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.
HASS542. NATURAL RESOURCES AND WAR IN AFRICA. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS542,
Examines the relationship between natural resources and wars in Africa. It begins by discussing the complexity of Africa with its several many languages, peoples, and geographic distinctions. Among the most vexing challenges for Africa is the fact that the continent possesses such wealth and yet still struggles with endemic warfare, which is hypothetically caused by greed and competition over resource rents. Readings are multidisciplinary and draw from policy studies, economics, and political science. Students will acquire an understanding of different theoretical approaches from the social sciences to explain the relationship between abundant natural resources and war in Africa. The course helps students apply the different theories to specific cases and productive sectors. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS545. INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ECONOMY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS545,
Introduces students to the field of International Political Economy (IPE). IPE scholars examine the intersection between economics and politics, with a focus on interactions between states, organizations, and individuals around the world. Students will become familiar with the three main schools of thought on IPE: Realism (mercantilism), Liberalism, and Historical Structuralism (including Marxism and feminism) and will evaluate substantive issues such as the role of international organizations (the World Trade Organization, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund), the monetary and trading systems, regional development, international development, foreign aid, debt crises, multinational corporations, and globalization. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS550. POLITICAL RISK ASSESSMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS550,
Uses social science analytical tools and readings as well as indices prepared by organizations, such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, to create assessments of the political, social, economic, environmental and security risks that multinational corporations may face as they expand operations around the world. Students will develop detailed political risk reports for specific countries that teams collectively select. Prerequisite: HASS 545 and IPE Minor. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS552. CORRUPTION AND DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS552,
Addresses the problem of corruption and its impact on development. Readings are multidisciplinary and include policy studies, economics, and political science. Students will acquire an understanding of what constitutes corruption, how it negatively affects development, and what they, as engineers in a variety of professional circumstances, might do in circumstances in which bribe paying or taking might occur. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS555. NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS555,
Examines the relationship between natural resources and development. It begins by discussing theories of development and how those theories account for specific choices among resource abundant countries. From the theoretical readings, students examine sector specific topics in particular cases. These subjects include oil and natural gas in African and Central Asian countries; hard rock mining in West Africa and East Asia; gemstone mining in Southern and West Africa; contracting in the extractive industries; and corporate social responsibility. Readings are multidisciplinary and draw from policy studies, economics, and political science to provide students an understanding of different theoretical approaches from the social sciences to explain the relationship between abundant natural resources and development. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS560. GLOBAL GEOPOLITICS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS560,
Examines geopolitical theories and how they help us explain and understand contemporary developments in the world. Empirical evidence from case studies help students develop a deeper understanding of the interconnections between the political, economic, social, cultural and geographic dimensions of governmental policies and corporate decisions. Prerequisites: any two IPE courses at the 300-level, or one IPE course at the 400 level. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS565. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
Equivalent with LAIS565,
Provides an introduction to foundational concepts, themes, and questions developed within the interdisciplinary field of science and technology studies (STS). Readings address anthropological understandings of laboratory practice, sociological perspectives on the settling of technoscientific controversies, historical insights on the development of scientific institutions, philosophical stances on the interactions between technology and humans, and relationships between science and democracy. Students complete several writing assignments, present material from readings and research, and help to facilitate discussion. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS584. US WATER POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.
(i) The story of water in the American West is one of engineering and applied science inextricably intertwined with a “Gordian knot” of law and policy, changing social and cultural values, and increasingly unpredictable hydrology. This course will familiarize students with the complexities of contemporary water governance, using the Colorado River system as its central case study. The Colorado River makes for an excellent point of departure because it is one of the most dammed, diverted, legislated, litigated, and loved rivers in the world and because we literally use it up; the river has seldom reached the sea since the 1960s. Indeed, the challenges that face the Colorado River’s 40 million stakeholders today have less to do with applying law and engineering to developing water resources, and much more to do with figuring out how to share an over-appropriated resource while mitigating the social and ecological consequences of past choices. Our primary goal in the course will be to learn concepts of adaptive governance that provide a constructive and framework for analyzing and addressing such challenges. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.
HASS586. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS586,  
Examines current issues relating to science and technology policy in the United States and, as appropriate, in other countries. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS587. ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS587,  
Explores environmental policies and the political and governmental processes that produce them. Group discussion and independent research on specific environmental issues. Primary but not exclusive focus on the U.S. 3 hours lecture and discussion; 3 semester hours.

HASS588. GLOBAL WATER POLITICS AND POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS588,  
(I) This interdisciplinary seminar course analyzes how droughts, floods, water management, global trading system, and climate change affect the hydrological and food systems that are critically important for economic prosperity and political stability. It addresses water policy at scales that range from community level to global governance regimes. It uses relevant analytical perspectives of, for example, psychology, political economy, development studies, and institutional approaches in economic geography to help students understand how certain transboundary water conflicts have emerged, their national and regional implications, and policies and institutions that can be used to resolve them. 3 hours lecture; 3 semester hours.

HASS590. ENERGY AND SOCIETY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
Equivalent with LAIS590,  
(I) The course begins with a brief introduction to global energy production and conservation, focusing on particular case studies that highlight the relationship among energy, society, and community in different contexts. The course examines energy successes and failures wherein communities, governments, and/or energy companies come together to promote socially just and economically viable forms of energy production/conservation. The course also explores conflicts driven by energy development. These case studies are supplemented by the expertise of guest speakers from industry, government, NGOs, and elsewhere. Areas of focus include questioning the forward momentum of energy production, its social and environmental impact, including how it distributes power, resources and risks across different social groups and communities. 3 hours seminar; 3 semester hours.

HASS591. ENERGY POLITICS. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
(I) We will use political science approaches, theories, and methods to investigate the global, regional, state, and local politics of renewable and non-renewable energy, spanning all uses: transportation, heating and cooling, and electricity. We will look at the politics behind energy in a subset of countries to be chosen by the class, such as China, Brazil, India, Austria, Spain, Venezuela, and Germany. We will then focus on energy in Colorado (and possibly a few other US states), conducting primary research on the stakeholders and the relevant political outcomes for non-renewables and renewables, making comparisons between the two groups. We will work with energy companies, non-governmental organizations, university and research entities, government representatives, and local activists. 3 lecture hours, 3 semester hours.

HASS592. ENERGY AND SECURITY POLICY. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
(II) Energy and Security Policy is a graduate course that applies a social science lens to understanding the intersections between national and international security concerns and energy. In this course, we will examine these intersections through a case study approach that includes directed readings, such as books and peer-reviewed journal articles, that incorporate student-led discussions and research projects. By exploring various energy security scenarios, such as restricted access to oil and gas, graduate students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the energy-security nexus and the role governments and policies play in enhancing or limiting security. 3 hours lecture, 3 semester hours.

HASS593. NATURAL RESOURCES & ENERGY POLICY: THEORIES AND PRACTICE. 3.0 Semester Hrs.  
(I) This course introduces students to the policy-making process, drawing on a variety of theoretical approaches, geographic locations (within the US and in other countries), and resources and energy issues. Coordinated by the NREP Graduate Director, speakers will be from HASS, Economics and Business, Petroleum Engineering, Mining, and other departments with policy expertise, as well as from others who influence and create public and private policy. In the second half of the course, students will conduct original research projects that focus on natural resources and energy, applying theoretical frameworks they have learned from the speakers. 3 lecture hours, 3 semester hours.

HASS598. SPECIAL TOPICS. 6.0 Semester Hrs.  
(I, II, S) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once, but no more than twice for the same course content. Prerequisite: none. Variable credit: 0 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.

HASS599. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 0.5-6 Semester Hr.  
(I, II, S) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: ?Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Variable credit: 0.5 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different topics/ experience and maximums vary by department. Contact the Department for credit limits toward the degree.

HASS601. ACADEMIC PUBLISHING. 2-3 Semester Hr.  
Equivalent with LAIS601,  
Students will finish this course with increased knowledge of general and discipline-specific writing conversations as well as the ability to use that knowledge in publishing portions of theses or dissertations. Beyond the research article, students will also have the opportunity to learn more about genres such as conference abstracts, conference presentations, literature reviews, and research funding proposals. Prerequisite: Must have completed one full year (or equivalent) of graduate school course work. Variable credit: 2 or 3 semester hours.

HASS698. SPECIAL TOPICS. 6.0 Semester Hrs.  
(I, II, S) Pilot course or special topics course. Topics chosen from special interests of instructor(s) and student(s). Usually the course is offered only once, but no more than twice for the same course content. Prerequisite: none. Variable credit: 0 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different titles.
HASS699. INDEPENDENT STUDY. 0.5-6 Semester Hr.
(I, II, S) Individual research or special problem projects supervised by a faculty member, also, when a student and instructor agree on a subject matter, content, and credit hours. Prerequisite: Independent Study? form must be completed and submitted to the Registrar. Variable credit: 0.5 to 6 credit hours. Repeatable for credit under different topics/experience and maximums vary by department. Contact the Department for credit limits toward the degree.

HASS707. GRADUATE THESIS / DISSERTATION RESEARCH CREDIT. 1-15 Semester Hr.
Equivalent with LAIS707.
(I, II, S) GRADUATE THESIS/DISSERTATION RESEARCH CREDIT
Research credit hours required for completion of a Masters-level thesis or Doctoral dissertation. Research must be carried out under the direct supervision of the student’s faculty advisor. Variable class and semester hours. Repeatable for credit.