GLOBAL CONFLICT AND
HUMAN SECURITY (GCHS)

Course numbers with the # symbol included (e.g. #400) have not been
taught in the last 3 years.

GCHS 710 - Conflict & Human Security
Credits: 4
Examines patterns and trends of armed conflict, especially terrorism,
insurgency and civil war in the 21st century. Reviews conditions that are
likely to lead to war and the myriad ways conflict affects the economy,
political system, and cultural norms of a society. Explores how civil wars
end, key elements of effective peace processes, and the conditions under
which mass violence is likely to resume. Examines conflict prevention
strategies such as: preventing and countering violent extremism (P/CVE),
disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) of combatants, and
reform of police and military forces (security sector reform/SSR). Case
studies on countries in Asia, Middle East, Africa and Latin America.
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GCHS 720 - Global Governance
Credits: 4
An introduction to the concepts and theories of global governance.
Examines the role governments, non-governmental organizations,
institutions, civil society, and other actors play in the development
and implementation of international law and policies. Focuses on the
global institutional infrastructure for foreign aid, humanitarian relief,
development programs, peacebuilding, and human rights advocacy.
Explores how multilateral organizations, non-governmental organizations
and other actors promote human security and sustainable development
in countries with weak governments.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

GCHS 730 - International Development & Human Security
Credits: 4
Introduces international development policy and practice. Explores
the interrelatedness of the United Nations’ distinct human security
domains (economic, food, health, environmental, personal, community,
and political security), and reviews their connections to the UN
Sustainable Development Goals (e.g., zero hunger, peace, justice and
strong institutions). Examines the strategies used by humanitarian and
development organizations to enhance people's well-being in fragile
states and conflict zones. Topics include: ethics of humanitarianism;
how to create effective programs to alleviate poverty, tackle corruption
and empower women and girls. Case studies on countries in Asia, Middle
East, Africa and Latin America.
Grade Mode: Letter Grading

GCHS 740 - Environmental Security, Climate Change and Conflict
Credits: 4
Explores different dimensions of human security with a focus on
environmental security. Explores how environmental challenges
(population demographics, food and water insecurity, energy insecurity,
etc.) may give rise to socio-political instability around the world.
Examines solutions to these problems, using comparisons between more
and less developed nations.
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