



## International Research & Internship Semester Fall 2019 Semester Course Listing & Descriptions

- Register for courses through the MY LIU portal: <https://my.liu.edu>.
- Students are charged a flat tuition rate for 12-18 credits. If students register for 19 credits and up, they will be charged an additional per credit rate. Students interested in registering for 19 or more credits must get permission from the Center Director and Dean.
- Students will have the opportunity to drop and add courses during the program change period in consultation with their advisor. The deadline is posted on the academic calendar: <http://liu.edu/Global/Global-Life>.
- Students who are pursuing minors should consider the minor-related courses indicated below in their academic planning/registration. The minor course requirements can be found at <http://liu.edu/Global/Academics/Global-Studies-Degree-Program>.
- Call or email Carlett Thomas, Director of Student Affairs & Administrative Services, with any questions or concerns at [carlett.thomas@liu.edu](mailto:carlett.thomas@liu.edu) or 516-299-3401.

### **Required Courses**

GNYC 401 Senior Thesis I (4 units)

Lieu, Jocelyn

Biermann, Soenke

Moran, Sarah

GNYC 403 International Internship (6 units)

**Approval is needed from the Center Director in order to register for the class as a minor-related course (Internship must be Arts & Communications, Entrepreneurship, or International Relations related)**

Biermann, Soenke

Moran, Sarah

GNYC 408 Studies in World Languages (3 units)

**Required for all students in IRIS locations where English is not an official language. Where they are offered, students may take equivalent center-specific language courses, such as GCOS 120, 220 or 320; GEUR 222 or 322; GCHI 322. The course is offered as 2 or 3 units, but it's mandatory for IRIS students to take it for 3 units.**

Moran, Sarah

Sparks, Robert

Hu, Difei

Biermann, Soenke  
Lieu, Jocelyn

### **Elective Courses**

GNYC 409 Classical Theories and Contemporary Issues in International Relations (3 units)

***Minor: International Relations***

Mazzucelli, Colette  
Moran, Sarah

### **Special Topic Elective Courses**

**GNYC 404-407 requires Center Director's approval.**

**Minor-related courses must be taken for a minimum of 3 units.**

GNYC 404 Special Topics in Global Studies (1-6 units)

Moran, Sarah  
Sparks, Robert  
Hu, Difei  
Biermann, Soenke  
Lieu, Jocelyn

GNYC 405 Special Topics in International Relations (1-6 units)

***Minor: International Relations***

Moran, Sarah  
Sparks, Robert  
Hu, Difei  
Biermann, Soenke  
Lieu, Jocelyn

GNYC 406 Special Topics in Arts and Communications (1-6 units)

***Minor: Arts and Communications***

Moran, Sarah  
Sparks, Robert  
Hu, Difei  
Biermann, Soenke  
Lieu, Jocelyn

GNYC 407 Special Topics in Entrepreneurship (1-6 units)

***Minor: Entrepreneurship***

Moran, Sarah  
Sparks, Robert  
Hu, Difei  
Biermann, Soenke  
Lieu, Jocelyn

# Course Descriptions

## **GNYC 401 Senior Thesis I (4 units)**

This online course, the first in the year-long Senior Thesis sequence, facilitates students' preparation of an analytical research report and the finalization of their senior thesis research proposal. The report focuses on the data gathered at the site of the undergraduate research, a site anchored by an internship or service-learning project. Through the course, students master senior-level proficiency in research paper design and execution, and further develop their capacity to write clear, well-reasoned, and effective academic English. In support of these projects, the course specifically develops field-note writing skills and documentation practices. At the semester's end, students draft their Senior Thesis proposals.

## **GNYC 403 International Internship (6 units)**

*Minor: Arts & Communications, Entrepreneurship, or International Relations (needs approval)*

The Internship in Global Issues provides students with the opportunity to apply their knowledge of global issues in a professional setting relevant to the topic of their International Research and Internship Semester (IRIS). Through the process of securing the position and working under the guidance of a professional supervisor, students learn to identify, to apply for and to work effectively in a professional setting. Through completing a set of structured assignments, students also analyze the effectiveness of their host organization, reflect on their own capabilities, and investigate the relationship of the internship to their senior thesis topic.

## **GNYC 404 Special Topics in Global Studies (1-6 units)**

*(Requires Center Director's approval)*

This course is an opportunity for students to explore specific topics in global studies relevant to students' senior research through specialized instruction delivered by an institutional partner or a faculty member. The instructional medium, syllabus design, assignments, and assessments are approved by the Center Director and the Dean.

## **GNYC 405 Special Topics in International Relations (1-6 units)**

*Minor: International Relations (Requires Center Director's approval)*

This course is an opportunity for students to explore specific topics in International Relations. The syllabus and course requirements are designed in collaboration with an institutional partner or a faculty member and approved by the Center Director and the Dean.

## **GNYC 406 Special Topics in Arts and Communications (1-6 units)**

*Minor: Arts and Communications (Requires Center Director's approval)*

This course is an opportunity for students to explore specific topics in Arts and Communications. The syllabus and course requirements are designed in collaboration

with an institutional partner or a faculty member and approved by the Center Director and the Dean.

**GNYC 407 Special Topics in Entrepreneurship (1-6 units)**

*Minor: Entrepreneurship (Requires Center Director's approval)*

This course is an opportunity for students to explore specific topics in entrepreneurship. The syllabus and course requirements are designed in collaboration with an institutional partner or a faculty member and approved by the Center Director and the Dean.

**GNYC 408 Studies in World Languages (2-3 units)**

This course facilitates the study of languages specifically relevant to the site of the IRIS fieldwork. The syllabus and course requirements are designed in collaboration with an institutional partner or a faculty member and approved by the Center Director and the Dean.

**GNYC 409 Classical Theories and Contemporary Issues in International Relations (3 units)**

*Minor: International Relations*

This blended online course critically examines classical theories and frameworks for understanding the international political system. It addresses specifically the ways in which the end of the Cold War, the Fall of the Soviet Union, the legacy of colonialism and the rise of non-state actors have challenged the traditional accounts of power and global politics. The course will begin by introducing students to the classical debates in International Relations: the basic units of analysis, the utility and legitimacy of the use of force, the balance of power, the nature of threats to peace and stability and the role of international institutions, etc. It then questions the utility of these theories for making sense of contemporary issues such as ethno/religious conflict, genocide (and other mass atrocities), the origins and consequences of terrorism, threats to global health, and the persistence of poverty and global inequality.