

Fall 2014 IR Course Announcement

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

DOUBLE-CHECK iSIS for any changes that may have occurred since the publication of this announcement.

Pay close attention to **COURSE TITLES** since course numbers often change from one semester to the next.

Check with individual departments for **PREREQUISITES!**
Upper level courses often have prerequisites and/or high demand registration instructions.

Please refer to the IR website at <http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/>
for a full description of the IR requirements.

I. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. If a course meets both a Core Requirement and a Thematic Concentration Requirement or a language course and a concentration culture requirement, can I double count it? **No.** A single course may count towards only one requirement type: (I) Core Requirement, (II) Thematic Concentration, or (III) Language.

2. Can a single course satisfy more than one concentration requirement within my thematic concentration? **Yes.** For example, if your concentration is TC1D, you could use ARB 192-Seminar: Arabs and Westerners for your Culture, US Role and Capstone requirements. Remember, though, you still need to take a total of at least 7 courses within your concentration.

3. If I am exempt from Parts I and II of the Tufts Language requirement, have I fulfilled the IR Language requirement? **No.** Parts I and II only account for 6 semesters of language. IR requires 8 semesters of language (or the equivalent). For detailed info on the IR Language Requirement, go to the IR website.

4. How do I get courses taken abroad approved for IR credit? It's best to contact the IR Assistant Director before taking the courses. You should not assume that courses are automatically acceptable for the IR major. You will need to provide a course syllabus and/or a course description and reading list. This applies to both Tufts and non-Tufts programs abroad. If you are taking courses in a non-Tufts program, you will ALSO need to obtain transfer of credit from the appropriate department following the steps on iSIS. You will still need to obtain IR credit approval from the IR Assistant Director.

5. How many courses from abroad may I use for my IR major? No more than a total of three (3) courses taken abroad may be applied toward the 12-course IR major requirement, only one (1) of which can be applied toward the IR Core requirements. There is no limit on language courses taken abroad for the IR major language requirement.

A FEW POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND:

1. IR courses may also count toward university distribution requirements.
2. IR courses can also be applied toward a second major (see Tufts Bulletin for overlapping policy).
3. A grade of C- or better is required for ALL IR courses.
4. No course taken pass/fail may be used within the IR major.
5. International Relations does not offer a minor.
6. Capstone/seminar requirement MUST be completed on the Tufts Medford campus.

IMPORTANT LINKS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

IR Office – Cabot 605. Phone - 617.627.2776

IR Website - <http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/>

Students considering a major in International Relations are welcome to visit the assistant director, Kathleen Devigne, in Cabot 605. She can explain the requirements, discuss study abroad, and help with finding an advisor. An early focus can lend greater coherence and depth to IR coursework over the course of a student's career at Tufts.

II. Fall 2014 IR Courses by Core and Thematic Concentration

Thematic Concentration courses with an * are considered intro level.

CORE REQUIREMENT 1

PS061 Introduction to International Relations

CORE REQUIREMENT 2

EC005 Principles of Economics

CORE REQUIREMENT 3

EC060 International Economics

EC161 International Trade

EC162 International Finance

CORE REQUIREMENT 4

HIST005 History of Consumption

CORE REQUIREMENT 5

ANTH027 Human Rights in Cultural Context

ANTH130 Anthropological Thought

PHIL024 Introduction to Ethics

PHIL048 Feminist Philosophy

PS041/CLS045/PHIL041 Western Political Thought I*

PSY013 Social Psychology

REL001 Introduction to Religion

SOC135/PJS135 Social Movements

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 1A: EUROPE AND THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

TC1A: Social Science

PJS150-08 Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia

PS041/PHIL041/CLS045 Western Political Thought I*

PS135 Comparative Revolutions

PS158-07 Nietzsche: Will to Power

PS189-04 Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State

PS189-05 Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

TC1A: History

CLS037 History of Ancient Greece*

GER068 Martin Luther: Man & Era

In English

HIST028 US Foreign Relations to 1900

HIST053 Europe to 1815

HIST055 Europe in the Early Middle Ages

HIST057 Renaissance and Reformation

HIST058/CLS039 Byzantines and their World

HIST059 Continent in Conflict: Europe 1914-2000

HIST064	Modern France and the French Empire
HIST065	Great Britain and the British Empire
HIST066	Spain and its Empire
HIST080	Enlightenment and Imperialism
HIST196	Seminar: The Congress of Vienna, 1814-1815

TC1A: Culture

CLS032	Classics of Rome*	
CLS037	History of Ancient Greece*	
ENG021	General View of English Literature I*	
ENG050	Shakespeare I*	
ENG109	Ovid and the Ovidian Tradition	
ENG113	Renaissance Drama	
FAH008	Introduction to Architecture*	
FAH025/125	Medieval Architecture	
FAH028/128	Medieval Art of the Mediterranean	
FAH034/134	Renaissance Venice	
FR031	Readings in French Literature I*	
FR191A	French Surrealism	
FR191C	Francophone Literature	
FR191E	The Novel as Genre: <i>Preciosite</i> to Naturalism	
GER061	Survey of German Literature I	
GER068	Martin Luther: Man & Era	<i>In English</i>
GER085/185	German Film	<i>In English (lower level)</i>
HIST058/CLS039	Byzantines and their World	
HIST064	Modern France and the French Empire	
ILVS091-07	German Film	<i>In English</i>
ITAL031	Readings in Italian Literature I*	
ITAL051	Dante's Inferno*	<i>In English</i>
ITAL170	Political Ideology in the Italian Literary Tradition	
JPN091-01/RUS091-01/ILVS091-01/CIV017/WL017	Love and Sexuality in World Literature	<i>In English</i>
JS091-01	Ladino Language & Culture	
PJS150-08	Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia	
PS041/PHIL041/CLS045	Western Political Thought I*	
PS141	Shakespeare's Rome	
RUS080	Russian Film: Arts, Politics and Society	<i>In English</i>
RUS091-191-02/ILVS	Chekhov & His Legacy in the West	
SPN031	Main Currents in Spanish Literature I*	

TC1A: US Role

HIST028	US Foreign Relations to 1900
PS189-04	Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State

TC1A: Seminar

HIST196	Seminar: The Congress of Vienna, 1814-1815
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PJS150-08	Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia
PS189-04	Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State
PS189-05	Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 1B: EAST AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

TC1B: Social Science

PS126	Chinese Politics
PS135	Comparative Revolutions
PS188-13	US Foreign Policy toward Asia
PS189-03	Seminar: International Relations of East Asia

TC1B: History

HIST042	Japan to 1868
HIST135	Gender & Sexuality in Japanese History

TC1B: Culture

CHNS061	Classical Chinese Literature*
CHNS070	Intro to Chinese Popular Culture
CHNS072	Martial Arts in Chinese Literature and Film
FAH005	Intro to the Arts of Asia
FAH012	The Arts of Japan
JPN062	Modern Japanese Literature
JPN080	Japanese Film
JPN091-01/RUS091-01/ILVS091-01/WL017/CIV017	Love and Sexuality in World Literature
JPN115	Haruki Murakami
JPN191-01	Seminar: Japanese Film Director: Hayao Miyazaki
REL045	Introduction to Buddhism

TC1B: US Role

PS188-13	US Foreign Policy toward Asia
PS189-03	Seminar: International Relations of East Asia

Students in TC1B may alternatively choose any course approved for the TC5 U.S. in World Affairs concentration toward the US Role requirement.

TC1B: Seminar

JPN191-01	Seminar: Japanese Film Director: Hayao Miyazaki
PS189-03	Seminar: International Relations of East Asia

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 1C: AFRICA

TC1C: Social Science

ANTH165/PJS165	Seminar: After Violence: Truth, Justice and Social Repair
PS129	African Politics
PS139	Mitigating Electoral Violence in Africa

PS188-23 Race, Ethnicity and US Africa Policy

TC1C: History

HIST014 Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Crises in Africa since 1850

HIST177 The Maghreb Since 1945

TC1C: Culture

FR191C Francophone Literature

TC1C: US Role

Students in TC1C may choose any course approved for the TC5 U.S. in World Affairs concentration toward the US Role requirement.

TC1C: Seminar

ANTH165/PJS165 Seminar: After Violence: Truth, Justice and Social Repair

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 1D: MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA

TC1D: Social Science

ANTH149-19 Gender and Sexuality in South Asia

PS189-05 Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

TC1D: History

ARB055/ILVS055 Cultural History in the Modern Middle East

CLS026/ARCH026 Ancient Egypt

HIST046 Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy

HIST070 Middle East and North Africa to World War I

HIST095 Labor History across South Asia and the Caribbean

HIST097 Men, Women, and Patriarchy in the Middle East

HIST175 Seminar: Contemporary South Asia

HIST177 The Maghreb Since 1945

TC1D: Culture

ARB055/ILVS055 Cultural History in the Modern Middle East

ARB091-02 Middle East Cities in Literature and Cinema

ARB091-03 The Literature and Cinema of Human Rights in the Middle East

ARB091-04 Arabic Music Ensemble*

CLS026/ARCH026 Ancient Egypt

FAH028/128 Medieval Art of the Mediterranean

ILVS091-02 Cultural Resistance in Modern Iran

JS136 King David & the Monarchy

REL048 Introduction to Islam

REL149 Rebels, Saints, and Reformers: Religion in Colonial India

TC1D: US Role

No Courses Available

TC1D: Seminar

HIST175 Seminar: Contemporary South Asia

PS189-05 Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 1E: LATIN AMERICA**TC1E: Social Science**

ANTH015 Native Peoples and Indigenous Rights in South America

PS127 Latin American Politics

TC1E: History

HIST116 Revolution in Central and South America

TC1E: Culture

ANTH015 Native Peoples and Indigenous Rights in South America

FAH086 Latino Presence in Art and Visual Culture

FAH092-01 Frida Kahlo & Diego Rivera: Art & Life

SPN034 Survey of Latin American Literature I*

SPN103 Contemporary Latin American Novel

SPN150 Latin American Civilization

SPN191C Experimenting Space

SPN191D Seminar: Borges and Encyclopedia of the World

TC1E: US Role

Students in TC1E may choose any course approved for the TC5 U.S. in World Affairs concentration toward the US Role requirement.

TC1E: Seminar

SPN191D Seminar: Borges and Encyclopedia of the World

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 2A - 2D: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS**TC2A: Required Courses**

EC011 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

EC016 Quantitative Intermediate Microeconomic Theory

EC161 International Trade

TC2B: Required Courses

EC012 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

EC018 Quantitative Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

EC162 International Finance

EC169 Quantitative International Finance

TC2C: Required Courses

EC011	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
EC016	Quantitative Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
EC030	Environmental Economics

TC2D: Required Courses

EC011	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
EC016	Quantitative Intermediate Microeconomic Theory
EC035	Economic Development
EC060	International Economics
EC136	Seminar: Topics in Economic Development

TC2A-2D: Political Economy

SOC186/CH186	Seminar: International Health Policy
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TC2A-2D: History

HIST005	History of Consumption
HIST093	Great Crisis: Depression, Total War, Cold War
HIST095	Labor History across South Asia and the Caribbean

TC2A-2D: Culture

ARB091-02	Middle East Cities in Literature and Cinema
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Students in TC2 may alternatively fulfill the culture requirement by taking a course from the linguistic region they are using to fulfill their language requirement. The culture courses by linguistic region are listed on the IR website. Go to <http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/curriculum.htm>, click on the TC3 thematic concentration and scroll to the bottom of the document. Please note: The culture courses listed on the website may or may not be offered in any given semester - this is a comprehensive listing. A student FULLY EXEMPT from the IR language Requirement may select a culture course from any language category.

TC2A-2D: US Role

ANTH126	Food, Nutrition and Culture
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Students in TC2A-2D may choose any course approved for the TC5 U.S. in World Affairs concentration toward the US Role requirement.

TC2A-2D: Seminar

BIO001/ENV091	Seminar: Environmental Preservation and Improvement
EC127	Seminar: Urban Economics
EC136	Seminar: Topics in Economic Development
EC192-01	Seminar: Economics of the Resources of the Environment
SOC186/CH186	Seminar: International Health Policy

TC2A-2D: Electives

BIO142	Population and Community Ecology
EC030	Environmental Economics

ENV025	Environment and Technology*
EOS005	Introduction to Oceanography
SOC108/CH108	Epidemics

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 3: GLOBAL HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

TC3: Biology

BIO007/ENV007	Environmental Biology*
BIO013	Cells and Organisms with Lab*

TC3: Epidemiology

CEE054/CH054/ENV054	Fundamentals of Epidemiology*
CEE154	Principles of Epidemiology

TC3: Quantitative Reasoning and Field Methodology

BIO132	Biostatistics
CH031	Intro to Stats for Health Application
EC013	Statistics*
PS103	Political Science Research Methods
PSY031	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences
SOC101	Quantitative Research Methods
SOC102	Qualitative Research Methods
GIS101/ENV107	Intro to GIS (see important registration info below after the TC6B course listing)

TC3: US Role

ANTH126	Food, Nutrition and Culture
SOC186/CH186	Seminar: International Health Policy

TC3: Natural Science Elective

BIO104	Immunology
BIO142	Population and Community Ecology
BIO179	Seminar: Marine Biology
EOS005	Introduction to Oceanography

TC3: Social Science, History and Policy Elective

ANTH126	Food, Nutrition and Culture
CD062	Childhood Across Cultures
CEE137	Public Health
EC030	Environmental Economics
EC048	Health Economics
EC091-01	Economics of Public Policy
EC136	Seminar: Topics in Economic Development
ENV025	Environment and Technology*
SOC108/CH108	Epidemics
SOC141	Medical Sociology
SOC186/CH186	Seminar: International Health Policy

TC3: Culture

SOC108/CH108 Epidemics

Students in TC3 may alternatively fulfill the culture requirement by taking a course from the linguistic region they are using to fulfill their language requirement. The culture courses by linguistic region are listed on the IR website. Go to <http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/curriculum.htm>, click on the TC3 thematic concentration and scroll to the bottom of the document. Please note: The culture courses listed on the website may or may not be offered in any given semester - this is a comprehensive listing. A student FULLY EXEMPT from the IR language Requirement may select a culture course from any language category.

TC3: Seminar

BIO001/ENV091 Seminar: Environmental Preservation and Improvement

BIO179 Seminar: Marine Biology

BIO183 Seminar: Darwinian Medicine

CH188-10 Seminar: Public Health in the Global Economy

CH196-01 Seminar: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in Global Health

EC136 Seminar: Topics in Economic Development

EC192-01 Seminar: Economics of the Resources of the Environment

SOC186/CH186 Seminar: International Health Policy

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 4: INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

TC4: Social Science

ANTH165/PJS165 Seminar: After Violence: Truth, Justice and Social Repair

ANTH169 Seminar: Anthropology of the State: Subject, Citizen and Sovereignty

PJS001 Introduction to Peace & Justice Study

PJS150-08 Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia

PS139 Mitigating Electoral Violence in Africa

PS151 The Political Philosophy of Hobbes

PS165 US Foreign Policy

PS170/PJS170 Understanding Civil Wars: Internal Conflict, International Responses

PS188-13 US Foreign Policy toward Asia

PS188-25 Human Rights and Democracy Abroad: Wilson to Obama

PS188-45 Intelligence and National Security

PS189-03 Seminar: International Relations of East Asia

PS189-04 Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State

PS189-05 Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

PS189-06 Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy

SOC120/PJS120 Sociology of War and Peace

UEP130 Negotiation, Mediation & Conflict Resolution

TC4: History

HIST014	Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Crises in Africa since 1850
HIST028	US Foreign Relations to 1900
HIST059	Continent in Conflict: Europe 1914-2000
HIST065	Great Britain and the British Empire
HIST093	Great Crisis: Depression, Total War, Cold War
HIST196	Seminar: The Congress of Vienna, 1814-1815

TC4: Culture

ARB091-03	The Literature and Cinema of Human Rights in the Middle East
PJS150-08	Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia
PS151	The Political Philosophy of Hobbes

TC4: US Role

HIST028	US Foreign Relations to 1900
PS170/PJS170	Understanding Civil Wars: Internal Conflict, International Responses
PS165	US Foreign Policy
PS188-13	US Foreign Policy toward Asia
PS188-25	Human Rights and Democracy Abroad: Wilson to Obama
PS189-03	Seminar: International Relations of East Asia
PS189-04	Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State
SOC120/PJS120	Sociology of War and Peace

TC4: Seminar

ANTH165/PJS165	Seminar: After Violence: Truth, Justice and Social Repair
ANTH169	Seminar: Anthropology of the State: Subject, Citizen and Sovereignty
HIST196	Seminar: The Congress of Vienna, 1814-1815
PJS150-08	Seminar: Peace Implementation in Bosnia
PS189-03	Seminar: International Relations of East Asia
PS189-04	Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State
PS189-05	Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy
PS189-06	Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 5: US IN WORLD AFFAIRS

TC5: Social Science

PJS170	Understanding Civil Wars: Internal Conflict, International Responses
PS165	US Foreign Policy
PS188-13	US Foreign Policy toward Asia
PS188-19	Human Rights & American Foreign Policy
PS188-23	Race, Ethnicity and US Africa Policy
PS188-25	Human Rights and Democracy Abroad: Wilson to Obama

PS188-45	Intelligence and National Security
PS189-04	Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State
PS189-06	Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy
SOC120/PJS120	Sociology of War and Peace

TC5: History

HIST028	US Foreign Relations to 1900
HIST093	Great Crisis: Depression, Total War, Cold War

TC5: Culture

No Courses Available

TC5: US Role

Choose any course listed from the TC5 concentration.

TC5: Seminar

PS189-04	Seminar: World Wars and the Nation State
PS189-06	Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 6A: IDEOLOGIES

TC6A: Social Science

ANTH027/PJS027	Human Rights in Cultural Context
ANTH169	Seminar: Anthropology of the State: Subject, Citizen and Sovereignty
PS041/PHIL041/CLS045	Western Political Thought I*
PS121	Seminar: Political Culture in Comparative Perspective
PS135	Comparative Revolutions
PS146	Liberty, Morality and Virtue
PS149	Contemporary Political Theory
PS151	The Political Philosophy of Hobbes
PS189-06	Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy

TC6A: History

HIST057	Renaissance and Reformation
HIST080	Enlightenment and Imperialism
HIST097	Men, Women, and Patriarchy in the Middle East
HIST116	Revolution in Central and South America
HIST175	Seminar: Contemporary South Asia
REL036/HIST009	A Global History of Christianity to the Middle Ages

TC6A: Culture

FAH005	Intro to the Arts of Asia
ILVS091-02	Cultural Resistance in Modern Iran

ITAL170	Political Ideologies in the Italian Literary Tradition
JS136	King David & the Monarchy
PHIL043/PS043	Justice, Equality and Liberty
PHIL048	Feminist Philosophy
PS041/PHIL041/CLS045	Western Political Thought I*
PS151	The Political Philosophy of Hobbes
REL036/HIST009	A Global History of Christianity to the Middle Ages
REL149	Rebels, Saints, and Reformers: Religion in Colonial India

TC6A: US Role

Students in TC6A may choose any course approved for the TC5 U.S. in World Affairs concentration toward the US Role requirement.

TC6A: Seminar

ANTH169	Seminar: Anthropology of the State: Subject, Citizen and Sovereignty
HIST175	Seminar: Contemporary South Asia
PS121	Seminar: Political Culture in Comparative Perspective
PS189-06	Seminar: Origins of Human Rights and Democracy Promotion in American Foreign Policy

THEMATIC CONCENTRATION 6B: EMPIRES/COLONIALISM/GLOBALIZATION

TC6B: Social Science

ANTH027/PJS027	Human Rights in Cultural Context
ANTH165/PJS165	Seminar: After Violence: Truth, Justice and Social Repair
ANTH169	Seminar: Anthropology of the State: Subject, Citizen and Sovereignty
PS188-23	Race, Ethnicity and US Africa Policy
PS189-05	Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

TC6B: History

CLS026/ARCH026	Ancient Egypt
HIST014	Historical Perspectives on Contemporary Crises in Africa since 1850
HIST028	US Foreign Relations to 1900
HIST058/CLS039	Byzantines and their World
HIST064	Modern France and the French Empire
HIST065	Great Britain and the British Empire
HIST066	Spain and its Empire
HIST080	Enlightenment and Imperialism
HIST093	Great Crisis: Depression, Total War, Cold War
HIST095	Labor History across South Asia and the Caribbean
HIST116	Revolution in Central and South America
HIST175	Seminar: Contemporary South Asia

REL036/HIST009 A Global History of Christianity to the Middle Ages

TC6B: Culture

ARB091-02 Middle East Cities in Literature and Cinema
CLS026/ARCH026 Ancient Egypt
HIST058/CLS039 Byzantines and their World
HIST064 Modern France and the French Empire
ILVS091-02 Cultural Resistance in Modern Iran
REL036/HIST009 A Global History of Christianity to the Middle Ages
REL149 Rebels, Saints, and Reformers: Religion in Colonial India
SPN150 Latin American Civilization

TC6B: US Role

HIST028 US Foreign Relations to 1900

Students in TC6B may alternatively choose any course approved for the TC5 U.S. in World Affairs concentration toward the US Role requirement.

TC6B: Seminar

ANTH165/PJS165 Seminar: After Violence: Truth, Justice and Social Repair
ANTH169 Seminar: Anthropology of the State: Subject, Citizen and Sovereignty
HIST175 Seminar: Contemporary South Asia
PS189-05 Seminar: Turkish Foreign Policy

For TC3 IR Majors -- GIS 101/ENV107 Registration Information:

If you are interested in registering for Fall 2014's GIS 101/ENV 107 – Introduction to GIS (Tues/Thurs 4:30-5:45), note that iSIS will ask that you write me, Barbara Parmenter (Barbara.parmenter@tufts.edu) for permission. To do that, please write with the following information and I will put you on the "course request" list:

- your name
- your iSIS student number
- Your Tufts e-mail
- your major
- your year at Tufts as of Fall 2014 (e.g., sophomore, junior, senior)

Because the lab has only 18 seats, we won't be able to fit everyone in. But I still encourage you to write me regardless. I will begin creating a list of interested students. We will make decisions about registration by Wednesday, April 16th, and I will notify you if you are given permission, and how to proceed. Preference will be given to:

- Students who were waitlisted for spring 2014 (but please e-mail me again if you are interested)
- Students in ENV and IR
- Junior and Seniors as of Fall 2014
- Students who contact me prior to April 16th

I appreciate your patience with this process. Note: we have other non-credit, self-paced ways to learn basic GIS skills and I will e-mail all those who don't get into the course about these options, or you may write me to inquire.

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The IR Program offers **Special Courses** that, while optional, are closely integrated with program requirements. They provide alternatives designed to enhance a student's course of study—especially by supporting the pursuit of research, or independent work under the guidance of IR Core Faculty members.

1. IR Senior Honors Thesis – INTR 197. A Senior Honors Thesis can replace the senior seminar for the capstone requirement. Please read below.

A Senior Honors Thesis enables students to pursue focused independent research in a specific subject area for two semesters and potentially graduate with thesis honors.

Procedures governing eligibility and approval of all undergraduate honors theses are described in the Tufts University Bulletin. Please read the Bulletin and the steps outlined below in order to register with the IR Program and the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education to complete a Senior Honors Thesis.

Since a senior thesis represents a higher standard of learning, students are strongly advised to complete the steps outlined below in the spring semester of their junior year and then use the summer before their senior year to familiarize themselves with the primary and secondary source material they will be using. Faculty are under no obligation to accept new requests to serve as thesis advisors once fall semester of senior year begins, so students should prepare accordingly.

After following the steps below, students may enroll in a section directly with their thesis advisor (INTR 197-section to be assigned by the IR Program).

All IR majors who wish to enroll in a senior honors thesis must follow the steps below:

1. Thesis Prospectus. Submit a thesis prospectus (a brief summary of the thesis topic and project design) that includes a précis of the major research question or questions to be pursued in the thesis, a summary of existing research, a working hypothesis, an indication of the potential resources (library, bibliographic, data collection, interviews) that will be consulted for research, and a working bibliography. More suggestions on crafting a prospectus can be found on the IR website.

2. IR Core Faculty Sponsorship. Secure sponsorship by an IR Core Faculty member with expertise in the student's thematic concentration. The faculty sponsor will serve as the primary thesis advisor. In addition, students must find another faculty member (or two) to form the thesis committee (see the IR website for tips and requirements for forming a thesis committee). The thesis advisor should send an e-mail or letter of support that includes a statement of his/her intent to serve as primary advisor for the thesis to the IR Assistant Director.

3. Enrollment Requirements. The thesis prospectus and confirmation of faculty support should be sent to the IR Assistant Director. Once these materials are received, the IR Program must certify that the content of the project is applicable to the student's thematic concentration. Once the IR Program has certified the eligibility of the project, **the IR Program will assign a section number needed for registration. Please do not enroll unless you have been given a section number by the IR Program.** The IR Program strongly suggests that the above steps are completed before the end of the registration period.

4. Thesis Honors Form. The Thesis Honors form requires the signatures of the student's committee members and the IR Director. This form is due to the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Education in Dowling Hall in November of the senior year. Be sure to give the IR Assistant Director a copy of this form.

IR students, including students spending their junior year abroad, are strongly encouraged to follow university and IR thesis guidelines, enrolling for thesis honors by the end of their junior year. The last permitted date for enrolling for the IR Honors Thesis will be the last day of fall registration during senior year. However, students who wait until September to register run the **STRONG RISK** of not finding faculty members to support their thesis. Thus, students—including those studying abroad—are strongly advised to at least formulate a research question and secure the support of their main thesis advisor in spring of their junior year, if not in person then through e-mail. For students graduating in February and doing honors on a Spring/Fall schedule, the deadline for registration would be last day of spring registration.

Students who successfully complete the Honors Thesis will be acknowledged at graduation. Based on the quality of thesis work, degrees are designated bachelor of arts with highest thesis honors, with high thesis honors, or with thesis honors. For more information on forming a thesis committee and other thesis questions, please see the IR website.

2. Seminar Requirement Research Alternative - INTR 195 Directed Research (High Demand)

Students who do not find a suitable seminar to fulfill the IR Senior Seminar/Research Requirement or who for other reasons wish to satisfy the requirement through research may opt to complete a one-semester Directed Research Project. Directed Research is a significant research undertaking requiring the direct supervision of a member of the IR Core faculty.

As this is a high demand course, if you intend to register for a Directed Research project you must submit your proposal to the IR Program Office in Cabot 605, before the end of registration. Please see the IR Handbook or the IR website (<http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/researchOppThesis-Directed.htm>) for details and requirements.

3. Thematic Concentration Course Alternative - INTR 193 Independent Study (High Demand)

One (1) of the courses required for a student's Thematic Concentration may be fulfilled by an academic project designed to deepen intellectual interests related to the concentration. The IR Independent Study requires close collaboration with a member of the IR Core Faculty.

If you intend to register for an independent study, you must submit your proposal to the IR Program Office in Cabot 605, before the end of registration. Please see the IR Handbook or the IR website (<http://ase.tufts.edu/ir/irIndependentStudy.htm>) for details and requirements.