

## Special Topic Classes Fall 2007

The following classes are Special Topic Classes. It is important to realize before registering for these classes that often these classes are not offered again as the same topic.

**PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: International Security**

**PSC 405Z-002 SP TOP: Global Ecopolitic**

**PSC 407Z-001 SP TOP: Comparative Health and Social Policy in Latin American and the Caribbean**

**PSC 749-001 Seminar in The International Politics of Technology and Resources**

**PSC 405Z-001 SP TOP: International Security-**

This course will examine the causes, effects, and array of strategies for addressing problems related to war and peace in world politics. Students will consider topics such as the nature and origins of war, arms proliferation, terrorism, and the causes and consequences of a variety of contemporary and historical international conflicts. Current world events relating to these themes will also be discussed.

**PSC 405Z-002 SP TOP: Global Ecopolitic-Pirages**

An overview of political and economic security challenges emerging during an era of deepening globalization. Among the problems and issues analyzed are population growth and graying, the impact of increasing migration, diminishing world energy reserves, global climate change, threats from emerging diseases, problems of sustainable development, and challenges associated with the worldwide diffusion of new technologies.

**PSC 407Z-001 SP TOP: Comparative Health and Social Policy in Latin American and the Caribbean  
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This course examines the political economy of social and health policies in selected countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. The readings and lectures will provide students with an in-depth analysis of social welfare, family planning policies and modern contraceptive use, HIV/AIDS, and special education policies and developmental disabilities. The course will also cover recent theoretical debates in the literature and various indicators of health outcomes and social development.

**PSC 749-001 Seminar in The International Politics of Technology and Resources-Pirages**

Develops a "future oriented" theoretical framework for assessing security challenges and policy issues emerging in an era of transition from international to global politics. Ongoing demographic shifts, resource discontinuities, and technological innovation are analyzed as change drivers that are transforming the old security agenda. Prospects for new forms of global governance to deal with these emerging issues are explored.