Over the last 75 years, millions of people have been displaced from North Africa and the Middle East: Copts (Egypt), Jews (from the Atlantic Ocean to the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers) and most recently, Kurds and Yazidis in Iraq and Syrians of all stripes. The migration of the displaced has created a crisis in Europe. This course examines the reasons why this has transpired and the plight of the refugees. Highlighting the International Declaration of Human Rights ratified by the United Nations in the wake of the Holocaust (1951), the course engages students in documenting the stories of these refugees. The narratives include life in their countries of origin, their story of leaving and their experience of resettling in a new country. Core themes such as transnational identity, exile, diaspora, migration and the “other” are central to the course. The course is limited to 12 students.

This course examines evolving trends in the incidence, causes, and consequences of the distribution of socio-economic resources (e.g. income, wealth, occupational prospects) in America. Its major focus is at the extremes of the American class structure, namely, the wealthy/elite and impoverished economic status. Considerations of the role that important statuses such as race/ethnicity, gender and age grading as well as spatial dynamics such as region, residential segregation, and neighborhood play in determining these positions in the American class structure are highlighted.
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SUMMER D COURSES (2235)
May 15 – Aug. 2, 2023

MLS 696/697
Directed Readings
Professor Daniel Pals
Hours arranged – Summer D only

A Directed Readings course allows you to work independently with a MALS professor, researching a topic of your choice. The student must find a professor in the field that is willing to act as the advisor.

Only students with a 3.0 GPA or higher will be able to enroll in a Directed Readings course. In order to register for the course you will need to submit a 2 page proposal along with a bibliography of 10 academic sources to the IPS office before registering.

The final paper must be a minimum of 15 pages, and be submitted to both the professor and the IPS office by the last day of class.

*Students are allowed two directed readings courses during their studies in the program.*

MLS 815
MALS Project
Professor Daniel Pals
Hours arranged – Summer D only

Before registering for a MALS Project students must submit a proposal and meet with Dr. Pals to discuss the project. The student working on his/her MALS project enrolls for credit, not to exceed 6, as determined by his/her advisor. Credit is not awarded until the project has been accepted.

MLS 820
Research in Residence
Professor Daniel Pals
Hours arranged – Summer D only

Used to establish research in residence for the thesis for the master’s degree after the student has enrolled for the permissible cumulative total in MLS 810 (usually six credits). Credit not granted. May be regarded as full time residence and mandatory fees will apply.