

Selected Topics Courses Fall 2024

INAF 5409 F Policy Writing for International Affairs
Meredith Lilly

By teaching the fundamentals of clear and persuasive public policy writing, this course helps prepare students to write policy documents that have an impact. The course orients students to major writing products used in the policy process and field of international relations, including policy briefs and memos, diplomatic readouts, and country profiles. Students will learn techniques to relate complex information and technical data into readable documents appropriately geared to audience. Most of all, students will learn the connections between clear thinking and strong writing. Suitable for NPSIA students of all fields, the course is taught by a NPSIA faculty member who is also a former senior government policy advisor and has written countless policy briefs and documents to inform the policy making process and drive decisions. She also worked as a professional writer in the non-profit sector and has taught policy writing courses for professionals for more than 20 years.

Format: The seminar uses regular practice and emphasizes collaboration in the classroom to help writers of all abilities strengthen their skills in writing and editing, both of their own work but also how to edit and offer feedback to peers, and write in a team.

Selected Topics Courses Winter 2025

INAF 5429 X The Applied History of Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
Michael Manulak

This course draws lessons from the detailed analysis of the history of diplomacy, foreign policy, and international organization. It emphasizes practical skills, such as diplomatic network analysis, coalition building, persuasion, and negotiation. Where and when possible, the course uses Canadian case studies as a means of maximizing concreteness and shedding light on Canadian international policy processes.

INAF 5499 W Global Health Security

Valerie Percival

The world was caught off guard by the COVID-19 pandemic. The failure to prevent and effectively mitigate COVID-19 had devastating social, economic, and political consequences. Yet despite this devastating impact, the concept of 'global health security' remains ill-defined and contentious. This course will explore the concept of global health security, discuss what this concept means for high income versus low-income countries, and the global governance systems required to realize global health security. At the end of the course, students will have interrogated the concept of global health security, understood the key and varied threats to global health security, and explored 'governance' for global health security.