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Courses taught at BC from 2002 to present

Graduate (mixed Grad and Undergrad)

SC579 American Economic Crisis and Social Change

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SC650 Social and Political Economy

This course will provide an introduction to the field of political and social economy for entering students in the SESJ program. It is intended to introduce students to a broad theoretical overview of the field, including both macro and micro levels of analysis. With a strong historical introduction the course looks at the changing power relations among states, corporations and workers, and the effects of global corporate sovereignty on class, race, and gender. Alternatives to corporate control and the reconstruction of democracy and human rights are a major focus.

Undergraduate

SC092 Peace or War: United States and the Third World

We analyze issues of war and peace before and after the Cold War, focusing on U.S. wars, largely in the Third World. In the first part of the course, we explore core theories of the roots of war. In the second part, we focus on the Cold War era, examining Vietnam, El Salvador, and other U.S. conflicts. In the third part, we focus on more recent wars, including the Gulf War and humanitarian interventions in Haiti, Bosnia, and Kosovo. The fourth section explores the United Nations, social activism among students, and other routes to peace.

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