

GLOBAL AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

IAFS 3000-800

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Meeting times: T/Th 11AM-12:15 PM, Guggenheim Geography Bldg 2

Office hours: Mondays 9:30-11:00AM via Zoom <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/8815053447> and by appointment (I am also often available in-person in my office at this time- feel free to come by Ketchum 165)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This special topics course provides International Affairs majors with context and opportunities for local community engagement on globally relevant issues. Students will gain a foundation in concepts of global citizenship, community cultural development, and the ethics of service-learning. They explore how these concepts impact local communities around CU and the Boulder-Denver area. During this class, students will participate in community partnerships that allow them to better understand the issues and challenges facing communities around them as they connect to global issues. The engagement component consists of a volunteer or service-learning program approved and overseen by the instructor, and it must be at least 30 hours over the semester. This class fulfills the Off-Campus Experience (OCE) requirement for the IAFS major.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

Students will develop their own Service-learning project with a global component (see below). Come to class having read the assigned material for that day, prepared to engage in discussion. *If you miss a class, you should consult the syllabus to see what you missed, and then check-in with a classmate. Do not ask me if you missed anything important or expect me to repeat everything that was said in class. If you still have questions, check in during the next class or come to my office hours.*

COMMUNICATION POLICY

If you have questions, or need to communicate with me, please do the following *in this order*:

1. Attend class. Ask your question during class.
2. Come see me during my office hours. Office hours are completely open– you can ask any questions you may have, address concerns, or just come to chat.
3. Write a message through the Canvas Portal. When you write a message or email, you should use a salutation: Good afternoon Dr. Todd; Dear Professor Todd; Hello Dr. Todd. You should also use a complimentary close: Sincerely, Your name; Warmly, Your name.
4. For deeply personal matters, or if you have done the first three steps and still have questions, send me an email: molly.todd@colorado.edu. Include the Course Number in

the subject line. I will do my best to respond in a timely manner, but please note I receive a high volume of emails. For more detailed matters I may suggest we set up an appointment if you cannot attend my office hours.

I communicate with students using the following:

1. This syllabus. Please review carefully.
2. I give announcements and guidance for assignments in-class, along with critical course material.
3. I also use Canvas to communicate important announcements. Turn your Canvas notifications on, so that you see announcements.

REQUIRED READINGS

All of the course readings are posted on Canvas>Modules. If the PDF is not on Canvas, it is available to download through the [CU LIBRARY](#). Make sure to log in with your Identikey to access the text.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Attendance & Participation 20 pts. (10%)

Service Project Proposal 30 pts. (15%)

Reading & Concept Quizzes (x2) 40 pts. (20%)

Reflection Paper 20 pts. (10%)

Service Project Presentation 30 pts. (15%)

Service Project Experience Summary 60 pts. (30%)

Attendance & Participation

I take attendance regularly in this course. Participation is assessed through in-class surveys, group work, and discussion. Students are expected to come to class on time and having read the assigned materials for that day, in order to participate fully. If you miss a class, you should consult the syllabus to see what you missed, and then check-in with a classmate. If you still have questions, check in with me during the next class or come to my office hours. If there is something affecting your ability to attend class regularly, please let me know.

Off-campus Service project

The core requirement is that you complete a volunteer project in the community (such as volunteering with a community organization) **lasting at least 30 hours**. The project may be of your choosing, but should contribute to the community while allowing you to gain additional skills and insight into various issues related to international affairs. **You are responsible for developing your own project**. I will require a signature from someone in the organization showing that you have completed this requirement (a form will be provided).

This assignment consists of: a proposal, a presentation, and a 5-7 page Summary paper at the end of the semester (see below).

Project proposal

To ensure that your project meets course requirements, and set you up for success, you will be required to turn in a 1-2 page project proposal. The proposal must identify the organization you will be working with and what you will be doing. In addition, you will describe what you hope to learn about international affairs and personal development from the project and what you have learned so far. Someone from the organization should sign the proposal so that I know that they accept you working with them. See Canvas modules for further guidelines.

Reading & Concept Quizzes

Quizzes are multiple choice and cover all readings, course content, and lectures prior to the Quiz date. Quizzes are administered in-class with a scantron and are closed-note.

Reflection paper

During the course, you will write a reflection paper (approx. 5 pages) discussing the course concepts and how you might apply them to your scholarly interests, community engagement, and or/current events.

Project Presentation

Students will present their experiences doing the service project.

Final Summary Paper

Final reflection on your Service Learning project, and submission of signed volunteer hours. Further instructions on Canvas.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The reading or assignment listed is due at the beginning of class for that date.

UNIT 1: NEGOTIATING LOCAL & GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

1/8: Introductions

1/13 Review Service project opportunities

1/15 Eby, John. 1998. "Why Service-Learning Is Bad."

Mitchell, Tania D. 2008. "Traditional vs. Critical Service-Learning: Engaging the Literature to Differentiate Two Models." 14(2)

1/20 Nagar, Richa. 2019. *Hungry Translations: Relearning the World through Radical Vulnerability*. Chicago: University of Illinois Press, pp. 1-46.

1/22 Class check-ins- confirming your project

UNIT 2 ENGAGING THROUGH UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

1/27 Writing workshop

1/29 Bailey, Carol A. 2018. "Ethics" in *A Guide to Qualitative Field Research*. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks: SAGE, pp. 17-32. (Available via CU Library)

Watch: The Danger of a single story
Project Proposal Due by Friday 11:59 PM

- 2/3 Bailey, Carol A. 2018. "Field Notes" in *A Guide to Qualitative Field Research*. 3rd ed. Thousand Oaks: SAGE, pp. 125-142. (Available via CU Library)
Elliot, Denielle. "Writing" in *A Different Kind of Ethnography: Imaginative Practices and Creative Methodologies*. North York, Ontario, Canada: University of Toronto Press, pp. 24-42.
- 2/5 Lincoln, Yvonna. 2008. "Institutional Review Boards and Methodological Conservatism" The Tuskegee Syphilis study
Daigle, Megan. 2016. "Writing the Lives of Others: Storytelling and International Politics." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 45 (1): 25–42.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0305829816656415>.
*Spring Volunteer fair this week

- 2/10 Culhane, Dara, and Denielle Elliott, eds. 2017. "Imagining: An Introduction" in *A Different Kind of Ethnography: Imaginative Practices and Creative Methodologies*. North York, Ontario, Canada: University of Toronto Press, pp. 1-21.
- 2/12 **Quiz 1**

UNIT 3: ARTS-BASED ENGAGEMENT

- 2/17 Kirakosyan, Lyusyena, and Max O. Jr. Stephenson. 2019. "Arts as Dialogic Practice: Deriving Lessons for Change from Community-Based Art-Making for International Development." *Psych* 1.
- 2/19 Poets, Desirée. 2020. "Curating against militarization: the politics of life in Rio de Janeiro's Museu da Maré"
*Discuss [Maré from the Inside](#)
- 2/24 Cohen-Cruz, Jan, and Rad Pereira. 2022. "Community-Centric Civic Collaborations" In *Meeting the Moment: U.S. Socially Engaged Theater and Performance, 1965-2020: Conversations with People Who've Lived It*. First edition. New York: New Village Press. "Aesthetic Perspectives: Attributes of Excellence in Arts for Change" Americans for the Arts.
- 2/26 Spring 2026 Midterm Reading Day (No Classes; No Exams)
Reflection Paper due by Friday 11:59 PM

UNIT 4: GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

- 3/3 Oxfam: What is Global Citizenship?
UN Charter: Preamble, Article 1, Article 2.
<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/full-text>
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
<https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>
- 3/5 Isen and Nyers, "Introduction: Globalizing Citizenship Studies," pp. 1-11.
- 3/10 Start *Refugee: A memoir*
- 3/12 Finish *Refugee: A memoir*

3/17 NO CLASS SPRING BREAK
3/19 NO CLASS SPRING BREAK

UNIT 5: SERVICE PROJECT

3/24 Review & project Check-ins

3/26 **Quiz 2**

3/31 Self-paced work on service project

4/2 Self-paced work on service project- Service hours to be completed by this date

4/7 Student Presentations

4/9 Student Presentations

4/14 Student Presentations

4/16 Student Presentations

4/21 Student Presentations

4/23 Last day of classes: Writing workshop

Off-Campus Experience Summary due by Friday 11:59 PM

POLICIES

Late work and Grading

If students anticipate a delay or are experiencing anything preventing them from completing an assignment on time, they should contact the instructor immediately. The instructor may accept late assignments on a case-by-case basis, and in general will apply the following penalty for late work: 1-2 days past deadline -5%; 3-4 days past deadline -10%; work submitted one week or later past the deadline will not earn more than 50% credit for the assignment. Work submitted after one week past the deadline will not receive credit.

Assignment of letter grades based on percentages of total points will be as follows, employing standard rounding when percentages fall between whole numbers: 94%+ = A; 90%-93%=A-; 87%-89%=B+; 83%-86%=B; 80%-82%=B-; 77%-79%=C+; 73%-76%=C; 70%-72%=C-; 67%-69%=D+; 63%-66%=D; 60%-62%=D-; 59% & below=F.

Accommodations

For students requiring accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at

303-492-8671 or dsinfo@colorado.edu for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see Temporary Medical Conditions on the Disability Services website.

Preferred Names and Pronouns

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information doesn't always align with how they identify. Students may update their preferred names and pronouns via the student portal; those preferred names and pronouns are listed on instructors' class rosters. In the absence of such updates, the name that appears on the class roster is the student's legal name. If you would like me to use a name or pronoun other than that listed, please let me know.

Requirements for Covid-19

As a matter of public health and safety, all members of the CU Boulder community and all visitors to campus must follow university, department and building requirements and all public health orders in place to reduce the risk of spreading infectious disease. CU Boulder currently requires COVID-19 vaccination and boosters for all faculty, staff and students. Students, faculty and staff must upload proof of vaccination and boosters or file for an exemption based on medical, ethical or moral grounds through the MyCUHealth portal.

The CU Boulder campus is currently mask-optional. However, if public health conditions change and masks are again required in classrooms, students are expected to comply with University policy. For more information, see the policy on classroom behavior and the Student Code of Conduct. If you require accommodation because a disability prevents you from fulfilling these safety measures, please follow the steps in the “Accommodation for Disabilities” statement on this syllabus.

If you feel ill and think you might have COVID-19, if you have tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are unvaccinated or partially vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you should stay home and follow the further guidance of the Public Health Office (contacttracing@colorado.edu). If you are fully vaccinated and have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay home; rather, you should self-monitor for symptoms and follow the further guidance of the Public Health Office (contacttracing@colorado.edu).

Honor Code

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the [Honor Code](#). Violations of the Honor Code may include, but are not limited to: plagiarism, cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution (honor@colorado.edu); 303-492-5550). Students found responsible for violating the Honor Code

will be assigned resolution outcomes from the Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution as well as be subject to academic sanctions from the faculty member. Additional information regarding the Honor Code academic integrity policy can be found on the Honor Code website. My policy is that I will report all suspected violations to the honor code office. If the honor code office finds that you did violate the honor code, you will receive a zero on the affected assignment. Subsequent violations will result in automatically failing the course.

AI Policy

You may conditionally use gen AI tools in this course for the purpose of brainstorming ideas, but not for writing your papers, or finding answers to your Exams. Final work must be student-generated. If you use gen AI tools on assignments in this class, document your usage with the Chicago Manual of Style or appropriate citation guidelines for this course.

Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Retaliation:

CU Boulder is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. University policy prohibits sexual misconduct (harassment, exploitation, and assault), intimate partner violence (dating or domestic violence), stalking, protected-class discrimination and harassment, and related retaliation by or against members of our community on- and off-campus. These behaviors harm individuals and our community. The Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) addresses these concerns, and individuals who believe they have been subjected to misconduct can contact OIEC at 303-492-2127 or email cureport@colorado.edu. Information about university policies, reporting options, and support resources can be found on the OIEC website.

Religious Holidays

Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. In this class, email me in advance and we will work out a mutually agreed-upon arrangement regarding make-up work. See the campus policy regarding religious observances for full details.

Mental Health and Wellness

The University of Colorado Boulder is committed to the well-being of all students. If you are struggling with personal stressors, mental health or substance use concerns that are impacting academic or daily life, please contact [Counseling and Psychiatric Services \(CAPS\)](#) located in C4C or call (303) 492-2277, 24/7.

Free and unlimited telehealth is also available through [Academic Live Care](#). The [Academic Live Care](#) site also provides information about additional wellness services on campus that are available to students. A 24/7 Suicide Prevention hotline is available by calling 303-492-2277.

Basic Needs

I believe that in order to learn, students need to have their basic needs met: food to eat and a safe place to live. If you're having trouble with either, the campus has resources at the [Basic Needs Center](#). If you're facing food insecurity, reach out to food@colorado.edu, and review [CU food resources here](#), like BuffPantry. If you're having trouble paying rent or facing housing insecurity, there are many [CU housing assistance programs](#). You can also get in touch with these advocates: Boulder County Housing & Human Services at 303-441-1000 or Off-campus Housing at och@colorado.edu & 303-492-7053. For assistance with landlord-tenant matters, contact Mediation Services at 303-441-4364 & mediation@bouldercolorado.edu. A 24/7 Suicide Prevention hotline is available by calling 303-492-2277. *Please don't hesitate to also approach me if you would like support negotiating any of these resources.

Your continued enrollment in this course means that you agree to adhere to these policies. The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus with notice.