**Course Descriptions**

**MAIS 5300 Interdisciplinary Seminar** (3 semester hours) Topics will vary each semester. (May be repeated for credit.) (3-0) S
**MAIS 5301 Seminar on Close Relationships** (3 semester hours) An examination of the psychological, sociological, economic, and philosophical approaches to the study of close relationships. Specific issues that will be discussed include male-female differences, intimacy and self-disclosure, loneliness, conflict. (3-0) Y
**MAIS 5302 Capstone Seminar** (3 semester hours) Topics will vary. The seminar includes discussion of interdisciplinary theory and preparation for a research project. Must be taken in the student’s next-to-last semester. (3-0) S
**MAIS 5303 Research Project** (3 semester hours) Completion of an interdisciplinary research project. Prerequisite: MAIS 5302. (Students on academic probation may not enroll for MAIS 5303.) (3-0) S
**MAIS 5V04 Independent Study** (1-6 semester hours) Available only to meet particular curricular needs of an individual degree plan. Prerequisite: consent of instructor and approval of MAIS adviser. (May be repeated for credit.) ([1-6]-0) S
**MAIS 5307 Ethics and Law** (3 semester Hours) An exploration of the ethical foundations of the law and the institutions through which it is created and administered. It will examine the principles upon which our notions of justice rest and inquire how and why these fundamentals may have changed in our own times.
**MAIS 5308 Law and Psychiatry** (3 semester hours) Covers a wide-ranging field of subject matter in both law and medicine. The primary focus will be upon issues of public concern such as the death penalty; the causes of social and interpersonal violence; drug and alcohol abuse; aberrant sexual behavior; and the direction law and society might take on these and other issues.
**MAIS 5310 Negotiation and Conflict Resolution** (3 semester hours) An exploration of the dynamics of conflict resolution from the smallest of interpersonal disputes to those of global dimensions. Focus is on the evolution and employment of peaceful techniques for settling disputes and their substitution for the more violent forms of conflict resolution through force. (3-0) Y
**MAIS 5311 Business and Competitive Intelligence** (3 semester hours) Explores the acquisition of regular and sensitive information and the ethics of the means used to obtain and exploit it. As in many other spheres of human activity, while most of the information necessary to the making of useful informed business decisions lies within the public domain, what is required is a thorough understanding of the sources and the methods to exploit them since over the past two decades, the acquisition, storage and retrieval of all kinds of business intelligence have changed substantially. (3-0) Y
**MAIS 5313 Doing Business in Greater China** (3 semester hours). A study of Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong with the focus on economic development and current participation in the global economy. The course reviews the experience of multinational corporations and examines strategies of doing business in Greater China. The course also explores how the digital revolution reshapes the three economies. (3-0) R
**MAIS 5315** **Globalization and Economic Crisis (** 3 semester hours) Studies the development of globalization and its impact on different economies and cultures. Also, the course will concentrate on the various waves of economic crisis with a historical depth and a global perspective. The main focus is on the United States, China, India, Japan, the Middle East, Russia and Western Europe. (3-0)T
**MAIS 5316 Managing The Digital Economy** (3 semester hours) Examines how the digital economy (chip-making, computing, IT services, and telecommunications) has transformed American business. Knowledge workers need to cultivate skills in leadership, communication, entrepreneurship, finance, and project/workplace management.
**MAIS 5320 Special Topics in Interdisciplinary Studies** (3 semester hours) Topics will vary each semester. May be repeated for credit. (3-0) S
**MAIS 5330 Human Relations and Motivation in the Corporate Arena I** (3 semester hours) Addresses equal rights/opportunities of the individual, by law, in the workplace, via providing information, regarding compliance with all of the major laws that prohibit discrimination in employment. Laws to be covered: Sex Discrimination, Age Discrimination, National Origin Discrimination, Race Discrimination, Disability Discrimination, and the Civil Rights act of 1964 as amended.
**MAIS 5331 Human Relations and Motivation in the Corporate Arena II** (3 semester hours) Second course in two-part session. Addresses equal rights/opportunities of the individual, by law, in the workplace, via providing information, regarding compliance with all of the major laws that prohibit discrimination in employment.
**MAIS 5333 Developmental Characteristics of 9 – 14 year olds** (3 semester hours) This course is designed for students interested in gaining knowledge and in developing their understanding of the middle school aged child, the issues both physical and emotional, attached to this stage. Concepts in adolescent development and current research regarding children aged 9-14 years are examined. Various perspectives on strategies and techniques in working with adolescents are also a focus in this course. (3-0)T
**MAIS 5335 Crisis Communication in Schools & Organizations** (3 semeseter hours) An advanced in depth look into crisis communication, strategies and management focusing on organizational and educational institutional responses in crisis situations. Specific past crisis events are examined, positive and negative responses are dissected, lessons learned are investigated and future management strategies for organizations, agencies and schools are formulated so that students may take these skills back to their respective current and future employment environments and implement these strategies. (3-0) T
**MAIS 5336 Qualitative Research Methods** (3 semester hours) This is a hands-on, practically-oriented, how-to-do-it seminar that is ideal for those who intend to utilize qualitative research methods in their research or simply wish to gain further insight into how qualitative data is gathered and analyzed.  The primary objective of this course is to mutually explore and learn a range of skills, methods, techniques, and “tricks of the trade” that will facilitate successful data gathering.  The course provides a solid analytical background while also exposing participants to qualitative methodology through facilitation of a team-based qualitative research project. (3-0)Y
**MAIS 5390 Costa Rica Experience** (3 semester hours) Costa Rica is world famous for its dedication to the concept of sustainability. This field trip class will visit different locations in Costa Rica to better understand the diversity of its environment, its non-human primates, its practices that of course may vary from year to year but the major emphasis is sustainability. This course has a service learning component. Student must be in good standing. Permission of instructor required. (3-0)R