

NEW Spring Quarter 2018 course focusing on conflict analysis and atrocity prevention.

HAITI SIMULATION

PSY 407 (CRN 36860) & INTL 407/507 (CRN 36858/36859) Seminar Haiti Simulation
S '18 1-2 Cr.

DATES: Apr 26, May 10, May 12-13 (all students)
May 24 (for 2-credit and graduate students only)

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- ✧ 1-2 credits & pass/no pass
- ✧ Interact with high profile practitioners and policy-makers (from: USAID, Mercy Corps, US Holocaust Memorial Museum, US Department of State, etc.).
- ✧ Resume/CV worthy: students will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the simulation.
- ✧ Interdisciplinary!

TOPICS COVERED: Conflict Analysis, Conflict Mapping, Atrocity Prevention, Decision-Making.

MEETINGS*:

- Discussion meeting: **April 26**, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. *(required for all students)*
- Keynote speaker: **May 10**, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. *(required for all students)*
- Simulation: **May 12** (8:30 am - 5:00 pm) and **May 13** (8:00 am - 3:30 pm). *(required for all students)*
- Presentation meeting: May 24th 6:00 - 8:00 pm. *(required for 2-credit & graduate students only)*

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is built around a conflict simulation, which will take place over two days at the end of Week 6 of Spring Term. During the simulation, students, academics, and career professionals will come together to focus on a country at-risk for mass atrocities, and engage in deliberation and decision-making. The simulation will offer students insight into preventing atrocities with an annual decision making simulation that targets a country at-risk for atrocities. Using insights from practitioners and academia, both the simulation and this course seeks to equip students with the tools they need to be good global citizens and to have informed opinions on the atrocities the world community must face. Students will also study what effective decision-making and reasoning look like, improving on their ability to make persuasive arguments based on the use of evidence and credible sources. The two-day simulation will provide both a practical atrocity prevention learning experience and serve as a laboratory for decision making, exclusionary thinking, and other relevant research. The country we will focus on this year is Haiti. The course requires all students to attend the entirety of the conflict simulation (Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13), as well as a keynote panel discussion on Thursday, May 10. Students are also required to complete all preparatory readings, research, and assignments, and meeting once prior to the simulation on Thursday, April 26. Students taking this course for 2-credits and graduate students will also have to meet, Thursday, May 24th to present their research.

CREDIT & GRADING: 1-2 credits and P/N-P.

- Students taking this for 1-credit will have to do all readings (with minimal to no assignments through Canvas) and will be required to attend all four meeting times listed above.
- Students taking this for 2-credits will complete all readings and assignments through Canvas, attend all four meeting times above, and will also do a final research paper (5-6 pages) after the simulation is over. Students will also have to meet one final time, May 24th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm to briefly present on their paper.

Graduate students: regardless of the credit-option chosen, graduate students will work with Dr. Martin to create an individualized plan for a research project or paper (to be submitted after the simulation). Graduate students will also be required to meet on May 24th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, to present their research.

*Dates subject to change and/or new dates might be added.