MIS Seminar Core Competencies

Program Mission
Students who have completed the MIS program will demonstrate:
• understanding of the methods of intellectual inquiry in multiple disciplines
• development of broader knowledge base with sufficient depth
• improved ability to critically analyze information
• ability to synthesize knowledge to examine complex issues
• capacity to apply learning to make informed decisions
• ability to communicate effectively

Core Competencies
• Identification of the interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and international nature of the topic.

• Scholarly level knowledge through reading of primary (research and creative works) and secondary texts (critical, historical, and theoretical treatises).

• Extensive, critical, and constructive student participation in class discussion.

• Ability to do graduate level critical and analytical thinking, including:
  o Finding, analyzing, and evaluating important concepts
  o Evaluating quality and accuracy of evidence
  o Identifying and critically evaluating intellectual and cultural/contextual issues
  o Demonstrating awareness of multiple approaches and their validity
  o Developing one’s own critical approach based on knowledge of the field

• Ability to synthesize information from multiple approaches to examine complex issues.

• Completion of individual graduate level written and oral communication of learning:
  o Written papers that present critical and synthetic analysis of the topic
  o Oral presentations that convey the central tenets and specific issues

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