

The UN and Global Governance

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Class time	Morning

Course Description:

This course examines the theoretical and empirical evolution of international organizations and global governance. This course addresses how the UN tackles issues in global economic governance, human rights, environmental protection, development, and peace and security. The course includes an active learning component - specifically, a simulation of the First Committee of the UN General Assembly to discuss the following topics: Regulating Artificial Intelligence to counter disinformation and safeguard global security; the role of Science and Technology in International Security and Disarmament.

Materials/Text:

Pertinent articles and book chapters will be made available for students to download.

Requirements:

None

Schedule:

- Session 1. Mutual Introductions, Course Organization; Introduction to Global Governance
- Session 2. Intergovernmental Organizations, Non-state Actors and Global Governance/
The UN – Principles, Structure, Achievements and Problems
- Session 3. International Relations Theories and Global Governance
- Session 4. The UN and Economic Governance – Trade and Finance
- Session 5. The UN and Human Rights
- Session 6. The UN and Peace and Security
- Session 7. Field Trip to DMZ
- Session 8. The UN and the challenge of Development
- Session 9. The UN and the Environment
- Session 10. Field Trip to UN Climate Fund headquarters – Incheon
- Session 11. Mechanics of UN simulation – Roll call, position papers, caucusing, resolutions etc.
- Session 13. Model UN – UN General Assembly First Committee
- Session 14. UN Video Report presentations
- Session 15. Final Exam

Assignments:

Final Exam

Position Paper on assigned country for Simulation

Class participation/Active participation during simulation

Resolution Writing

UN Video Report – Use cases in Asia, Africa or Latin America to highlight the UN’s engagement and challenges in one of the following areas: women’s rights, children in conflict zones, promotion of democracy and nuclear non-proliferation. (Maximum 5 minutes for your video report)

Evaluation:

Final Exam – 35%

Position Paper on assigned country for Simulation – 15%

Class participation/Active participation during simulation – 15%

Resolution Writing – 10%

Video Report – 25%

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