

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; Increasing Women's role in Disarmament and Non-proliferation.

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 Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights - Seoul
 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 – 30%

Position Paper on assigned country for Simulation – 20%

Class participation/Active participation during simulation

Resolution Writing – 10% (Team work by delegations)

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, UN Reform, and Humanitarian Responses to Natural Disasters.

(Maximum 5 minutes for your video report) – 30%

Evaluation:

Final Exam – 30%

Position Paper on assigned country for Simulation – 20%

Class participation/Active participation during simulation 10%

Resolution Writing 10% (Team Work by Delegations)

Video Report – 30%

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