



HANYANG UNIVERSITY

2018 HISS Syllabus

[International Organizations]

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Description: This course is intended for any student who wishes to learn about international organizations (IOs), while honing their negotiation skills and deepening their understanding of global issues. *The United Nations* (UN), which is the most prominent of IOs, will be the main focus of the course. An array of issues is on the agendas of IOs. This course, however, will focus on peace, collective security, arms control, peacekeeping, peaceful settlement, human rights, environment, and economic development. A main pedagogical tool of the course will be *simulation*. Through a series of simulated UN meetings and conferences, students will learn and appreciate the functions and workings of IOs.

Objective: The objective of the course is three-fold:
1) to learn about the goals, structure, and operations of international organizations;
2) to improve negotiating skills through role-playing simulations;
3) to acquire critical thinking skills to understand and analyze current international issues.

Textbook:
United Nations, *United Nations at a Glance* (2013)
available for purchase (Kindle edition \$5.00) at amazon.com.

Preparations: Pre-knowledge:
No prerequisite.
* Anyone, regardless of their major or academic background, should be able to successfully complete the course.

Schedule:

Week 1	<u>The Nature and Types of IOs</u> – What is IOs? – The evolution of IOs – The League of Nations – The European Union
	<u>The United of Nations</u> – The genesis of the UN – The UN Charter – The UN System
Week 2	<u>The General Assembly</u> – Model UN: Guidelines & Parliamentary Procedures <i>Simulation 1: General Assembly - General Debate</i>

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	<u>The Secretary-General & Secretariat</u> – Peacekeeping operations <i>Mid-term exam</i>
Week 3	<u>The Security Council</u> – Collective security – Arms control <i>Simulation 2: Security Council: Emergency Session</i>
Week 4	<u>The Economic and Social Council</u> – Human rights – Environment – Sustainable development <i>Simulation 3: Social and Economic Council: Human rights</i> <i>Final exam</i>

	Midterm (%)	Final (%)	Attendance (%)	Assignments (%)	Participation (%)	Etc. (%)
Evaluation:	25	25	10	40	0	00