This course will be divided in half, Professor Joon Oh taking the first 7 classes, June 27 to July 5, and Professor Hyun Jin Choi taking the remaining 8 classes, July 6 to July 17.

**OVERVIEW**
This course is designed to provide an understanding of the role of the United Nations system in global affairs, with a review of the concepts, evolution, contribution, and actual activities and workings of the organization. It also analyzes how the organizations in the UN system operate to address a variety of global issues, as well as how the member states work with and in the United Nations.

The course will start with the origin and history of the UN, followed by the sessions on the work and issue areas of the UN in accordance with its three founding pillars: peace and security, development, and human rights. Both conceptual and practical approaches will be used, focusing on the functioning of the UN institutions as designed originally and as adapted to changing realities over the past seven decades. Special attention will be given to considering the challenges faced by the UN system in providing global governance in the globalized world. As a case study, issues on the Korean Peninsula and humanitarian crises will be dealt with.

The course will also offer an opportunity for students to consider and discuss how the UN and other international organizations need to evolve in the future to become fitter for purpose in promoting peace, development, and human rights as well as in meeting new global challenges including the ongoing war in Ukraine.

The course will consist of 14 sessions of lecture/discussion on a chosen issue area, plus one concluding session for a final examination. Each class will be conducted in the format of lectures and student debates.

**Week I (June 27 - July 3)**

**Day 1**  Introduction: The road to the creation of the United Nations
Day 2  The UN Charter: Founding the three pillars of the United Nations
Day 3  International Peace and Security: Security Council
Day 4  International Peace and Security: Peacekeeping operations (PKOs)
Day 5  International Peace and Security: Disarmament and non-proliferation

Week II (July 4 - July 10)

Day 6  Human Rights: UN Charter & Universal Declaration of Human Rights
Day 7  Human Rights: Human Rights Instruments
Day 8  Humanitarian Action (humanitarian assistance, refugee issues, etc.)
Day 9  Development: The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Day 10 Development: Reducing Inequalities

Week III (July 11 - July 17)

Day 11  Development: Addressing Climate Change
Day 12  Case Study 1: Ongoing Civil Wars and Refugee Crises
Day 13  Case Study 2: The Korean Peninsula Issues
Day 14  Future of the UN and Global Governance
Day 15  Concluding Session (final examination)

Suggested Readings

United Nations, *The Essential UN*, New York: UN DPI, 2018


The Charter of the United Nations, 1945


**Discussions:** All students are required to take the role of lead discussant at least once in the course, as arranged by the Course Assistant (CA).

**Evaluation:** The final grade will be based on class attendance (20%), discussion (30%), and a final exam (50%).

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