COURSE DETAIL

THE UNITED NATIONS
Country Japan
Host Institution International Christian University
Program(s) International Christian University
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 40
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title THE UNITED NATIONS
UCEAP Transcript Title THE UNITED NATIONS
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description

The UN is a paradox of international relations. It is made up of independent states, but it is supposed to limit their excesses. It is based on the principle of equality, but it is controlled by the most powerful capitals. It is engaged in military operations, but it does not have an army. It was born from the ashes of the Holocaust, but it treats dictators with deference. It preaches human rights, but it cannot meddle in the affairs of its members. It preaches democracy, but it does not practice it.

This course is meant to serve as a critical introduction to the world's only universal Organization. After outlining the basic structures and functions of the UN, it focuses on the debates and controversies that have accompanied since its birth. The course considers - with frankness, without fear and in an intentionally 'undiplomatic way' - the Organization's successes as well as its failures. As current events show - from COVID to Ukraine - the United Nations is profoundly inadequate. The question is: Why? And who benefits from a weak UN?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GES064E

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S2: THE UNITED NATIONS: A CRITICAL INTRODUCTION

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