

# Northwest Arkansas Community College

(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

## Discipline Code

PLSC

## Course Number

1303

## Course Title

Intro to the United Nations

## Catalog Description

An introduction of the history, establishment, charter, structure, and decision-making of the United Nations. Students will critically analyze the role of the UN in the international system during the Cold War, post-Cold War periods, specifically in the areas of international peace and security, disarmament and arms, humanitarian assistance and refugees, and economic and social development. While learning this material, the student will also prepare for and participate in Model UN competitions.

## Prerequisites

N/A

## Credit Hours

3 credit hours

## Contact hours

45 contact hours

## Load hours

3 load hours

## Semesters Offered

Spring

## ACTS Equivalent

N/A

## Grade Mode

A-F

## **Learning Outcomes**

Students will:

- Identify the UN's principal organs.
- Understand the basic functions and powers of the UN's principal organs.
- Understand the history of the UN system and its predecessors.
- Analyze the balance between sovereignty and international justice in the UN system.
- Evaluate policy issues of international governance in the UN system.
- Evaluate defenses and criticism of the UN system.

## **General Education Outcomes Supported**

- N/A

## **Standard Practices**

### **Topics list**

- Precursors to the United Nations
- Sovereignty
- International Justice
- UN Charter
- UN General Assembly
- UN Economic and Social Council
- UN Human Rights Council
- UN Security Council
- UN Secretary General
- International Criminal Court
- International Development
- Millennium Development Goals
- International Law
- Genocide
- Human Rights
- Laws of War
- Humanitarian Interventions
- Peacekeeping
- Reforming the UN

### **Learning activities**

- N/A

### **Assessments**

- N/A

### **Grading guidelines**

- N/A