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## Subject Information and Study Guide

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## OERu801

### The UN, Global Governance and Diplomacy

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# Subject Information

## Description

The United Nations is the principal international organisation for promoting peace and security, and cooperation on matters that transcend the borders of nation states. The UN seeks to provide global governance on issues such as peace, human rights, trade, finance, public health and the environment, managing the different and often conflicting positions of nation states in order to do so. This subject will explore the historical and contemporary practices of the UN system across several of these key international challenges. It will utilise a range of topical case studies to examine the role of diplomacy and other tools in managing issues of global governance and promoting global citizenship. It will also consider alternative channels of multilateral governance and diplomacy. Finally, it will examine the key challenges faced by the UN today, and proposals for reform of the UN system.

## Objectives/Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students will be able to:
1.  Demonstrate a critical understanding of the key concepts and challenges in global governance
2.  Ability to construct analytical papers on complex international challenges
3.  Capacity to utilise both quantitative and qualitative data.
4.  Effective written communication skills
5.  Understand the structure, operation and limitations of some leading international institutions in global governance.
6.  Elaborate key challenges involved in diplomacy and negotiation.
7.  Present effectively on key global issues and the challenges they bring using digital means.
8.  Will review progress against all learning outcomes
9.  Clear oral communication skills

## Participation

This subject requires completion of all online modules.

## Timetable

This subject is fully online, commencing 14 March. See: http://course.oeru.org/unglobalgovdiplomacy/

# Weekly Outline:

| Week / Date | Lecture Topic/Description | Task Due |
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| **Week 1**<br>Commencing<br>14/3/2016<br>Modules 1 & 2 | Introduction; History and Overview of the UN | |
| **Week 2**<br>Commencing<br>21/3/2016<br>Modules 3 & 4 | Introduction to Global Governance; Introduction to Diplomacy | |
| **Week 3**<br>Commencing<br>28/3/2016<br>Modules 5 & 6 | The UN Security Council; The UN General Assembly and Secretariat | |
| **Week 4**<br>Commencing 4/4/2016<br>Modules 7 & 8 | Global Economic Governance; Human Rights | |
| **Week 5**<br>Commencing<br>11/4/2016<br>Modules 9 & 10 | UN Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding; Non-UN Institutions of Global Governance | |
| **Week 6**<br>Commencing<br>18/4/2016<br>Modules 11 & 12 | The UN and Diplomacy; UN Reform | |
| **Week 7** | | Assignments submitted |
| **Week 8** | | |
| **Week 9** | | Online Interviews conducted |

* Public holidays for this session are:
  * Good Friday – Friday, 25 March
  * Easter Monday – Monday 28 March
  * Anzac Day – Monday 25 April
Teaching staff will not be working on these days.

# Assessment Information

## Referencing

For this subject, please use the *footnote* system of referencing, which is fully outlined on the UOW library website: https://webapps.library.uow.edu.au/refcite/style-guides/html/

Referencing is an essential component of academic writing or presentation since it enables the reader to follow up the source of ideas and information presented in your work, and to examine the interpretation you place on the material discovered in your research. Reliable referencing clearly indicates where you have drawn your own conclusions from the evidence presented. Importantly, much of the material you will use is covered by copyright which means that you must acknowledge any source of information, including books, journals, newsprint, images and the internet.

It is obligatory for students to reference all sources used in their written work including electronic material. Students should consult the University library website for a detailed explanation and examples of how to reference electronic material correctly: http://www.library.uow.edu.au/resourcesbytopic/UOW026621.html

Different programs use different referencing styles to reflect the needs of their discipline. It is the student's responsibility to check which referencing style is used.

Clear examples of how to reference correctly, across a wide variety of source materials, can be found on the UOW Library website:
•     Library Resources - Referencing and Citing
      http://www.library.uow.edu.au/resourcesbytopic/UOW026621.html


## Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy

We expect that students submit only their own original work for assessment and avoid plagiarising the work of others or cheating. Plagiarism is considered academic misconduct and can have serious consequences. Plagiarism can be detected and may lead to students being expelled from the subject.

Re-using any of your own work (either in part or in full) which you have submitted previously for assessment is not permitted without appropriate acknowledgement.

## Submission, Receipt & Collection of Assessment Tasks

Assessments are to be submitted on the due dates and via the submission method specified in each assessment task listed in this Outline. Penalties apply for late submission.

It is the responsibility of the student to keep a copy of all work submitted for assessment.


## Late Submission of Assessments

In the absence of an approved request for an extension, assessment tasks must be submitted by 4pm (unless otherwise specified in the Assessment Task information) on the due date. Late work (i.e. any work required for assessment that has not been given an extension) will be subject to a 10% penalty per calendar day.  The penalty is applied to the mark awarded.  **Work submitted after seven calendar days will not be marked and will be given a mark of 0.**

An assessment task that is submitted after 4pm on any day will be deemed to have been submitted on the next working day. Penalties accrue on each day that the assessment task is late, including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

In the absence of an extension having been granted, work submitted beyond seven (7) days of the due date will be accepted only if submission of that assessment is necessary to pass the subject but a mark of 'zero' will be recorded.

# Student Review of Mark / Grade

A student may request an explanation of a mark for an assessment task or a final grade for a subject consistent with the student's right to appropriate and useful feedback on their performance in an assessment task. The student should do so by contacting the Subject Coordinator or another member of the subject teaching team within TEN working days after notification to the student of the mark or grade.

# Assessment Tasks

## Assessment 1:   Active Online Participation

| Marking: | Marked out of 100 - Percentage of total subject mark  40% |
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| Description: | Students will complete four online tasks, each worth 10%.  Full details here: http://course.oeru.org/unglobalgovdiplomacy/assessment/assessment/active-online-participation/ |
| Due Date: | 26 April |
| Format: | Several format options available, see website above |
| Criteria that will be considered in determining your final mark: | • Logical and coherent structure<br>• Depth of understanding of topic<br>• Professional presentation / accurate and stylistically correct referencing (if applicable)<br>• Breadth of research / quality of evidence used to justify position adopted<br>• Engaging writing/presentation |
| Submission Method: | Electronically |

## Assessment 2:    Major Essay

| Marking: | Marked out of 100 - Percentage of total subject mark  40% |
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| Description: | Students will complete a 2000 word essay from a range of options.  Full details available here: http://course.oeru.org/unglobalgovdiplomacy/assessment/assessment/major-essay/ |
| Due Date: |  29 April |
| Format: | 2000 word paper (+/- 10% is acceptable), further details available on the website |
| Criteria that will be considered in determining your final mark: | • Logical and coherent structure<br>• Depth of understanding of topic<br>• Professional presentation / accurate and stylistically correct referencing (if applicable)<br>• Breadth of research / quality of evidence used to justify position adopted<br>• Engaging writing |
| Submission Method: | Electronically |

## Assessment 3: Online Interview

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| **Marking:** | Marked out of 100 - Percentage of total subject mark 20% |
| **Description:** | Online interview |
| **Due Date:** | Students will be contacted individually to arrange a date, most likely in week commencing 9 May. |
| **Format:** | Online interview |
| **Assessment Criteria:** | <ul><li>Knowledge of course content</li><li>Depth of knowledge</li><li>Analytical / critical thinking skills</li><li>Verbal communication skills</li></ul> |
| **Submission Method:** | Online, students will be contacted individually. |

## Subject Resources and Materials

## Set Texts

All set reading material available online on course website.

## Recommended Reading / Viewing / Listening

Supplementary material available online on course website.

These resources are recommended and are not intended to be exhaustive. Students are encouraged to use local libraries and online resources to supplement the recommendations with resources you discover through your own research.