

Syllabus for Global Citizen

Sessions 1-2: Thursdays 9:00-10:30

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Description: Students will explore the role of the United Nations (UN) in addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges. From promoting peace and protecting human rights to fighting poverty, climate change, and disease, students will learn how the UN works with countries around the world to find solutions to global issues.

Materials Needed:

- ☐ 3-Ring Binder (or portion of a large binder) dedicated to this class, as well as paper for notetaking. We will be focusing on study habits, note taking and organization, and students will have regular notebook checks throughout the session.
- ☐ Writing utensil

Expectations:

- * This is a hands-on class and **students will need to be in attendance in order to get credit.** (*If an absence cannot be avoided the student can arrange to do makeup work during a study session.*)
- * **Students will be expected to take notes** and to keep those notes and other handout materials neatly in their binder or folder. They will have regular notebook checks throughout the session and they **must have their class notes & materials with them at every class.**
- * Research, writing, discussion and debate is a part of how the UN addresses global problems. Students will be expected to participate in these methods as well, in class and as part of their homework.
- * As their **final project**, students will give a presentation on a specific subtopic of their choice.

Grading

- 20% Attendance
- 30% Participation: preparation, note-taking and discussion
- 30% Organized binder, notes and notebook checks
- 20% Homework, final project

Course Outline

WEEK 1: Introductions, what is the U.N.?

WEEK 2: How the U.N. is organized

WEEK 3: Universal Declaration of Human Rights

WEEK 4: The 3 pillars of the U.N. and their Sustainable Development Goals

WEEK 5: Keeping the Peace

WEEK 6: Protecting Human Rights

WEEK 7: Fighting Poverty and Securing Development

WEEKS 8-14: Will be dedicated to identifying global problems and how to address them as the U.N. might

WEEK 15: Reconstruction cont. & modern connections. **Final Projects & Presentations**