Visiting Professor Program
Academic Year 2023/2024

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 20 hours

COURSE TITLE
International Institutional Law

TEACHING PERIOD
2nd term

SCIENTIFIC AREA
International Law

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH
English

COURSE SUMMARY
The Course consists of two Modules: the First Module aims at providing students with skills and knowledge on "The Law of International Institutions"; the Second Module focuses on "The Law of the United Nations".

The Visiting Professor will teach the Second Module. Students will learn about the legal framework and main organs of the United Nations and how they work in practice. The course will explore the history and structure of the United Nations; the functioning of its main organs (the General Assembly, the Security Council, and the International Court of Justice); UN reform proposals; and the role of the UN in the maintenance of international peace and security. The Visiting Professor may devote the last part of her/his Module to a specific topic, focusing on UN immunity, UN sanctions, UN peacekeeping or the United Nations and human rights.

The Course will aim at providing an in-depth analysis of the contribution of the United Nations system to the development of Public International Law; at providing a fuller and deeper
understanding of the legal and political factors that govern the functioning of the organisation; at examining the relationship between the different organs of the United Nations; at examining current developments in the United Nations; and at analysing the capacity of the United Nations to address global challenges.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Through lectures – and eventually group exercises, simulations and role-playing exercises – students will acquire detailed knowledge of how the principal organs of the United Nations work.

By the end of the Second Module of the Course students should: possess a thorough understanding of the functioning of the United Nations; be able to demonstrate an understanding of the sources of public international law related to the United Nations; have a comprehensive understanding of the UN organs; be familiar with the successes of the organisation as well as its shortcomings; be able to appreciate the causes of the challenges faced by an international organisation born after the Second World War; discuss the role of the UN in the international legal system.

Students will also improve their oral, communication, problem-solving and research skills.

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The candidate should be an expert of the law of the United Nations from an academic and/or professional viewpoint. Previous experience in the teaching of the matter, preferably in English, is required as well as international publications on the matter. Practical experience will be evaluated as added value.

The Visiting Professor should be willing to co-teach the subject in a collaborative way, jointly with the Professor of the University of Torino who is in charge of the Course, to improve interaction with students in the classroom also through case law analysis and eventually role playing.

CONTACT REFERENT

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