



Knowledge to lead

e-Course on the Law of International Organizations

5 to 31 March 2012

Background

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has over 40 years of experience in the delivery of training in the field of international law. To better respond to the numerous requests for innovative training, UNITAR is complementing its face-to-face training activities with internet-based ones. Thus, since 2003, UNITAR has been successfully delivering e-learning courses through its internet Platform.

International organizations are playing an increasingly important role in the international legal order. They are active in virtually all fields of human activity, they regularly conclude international treaties and continuously interact with other actors of international law. Nowadays, they wield growing normative powers. For those working for or dealing with international organizations, a sound understanding of the law of international organizations thus appears indispensable.

UNITAR's e-Course on the Law of International Organizations is structured in a way to cover the main legal questions related to international organizations, from both a theoretical and practical perspective. In addition, the e-learning methodology used to deliver the Course allows participants the flexibility to combine their learning activities with work responsibilities and to benefit from high-quality training.

Course Goal

The overall goal of this e-Course is to provide participants with a comprehensive knowledge of the key issues of the Law of International Organizations that is necessary in order to understand the role and position of international organizations in the contemporary legal order.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the Course participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate a profound understanding of the definition of international organization, the rules and principles governing its creation, its structure and functioning, and relationship with other actors of international law, primarily but not exclusively States.
- Identify and analyze the main legal issues related to the responsibility of international organizations.
- Differentiate the legal regimes governing the settlement of disputes involving international organizations.
- Apply theoretical knowledge acquired during the e-Course to their different professional capacities, including working for international organizations, dealing with international organizations in diplomatic service, in various ministries or non-governmental organizations, or researching international organizations.

Course Content

The e-Course on the Law of International Organizations comprises the following modules:

Module 1: The definition, principles and basic legal issues of international organizations.

Module 2: The functioning of international organizations.

Module 3: Issues of responsibility and liability involving international organizations.

Module 4: The settlement of disputes involving international organizations.



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Organization and Training Methodology

The e-Course on the Law of International Organizations will be conducted in English and delivered over 4 weeks starting on Monday, 5 March 2012. Each one of the four modules is to be completed within a week. At the end of the fourth week, two additional weeks will be allocated for submitting answers to a final case study. The successful completion of the Course requires four weeks of committed study, with an average study-time of 8 hours per week.

This course will be given through UNITAR's Virtual Platform. Thus, participants need a basic level of hardware and software equipment (nearly all computers fit this) and basic computer skills such as logging into websites, navigating the Internet, using Microsoft Word, uploading/downloading documents, and of course a reliable Internet connection.

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, 2003, 2007, NT, ME or XP; MacOS 9 or MacOS X.
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space.
- Software: Adobe Acrobat Reader (download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/fr/reader/>)
- Browser: Mozilla Firefox (download for free at <http://www.mozilla-europe.org/fr/>) or Internet Explorer (download for free at <http://windows.microsoft.com/fr-FR/internet-explorer/products/ie/home>). Note JavaScript & Cookies must be enabled.
- Modem: 56 K.

Using a state-of-the-art training architecture, UNITAR will combine self-learning with assessments and online discussions. The pedagogy - adapted specifically to professionals in full-time work - will help train participants through various experiences: absorb (read); do (activity); interact (socialize); reflect (relate to one's own reality).

In order to assure interactive exchange as well as provide participants with personalized learning assistance, the number of participants per moderator will not exceed 30 students.

Participants who successfully complete the four modules of the e-Course will receive a **Certificate of Completion issued by UNITAR.**

Course Moderators

The moderators selected by UNITAR are experts in the Law of International Organizations from academic and international circles, including practitioners from both within and outside the United Nations system. The course moderators will closely guide participants in their learning process and answer their questions.

Target Audience

UNITAR's e-Learning Course on the Law of International Organizations aims at responding to the needs of a variety of professionals working for or dealing with international organizations. The e-Course is aimed specifically toward international civil servants, government officers, legal practitioners, diplomats, specialists from various ministries (Foreign Affairs, Justice, etc.), judges/magistrates, law professors and researchers, members of bar associations, NGO representatives, and advanced students in the fields of law, international relations or other associated fields.

Course Fees and Registrations

A fee is charged for taking the e-Course on the Law of International Organizations.

However, **partial fellowships** are available in the form of reduced fees exclusively aimed at participants from least developed countries, developing countries and countries with economies in transition. Please consult the following link: <http://www.unitar.org/ilp/> in order to know the exact fee amount by country.

Interested individuals can register directly for the Course at: <http://www.unitar.org/event/> The deadline for registration is 25 February 2012.

Contact

For more detailed information about the Course, fees and registration procedure, please visit <http://www.unitar.org/ilp/> or contact Ms. Monica Nunez at monica.nunez@unitar.org



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