

Syllabus

International Health Organizations
GCH 590-001
Fall 2009

Time: Tu 7:20 – 10:00 PM
Location: Innovation Hall 133
Credit: 3 hours
CRN: 74109

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appointment

Placement in Curriculum: Required Course for International Health Concentration of the Master's in Health Science

Course Description: Course examines the inner working of international health organizations. The course primarily is concerned with organizations focused on health prevention and promotion, disease remediation, and epidemiology. Students will explore the goals and mechanisms of these international health organizations and understand their mission, roles, procedures, funding sources, and evaluation or effectiveness within the global community.

Course Objectives: Upon completion, students will be able to:

- Identify and have knowledge of the structure of the leading international health organizations
- Understand the roles and functions of major organizations working in international health
- Compare and contrast the functions and roles of the major international health organizations
- Categorize the mission and methods of major organizations involved in international health issues.
- Identify the funding sources and the scope of action of the major international health organizations and the allocations of resources.

Rationale: This knowledge is central to those enrolled in the International health concentration; this will be also an elective course for the International health certificate.

Teaching Strategies: Lecture/discussion, Readings, Guest lecturers, Audio/visual aids, Assessments of Journal Articles, Class Discussions, Team Building/Group Learning.

Required Textbooks: None required; selective readings and Web research will be assigned.

Additional Materials: PowerPoint presentations, journal articles, and student assessments will be placed on Blackboard for downloading by students.

Academic Honesty: George Mason University operates under an honor system, which is published in the University Catalog and deals specifically with cheating, attempted cheating, plagiarism, lying, and stealing. Please familiarize yourself with the honor code, especially the statement on plagiarism. If you have questions about when the contributions of others to your work must be acknowledged and appropriate ways to cite those contributions, please talk with the professor.

Students with Disabilities: All students with questions or concerns about this class are encouraged to set up a time to meet with the professor, preferably during the first 2 weeks of the semester. Students with disabilities should work with the Disabilities Resource Center (DRC) to identify appropriate accommodations and communicate those with the professor.

Grading: Grades will be based upon three deliverables – an Individual Project, a Team Project, and seven Annotated Bibliographies. In addition, participation will be 10% of the course grade; this puts a premium on attending every class, particularly since the course only meets once a week. The dates for the deliverables will be discussed and set on the first day of class.

A+/A	93 -- 100
A-	90 -- 92
B+	86 -- 89
B	80 -- 85
B-	75 -- 79

Annotated Bibliography/Assessments: 7	20%
Individual Project	35%
Team Project	35%
Class Participation	10%

Class Schedule: The Class is scheduled to meeting on Tuesday evenings from 7:20 pm to 10:00 pm. Please note that there will be a couple of guest speakers who will address combined classes of Sections 001 and 002. This will require you to meet once or twice on a Thursday evening.

Week One: Sept. 1

Course Overview: Goals, Process, and Student Requirements

Week Two: Sept. 8

The World Health Organization (WHO)

Week Three: Sept. 15

The PanAmerican Health Organization (PAHO)

Week Four: Sept. 22

Working Session: Review of WHO/PAHO
Review of Annotated Bibliographies
Progress Report on Individual Projects

Week Five: Sept. 29

NGOs

Week Six: Oct. 6

USAID

October 13: NO CLASS

Week Seven: Oct. 20

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Week Eight: Oct. 27

Working Session

Individual Projects due

Week Nine: Nov. 3

Department of Defense (DoD)

Week Ten: Nov. 10

InterAmerican Development Bank (IDB)

Week Eleven: Nov. 17

World Bank

Week Twelve: Nov 24

Team Presentations

Last day for submitting Annotated Bibliographies

Week 13: Dec. 1

Team Presentations

Week 14: Dec. 8

Summary and Review