

INR 4503: Honors Advanced Diplomacy
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Wednesday 2:00-3:20 pm
50/50 In-Class/Online
AD 104
3 Credit Hours

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Required Textbooks:

There is no assigned book for this class, all readings are posted on CANVAS.

Required Textbook As a research-intensive course in which students engage in extensive investigation of an assigned country, committee and committee topics that are distinct from others in the class, INR 4503: Honors Advanced Diplomacy does not assign a required textbook. Students will acquire information from books, journal articles and websites based upon their assigned country, committee and committee topics. In addition, students will download and study the various briefings posted by the competition organizers.

Course Description

Honors Advanced Diplomacy combines traditional classroom lectures with a practicum that allows students to apply the knowledge gained about the world in a national collegiate competition. Students will be assigned a United Nations member-state and required to compile a portfolio of their research that outlines the country's political, economic, geographic and historical profile. Students are then assigned to a United Nations theme-based committee that will seek to resolve two compelling topics at Nationals.

The class will travel to New York City in April. The National Model United Nations competition will take place at the conference hotel in midtown Manhattan. Required activities include opening and closing ceremonies, six three-hour committee sessions and attendance at an opportunity/career fair. All events, with the exception of opening and closing ceremonies will take place at the conference hotel.

There are no pre-requisites or co-requisites for this course.

Course Goals and Objectives

In addition to providing students with the international relations skills with which to study and analyze the field of diplomacy, students successfully completing **INR 4503** will be able to:

- *identify the traits and work product of diplomats,
- *understand and apply the concepts of diplomatic and country character,
- *learn the strategies employed by diplomats in the representation of their countries,
- *draft and deliver speeches on behalf of their assigned country,
- *acquire the methods of drafting international organization reports and/or resolutions,
- *construct a diplomatic portfolio that contains all materials necessary to represent their assigned country on their assigned committee,
- *develop an in depth understanding of the three topics assigned to them, and
- *represent the university at a major diplomacy competition.

Grade Determination

Preparation for the National Model United Nations competition, participation in Nationals and a final exam will determine the final grade. The breakdown of the final grade calculation is below:

Preparation requirements for National Model United Nations-NYC	75%
*includes attendance, quizzes, speeches, simulations, position papers, portfolio checks and mid-term exam	
NMUN Participation	15%
Final exam	10%
Total:	100%

A complete & detailed breakdown of the grade calculation is located on p. 6.

This course uses a standard ten-point scale for the assignment of final grades as follows:

	93-100 A	90-92 A-
87-89 B+	83-86 B	80-82 B-
77-79 C+	73-76 C	70-72 C-
67-69 D+	63-66 D	60-62 D-
59 or below F		

Students with Disability

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and follow all SAS procedures. SAS has offices across three of FAU's campuses – Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter – however disability services are available for students on all campuses. For more information, please visit the SAS website at www.fau.edu/sas/.

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center

Life as a university student can be challenging physically, mentally and emotionally. Students who find stress negatively affecting their ability to achieve academic or personal goals may wish to consider utilizing FAU's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center. CAPS provides FAU students a range of services – individual counseling, support meetings, and psychiatric services, to name a few – offered to help improve and maintain emotional well-being. For more information, go to <http://www.fau.edu/counseling/>

Code of Academic Integrity

Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it interferes with the university mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information, see University Regulation 4.001. If your college has particular policies relating to cheating and plagiarism, state so here or provide a link to the full policy—but be sure the college policy does not conflict with the University Regulation.

Attendance Policy

Attendance Policy Statement: Students are expected to attend all of their scheduled University classes and to satisfy all academic objectives as outlined by the instructor. The effect of absences upon grades is determined by the instructor, and the University reserves the right to deal at any time with individual cases of non-attendance. Students are responsible for arranging to make up work missed because of legitimate class absence, such as illness, family emergencies, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations or participation in University approved activities. Examples of University-approved reasons for absences include participating on an athletic or scholastic team, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities. It is the student's responsibility to give the instructor notice prior to any anticipated absences and within a reasonable amount of time after an unanticipated absence, ordinarily by the next scheduled class meeting. Instructors must allow each student who is absent for a University-approved reason the

opportunity to make up work missed without any reduction in the student's final course grade as a direct result of such absence.

Honors Distinction Statement

This course differs substantially from a non-Honors course. The expectations for participation in class discussions will be greater than in a typical undergraduate course with a larger cap. Most importantly, this course will reflect the interdisciplinary nature of Honors education and will inculcate critical attitudes and skills that will teach you how to learn for yourself.

Course Outline

- Week 1. Introduction to Diplomacy & simulation.
- Week 2. Speech making I & simulation.
- Week 3. Speech making II & simulation.
- Week 4. Portfolio research & simulation.
- Week 5. Regional strategies & simulation.
- Week 6. Global strategies & simulation.
- Week 7. Rules of Procedure & simulation.
- Week 8. Draft position papers due & simulation.
- Week 9. Short speeches & simulation.
- Week 10. Portfolio completion, impromptu speeches & agenda speeches.
- Week 11. Mid-term exam.
- Week 12. Final Preparation for NMUN-NYC.
- Week 13. NMUN-NYC competition.
- Week 14. Post-conference evaluation.

The final exam will be administered during the time/date assigned by the university.

Assigned readings and online components of this course will be provided on a timely basis as the semester unfolds and are contingent upon the pace of development of the students as a whole towards competition preparation goals.

Attendance: 200 points

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Eighteen (18) points for each class attended through weeks 1-10 on time, two points for having placard.

Two points will be deducted for late arrival of three minutes or less, five points deducted for arriving more than three minutes late, partial credit for very late arrivals or early departures.

Geography Quizzes: 10 points each 1 2 3

Prepared Speeches: 10 points each 1 2 3

Position Papers: 100 points

Portfolio Checks: First (15 points) Second (25) Third (40)

Simulations: 20 points each 1 2 3 4
5 6 7 8

Mid-Term Examination: 150 points

NMUN-NYC Competition: 150 points

Final Exam (December): 100 points

Total # of Points: /1000

Letter Grade: A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D F