

Introduction to Environmental Governance

Course Syllabus



Course Goal and outline

The “Introduction to Environmental Governance” course covers the basic principles and concepts of International Environmental Governance, explaining how international environmental agreements and policies are made, and by whom; who ensures that these agreements are complied with and, if necessary, enforced; how governance works on the level “above” the national jurisdictions, where there is no all-encompassing competence as is the case on the State level.

Lessons



International Environmental Governance



Elements of International Environmental Governance



Regional Environmental Governance



Reform of International Environmental Governance

Content, Learning Objectives and Assessments

| Lessons | CONTENT | LEARNING OBJECTIVES | ASSESEMENTS |
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| International Environmental Governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is International Environmental Governance (IEG)? • Principal actors in IEG • Elements of IEG? • Fundamental principles of good environmental governance | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Define what International Environmental Governance is 2- Identify the main actors of IEG and provide some examples of them 3-Identify the elements of IEG 4-List the principles of good environmental governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz |
| Elements of International Environmental Governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional Processes for law and policy-making • Implementation of International Environmental Law and Policy • Compliance and Enforcement | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Identify the role of the UN bodies, agencies, and programmes in international law and policy-making 2-Identify the role of the MEA bodies in international law and policy-making 3-Describe the role of non-state actors in international law and policy-making 4-Describe the role of UN bodies, agencies, and programmes in the implementation of international environmental law and policy 5-List the main forums for settling international environmental disputes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz |
| Regional Environmental Governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Environmental Governance (Regional structures and institutions) • Regional actions benefits | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Identify the UN Regional Commissions that contribute to IEG 2-Identify the Regional International Organizations that contribute to IEG 3-Discuss the suitable levels (global or regional) to deal with a specific environmental issue. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz |
| Reform of International Environmental Governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortcomings of the current regime • Strengths of the current regime • Criteria for strengthening IEG • Road to reforms | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Identify and list the challenges and the strengths of the current IEG regime 2-Describe the different approaches for improving the current IEG regime 3-Discuss the approaches for improving international environmental governance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz |

Learning Materials

The course is designed in a way that gives you flexibility to plan your learning process. The interactive lessons , quizzes can be accessed throughout the course. The lessons are all open from the beginning of the course for you. You need about 3 hours to complete the course.

Assessment's scores can be consulted throughout the course.



Lessons

Lessons introduce you to the concepts of each lesson, including practical interactive exercises that give you an opportunity to check the acquired knowledge and that will help you to prepare and pass the assessments at the end of the lesson.

- Each lesson has about 20/30 slides, including some interactions and questions.
- You may interrupt a lesson at any point. The system keeps track of your position. Upon your return it automatically takes you to the point where you have previously stopped.



Quizzes

- Quizzes evaluate your understanding of the concepts of the International Environmental Governance course. You will have to take one quiz in each lesson.
- You may do the assessments any time during the course, plan your time accordingly.



Evaluation

We also invite you to give your feedback about the course in the brief “Give us your feedback” per lesson. Kindly complete the questionnaire at the end of each lesson, providing us with feedback on your learning experience. Your opinion and inputs are highly valued and they will help us to improve the quality of the course!

Continue Learning

The “Continue learning” section, located in the right side of the course’s interface, allows you to deepen your knowledge of Environmental Governance through diverse additional learning resources. In particular you will find:



PDF Lessons

This document compiles as the contents of the lessons presented in the course, including some additional information. You can use it as a reference document or a learning resource in the event of unstable Internet connections.



Lessons Reviews

The lessons reviews consist of several infographics that highlight in a visual way the main learning elements of each module. In this way you will be able to fix the essential key points needed for your knowledge of Environmental Governance.



Videos

The videos give you the opportunity to deepen your knowledge in related topics that are not totally covered in the interactive lessons.

Assesment



Mesuring your learning

Your performance in the IEG course will be measured on the interactive lessons and answering quizzes .
The course has an interactive lesson followed by a quiz ,first you take the lesson then you answer the quiz.
The quiz will determine your understanding of the concepts covered (declarative knowledge).



Marking

1. Quizzes

- show immediately the correct answer after each attempt (up to 2).
- After each attempt you can check your scores in the “Gradebook”.
- The highest score will be retained as your final grade.
- The right answer appear after submitting your answers



Grading Scheme

- The whole course is graded on 40 points.
- Each lesson corresponds to 10 points.
- The minimum required to pass a lesson is 6 points.



Completion Requirement

To receive the Certificate of the International Envrionemtal Governance course you need to achieve a minimum grade of 60% per lesson.

- It is compulsory to take the quizzes of the 4 lessons.
- Marks are shown in the Gradebook as soon as you complete each quiz.
- Participants who pass 4 lessons and achieve at least 60 % are entitled to the Certificate of participation.

Frequently Asked Questions



1. What's the maximum score for the course? What's the weight of each lesson?

The maximum score is 40 points. Each lesson corresponds to 10 points. (Quiz = 10 points;).

2. How many points do I need to pass a lesson?

The minimum score required to pass is 6 points.

3. How can I get to 6 points?

Each module has one assessment; which is equivalent to 10 points. You need to take the quiz in each lesson. Your grade for the lesson will be the sum of the results of the quiz, which can go to maximum of 10 points.

4. When will the grades for the assessments will be available?

The marks for the quizzes are available right after you complete them. The correct answers of the quiz will be displayed right after finishing the quiz.

5. Where can I see my grades?

You have a personal Gradebook where your marks are registered. It is accessible on the course's front page. In case you cannot see it please, consult the User Guide.

6. How many lessons do I need to pass to obtain the Certificate of participation?

You need to pass all the quizzes with a minimum of 60 % per lesson.

7. Can I still get the Certificate of Participation in case I am not able to pass the 4 lessons and in case my average grade below 6 points?

No. The Certificate is issued only to participants who obtains at least 6 points in each quiz.