New course for spring 2022!

ICJ 205-01 (61554). The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Global Justice. Mondays, on campus, 5:55 pm-8:35 pm

The UN Sustainable Development Goals encompass environmental sustainability, poverty and hunger reduction, health, economic development, gender equality, and peace and inclusion. The SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) encourage and empower young people’s engagement, positioning them as active participants in achieving these goals. This course will examine the background of these goals and the methods and challenges to achieving them. Students will explore global citizenship by relating these global justice goals and their underlying principles to their individual values and circumstances, and to their experiences and aspirations as students at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

This course is designed for sophomore transfer students, but anyone can take it. For ICJ majors, it can count towards a Part IV, Category A course, or a Part IV, free elective.

The Professor: Yousif Almasri

I am an Adjunct Lecturer in the International Criminal Justice BA program at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I hold a Master of Arts degree in International Crime & Justice and an Advanced Certificate in Terrorism Studies from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. I have a bachelor’s degree in sociology from Damascus University. I currently work at UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund) Headquarters in New York, where I provided support to the Child Protection team, and now to Early Childhood Nutrition team. I also worked with the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), and IOM (International Organization for Migration). At John Jay, I teach in the BA program in International Criminal Justice (ICJ). I am interested in the study of terrorism, the concepts, theories, and history behind it. I am interested in the relationships between organized crime and terrorist activities, counterterrorism policy, international law, and international criminal law. I am fluent in Arabic and Russian, in additional to English.

I am excited to introduce you to this course which will provide us with an opportunity to understand how abstract goals with intrinsic complexity could be achieved through planned cooperation and coordination of efforts. We will see how justice and development are interconnected. We will reflect on concepts of human rights, sustainability, environmental justice, and criminal justice and how they are represented in the SDGs. We will also understand our own roles in all of this and how/what we can do to be active participants in this effort.

Student review: “Very experienced professor in what he teaches. Interesting topics in abundance. Would take again!”