
Economic development is often associated with on-the-ground projects in developing countries such as irrigation and road infrastructure projects, and provision of antimalarials and microloans, for example. Often overlooked is that the development process is also often “governed” through a complex web of United Nations agencies and conventions and multilateral financial and development institutions. Also less well known is that the protection of human rights is typically integrated explicitly or implicitly in these organizations. This course will critically examine contemporary global governance structures and efforts with a particular focus on development and human rights. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the many different roles that states, inter-governmental organizations, and non-governmental organizations play on these critical governance issues in the early parts of the 21st Century.

Designed for students specializing in international relations, public health and other fields, this intensive four-week course is focused on global topics such as the right to health, food security, and political and economic freedom. The program will draw on the unparalleled resources of Geneva and will include expert guest speakers and visits to international organizations.

Geneva is a unique city; although situated in the French-speaking part of Switzerland, its population is one-third non-Swiss, making it one of Europe’s most international metropolitan centers. The presence of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the International Red Cross, and more than 250 other international organizations, allows coursework in English, the common language of Geneva’s multilingual and cosmopolitan community.

REQUIRED COURSE
Students enroll in one 4-credit course.
CAS IR 421/GRS IR 621 Global Governance, Economic Development, and Human Rights

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Summer Term: March 1

HOUSING
Students live in Boston University’s residence hall in the center of Geneva. Students share double or triple rooms, each with a private bath, and kitchens on every floor. Rooms are completely furnished.

SUMMER 2014 PROGRAM COST
$4,400. Cost includes tuition, housing, field trips, overseas medical insurance, and emergency travel assistance coverage. Financial aid is available.

ADMISSIONS
• Program is open to rising juniors, seniors and graduate students.
• Refer to our policy on eligibility/admissions at: www.bu.edu/abroad/admissions

PROGRAM DATES
Summer Term: late May-mid June