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Presenting:

An Introduction to the UN System and Its Role in International Peace and Security



This course is a primer for those interested in the United Nations and its role in international peace and security. The UN system is large and complex, comprising many independent parts. Success in any field operation will only be achieved when the many components work together towards a shared vision and common purpose. This course leads the aspirant UN practitioner in this direction, outlining the UN response to global challenges, UN framework and principal organs, different types of field missions, ethics in the field, and more.

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Learning Objectives:

Understand the purposes, principles, and principal organs of the UN.

Be aware of the legal framework for peace operations and their basic financial guidelines.

Understand the purpose of a budget in the UN system and the different sources by which the organization is funded.

Recognize the guiding principles of UN peace operations and the principal categories of UN interventions.

Understand UN system planning both at headquarters and at the mission level.

Understand the three levels of authority, command, and control at which a UN peace operation functions: strategic, operational, and tactical.

Recognize the civilian components that are common in most UN interventions.

Recognize the principles providing the foundations for humanitarian action and understand the humanitarian imperative.

Identify the need for civilian and military elements to harmonize their efforts and optimize mission outcomes.



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