Global Network Courses
Guidelines and Best Practices

Global Network Courses (also known as Small/Select Network Online Courses or SNOCs) play a unique role in the Global Network in that they bring students from all schools together in a virtual classroom. The main benefits that we see in the courses are that:

1) They increase the elective offerings to all of our students, giving them opportunities to learn from experts from other universities without leaving their home universities, and
2) They give students opportunities to hone virtual teamwork and collaboration skills, skills which are of great value to many of our students' potential employers.

Guidelines for students:

Credits
SNOC courses are taken for credit.

How to apply for a SNOC
Students interested in a SNOC submit a CV and a brief statement of interest in the course. Faculty will determine class size and which students will be accepted to the course.

Technical requirements for students
Students are responsible for having the appropriate equipment (generally headphones, webcam and desktop, laptop or tablet) needed to participate in a SNOC, and testing the equipment before starting the course. The course TA will invite students to test their equipment a few days prior to the start of the course.

Attendance
Course faculty will describe their policy regarding excused or unexcused absences during a course. Students are responsible for reading the syllabus carefully, being aware that the holiday schedule of the faculty teaching the course may not be aligned with the holiday schedule at their own institution. It is the responsibility of students to communicate concerns about particular days to the course TA.

Good citizenship in a SNOC
Students are expected to show their classmates the same respect they would show in person. It is important to prepare for class, participate in class discussions and contribute to group projects.

At times working in a virtual classroom across cultural, language and geographic boundaries will be challenging, but with the right attitude the experience will also be rewarding.

Honor codes
Students enrolled in SNOCs must adhere to the honor codes of their home schools and of their host institutions. Support your group members in group projects by maintaining high standards of academic integrity and avoiding plagiarism in work that you present as an individual or as a team member. Please bear in mind that academic dishonesty detracts from the experience of everyone and reflects poorly on your personal reputation as well as that of your institution. Any instances of suspected honor code

violations will be reported to the offending student's home institution, and a student found to have committed an honor code violation will be removed from the course and will receive no credit. Additional consequences will be determined by the student's home institution.

Required readings

Depending on the course, reading material may be available within the course platform, online or in students' home school libraries at no cost, but for some courses students may be asked to purchase a book, case studies or a simulation package, for example.

Grading

Individual course expectations, including grading methodology, will be described in the course syllabus or supplementary materials that will be made available to students who apply to the course. During the course the faculty or teaching assistant will communicate grades directly to the students.

Final grades/Transcripts

At the end of the course, faculty or the course administrator, sends all grades to the appropriate representative at the student's home institution. It is the responsibility of the student and the student's home institution to keep track of the grade after that.

The course administrator also sends a Certificate of Completion to students who have taken the course.