

## GLOBAL CLASSROOM COURSE APPLICATION

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**University of Maryland, College Park**

**Leiden University College (The Netherlands)**

**GVPT356, Section 0201  
Capstone in International Development  
(Global Classroom)**

**- Spring 2019 Semester -**

**Instructors:** Dr. Stacy J. Kosko (UMD) & Drs. David Ehrhardt & Caroline Archambault (LUC)

**Time:** Tuesdays 9:00-11:45 am (College Park time)

**Location:** Special conference room TBD

**Prerequisites:** GVPT354; student in good academic standing

**Admission:** By instructor approval only; requires application

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This blended-format course (part traditional, part online), sponsored by the University of Maryland's Office of International Affairs, will pair 12 UMD students in the Minor in International Development and Conflict Management with 16 Leiden University College students in Governance and Global Affairs. They will spend the bulk of the semester collaborating in small teams working to research and produce creative, viable, and sustainable solutions to major contemporary development problems. Each team will be challenged to build expertise about a specific problem in a specific locale. The primary assignments ("deliverables") for each team will be a jointly written project concept note and a final presentation, with smaller deliverables along the way on which these final products will build. By the end of the course, all students should develop both hard skills and issue expertise. This course will be team-taught by faculty members from both participating programs.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS**

- ***This course satisfies the GVPT356 requirement for completing MIDCM.***
- Students should be aware of the distinct demands that the blended format and remote international collaboration will require, especially around communications and the coordination of activities with the time difference (6 hours).
- All students must set aside the normal meeting time as a dependable commitment in their schedules throughout the semester, as with any "regular" course.
- As part of the blended format, the instructors and students will not necessarily convene in classrooms for every session. Instead, some sessions will meet in classrooms (with a remote connection established between UMD and LUC), while some sessions could occur entirely online, and still others might be conventional, in-person classes with only students from the "home" institution. In addition, some sessions will be devoted to work by project teams, with professors present for advising.

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- More generally, students are expected to spend considerable time working independently in their project teams.
- Classroom sessions will use a venue equipped with videoconferencing technology.
- Students are also urged to videoconference with one another on a regular basis, independent of scheduled class meetings. Essential technology includes a computer or smart phone with a high-quality camera and high-speed internet connection, as well as VOIP software that allows video-calls between more than two people (e.g., Messenger, WhatsApp, Google Hangouts, Skype). Recognizing that not all students may have the requisite technology, we will identify and as appropriate make arrangements for students to have access to a technology-equipped classroom or other venue during select hours outside of class time.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

All MIDCM students who meet the above pre-requisite requirements are eligible. Students from selected approved programs are also eligible, conditional on appropriate background knowledge.

### How Do I Apply?

Interested students should submit (1) a resume, and (2) a brief statement (300-500 words) addressing the following questions:

*Why are you interested in this Global Classroom course? What features of this course attract you? In what ways are you suited to handle the challenges that a blended-format course and international collaboration can present? Why do you feel you would make a constructive contribution to this Global Classroom initiative?*

Applications should be emailed to [MIDCMinfo@umd.edu](mailto:MIDCMinfo@umd.edu) by 11:59 pm on Friday, **November 29, 2019**.

By applying, you are committing to follow the parameters of the course as outlined above. In particular, this will entail (1) taking the initiative to acquire the necessary technology or to utilize the facilities and resources that are provided, and (2) making appropriate efforts to interact and work collaboratively with your project team, including scheduling meetings to accommodate time differences.

Decisions will be made and students notified by **Friday, December 6, 2019**.