The United Nations Dialogue in Geneva is titled *Global Governance of International Security & the World Politics of Diplomacy*. It started in 2007 by Professor Denise Garcia with the aim of exposing students to the practice and real life of diplomacy and negotiation of key world politics issues at the highest level that occur in the city of Geneva, capital of humanitarian diplomacy.

Geneva is where two-thirds of all United Nations activities take place. The Dialogue aims to provide students with unique access opportunities to see how negotiations and world politics occur, and how the United Nations tackles the hardest issues affecting humanity. The United Nations Dialogue offers possibilities for interacting and networking for future professional possibilities. Since the beginning of Dialogue, several co-op opportunities began with at least three students in co-op at a time each semester. The academic focus is on pressing issues of world politics, including disarmament, arms control, international humanitarian law, and human rights law, and international security in general. A typical day includes engagement with the local community of international diplomats, locally-posted United Nations personnel, researchers, and other negotiators, academics, and non-governmental organizations, as well as advocacy groups.

The Dialogue is academically challenging, writing intensive, and rigorous. The two courses that Garcia leads in Geneva are: POLS 4937 World Politics and International Law through the United Nations and INTL 4938 Disarmament and Humanitarian Security. Students complete a pre-departure exam (long and short essays totaling about 15 pages) analyzing the extensive literature, and while in Geneva, they must complete three written essays. They have full access to the world-class United Nations Library, one of the largest in the world.

The program is inextricably connected to Garcia’s research agenda at NU. For instance, since 2013, the dialogue started examining the questions surrounding fully autonomous weapons systems (known as Killer Robots). Students had a chance to interact with the United Nations rapporteur on the issue (Professor Christof Heyns), and see the launch of his first report to the UN member states, meet him on a number of occasions and had lectures with leading roboticist and chairman of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control, Professor Noel Sharkey. Before the Geneva Dialogue 2014, Garcia served as a delegate to the first multilateral talks at the UN on this matter, and addressed member states on behalf of the Committee. Garcia published a Foreign Affairs magazine about killer robots in May 2014, a few days before the meeting at the UN.

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