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The Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative

To support and promote anti-corruption education in academic institutions worldwide.

The ACAD Approach

- Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences in anti-corruption education.
- Develop knowledge products and resources, drawing from the expertise of our members.

Over 75 Academic Institutions Participating Worldwide



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Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative Menu of Topics

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Prevention of Corruption: Public Sector Governance

Topic Outline

Students will explore the meaning of good governance and how decisions can be made and implemented in a way to ensure the maintenance of a system free from corruption and mismanagement. Students will learn that 'good governance' refers to the management of government in such a way that it is free from abuse and corruption and there exists due regard for the rule of law. It can be characterised as a system that includes participation, transparency, accountability, rule of law, effectiveness and equity.

Bad governance can contribute to the rise and persistence of corruption. On the other hand, corruption can erode emergent and solid democracies by affecting citizen's confidence in public authorities. As a result, governance can be considered a starting point for the analysis and formulation of anti-corruption policies and measures. In this section students will understand the link between corruption and governance and its challenges in contemporary societies.

—Resources—

Academic Articles and Books:

- Adam Graycar, Tim Prenzler, *Understanding and Preventing Corruption*, Palgrave Macmillan 2013 (Basingstoke and New York)
- Huberts, L. W.J.C., *Global Ethics and Corruption*, in Berman, E.M, (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy*, CRC Press, Ch. 166, 2007, pp. 838-843
- Henning, P.J. and Radek, L. *The Prosecution and Defense of Public Corruption: The Law and Legal Strategies*, Oxford University Press, 2011

Topics

- Introduction to Anti-corruption Studies
- Defining Corruption I – Conceptual Considerations
- Defining Corruption II – Concrete Offences
- Terminology of corruption
- Concepts and nature of corruption
- Sources of Anti-Corruption Laws
- Prevention of Corruption: Public Sector Governance
- Prevention of Corruption: Corporate Governance
- Prevention of Corruption: Civil Society and the Media
- Anti-corruption measures and controls
- Roles and Obligations of different actors
- Measuring levels of corruption and assessing anti-corruption measures
- International Cooperation: Extradition
- International Cooperation: Mutual Legal Assistance
- Asset Recovery
- Roles and Obligations of Professions
- Legal Advice and Counsel: Anti-corruption laws
- Legal Advice and Counsel:

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Anti-Corruption Academic Initiative

ACAD is a collaborative academic project which aims to produce a comprehensive anti-corruption academic support tool containing a menu of academic modules, case studies and reference materials that can be used by universities and other academic institutions in their existing academic programmes. In doing so, ACAD seeks to encourage the teaching of anti-corruption issues as part of courses such as law, business, criminology and political science.

ACAD was launched in Boston in May 2011 and is led by an expert group comprising a wide range of academics, governmental experts and officials from international organisations. Northeastern University and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) along with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the International Bar Association (IBA) are supporting this project.

On this site you will find the current version of the Menu of Topics developed by the group, containing 20 units covering a range of anti-corruption issues. In relation to each topic, the Group have brought together a selection of relevant resources including academic articles, case-studies and reports that can be used by academics and students in the development of their own anti-corruption courses and in support of their ongoing studies.

Just click on each topic and a detailed outline with a selection of relevant resources will appear.

Full PDF Outline of the Menu of Topics

What's New

- ACAD Initiative launches On-line Menu of Topics
- UNODC discusses ACAD project with universities in Barcelona

- Over 700 Academic Resources and rapidly expanding
- New easy-to-use format to be launched in early 2014
- Additional section on Anti-Corruption Courses



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4th Annual Meeting of the ACAD Initiative

- 40 different academic institutions and international organizations represented.

Key Conclusions

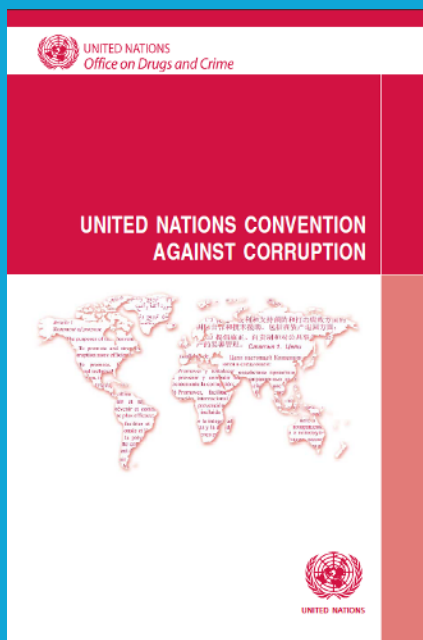
- The Initiative should expand its role in collecting and sharing materials in this field, particularly syllabi.
- Further assistance needs to be provided to teachers in getting anti-corruption courses off the ground.
- Initiative to seek to develop a manual or toolkit that provides guidance on how to develop and teach AC courses.



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The UNCAC Academic Course



Student Guide
Global Corruption, Good Governance and the United Nations Convention against Corruption

A Model Multi-Disciplinary Syllabus for All Students and University Departments from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (2013)

Course Overview: Modules 1 -14

Course Name:	Global Corruption, Good Governance and the UNCAC	Credits:	2 to 5 credit (per semester) or non-credit certificate
Method:	Seminar or Course: Face-to-Face/Paper or On-Line/Blackboard Optional	Hours:	2 to 5 hours (weekly) or 1 week seminar (25 hours)
Assessment:	Class and on-line participation, reading assignments, real case studies, research papers, videos, documentaries, on-line games & quizzes	Duration:	14 weeks (optional) or 1 week seminar

- First piloted in American University, Washington School of Law
- 6 institutions presently teaching all or part of the course
- Aim to have over 20 institutions participating in 2014 Global Pilot