



ENVI391: Climate Negotiations at COP28 (1 credit)

Tues: 8-9:30am OLIN RICE 243

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Course Overview

This seminar will develop student understanding of the history of climate policy making and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) framework. We will consider the challenges facing diplomats and decision makers in negotiating a historic treaty this year. This course culminates with our trip to the 28th Conference of Parties (COP 28) in Dubai. Our trip is from Nov 28-Dec 13 (across two groups).

Our week in Dubai extends beyond the convention halls toward thinking critically about the civil society response and the role of our host city in making it happen. In addition to readings and discussion, students will plan their own research project, including a plan to disseminate our findings to our communities. We will interact with many local leaders, and participate in collaboration with other Minnesota delegations and higher education institutions.

Evaluation (This class is pass/fail)

Receiving a passing grade requires:

- 1) Regular attendance and active participation in our biweekly meetings
- 2) Deep engagement in the COP28 process and experience, including supporting the projects of other students not attending your week
- 3) Devising a personal research project that connects with your individual major/s and professional goals. It is expected that this project include a dissemination plan to extend your learning to other communities (could be an artistic project, a podcast, an oped or other kind of report).

See Moodle for week by week assignments.