

Towson University
TU The International Politics of Human Rights, Switzerland & Austria
Summer 2026
(subject to change)

Monday, June 1	Depart U.S.
Tuesday, June 2	Arrive in Geneva, Switzerland Bus transfer from the airport to the hostel Orientation Guided walking tour of Geneva's old town Group welcome dinner Journal writing Overnight at Geneva Hostel in Geneva, Switzerland
Wednesday, June 3	Breakfast at the hostel Guided tour of the Palais des Nations to learn about the role of the United Nations in the 21 st century Guest lecture #1: <i>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) & International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICESCR)</i> Group meeting Journal writing Overnight at Geneva Hostel in Geneva, Switzerland
Thursday, June 4	Breakfast at the hostel Guided tour of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Class at the hostel [Dr. Calderon] Group meeting Journal writing Overnight at Geneva Hostel in Geneva, Switzerland
Friday, June 5	Breakfast at the hostel Guided tour of the University of Geneva campus (dates back to 1559) Visit to the Reformation Wall in Parc des Bastions Guest lecture #2: <i>Human Rights</i> Free time Group meeting Journal writing Overnight at Geneva Hostel in Geneva, Switzerland
Saturday, June 6	Breakfast at the hostel Take the FLIX bus to Chamonix in the French Alps (~2 hours) Take the rack and pinion railway to the Montenvers site for stunning views of the Mer de Glace glacier, les Drus, and les Grandes Jorasses Tour of the Ice Cave and visit to the Glacierium Free time to explore the rest of Chamonix Overnight at Geneva Hostel in Geneva, Switzerland

Sunday, June 7	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Bus transfer to the airport</p> <p>Fly to Vienna, Austria</p> <p>Bus transfer from the airport to the hostel</p> <p>Orientation</p> <p>Journal writing</p> <p>Overnight at Joe&Joe Hostel in Vienna, Austria</p>
Monday, June 8	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Guided walking tour of Vienna's historic center to see the majestic Hofburg Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Graben shopping street, Ringstrasse boulevard, Stadtpark, and the State Opera House</p> <p>Learning exchange with students in the Diplomatic Academy - Vienna School of International Studies</p> <p>Group meeting</p> <p>Group dinner</p> <p>Journal writing</p> <p>Overnight at Joe&Joe Hostel in Vienna, Austria</p>
Tuesday, June 9	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Visit the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) - get insight into its role in promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development worldwide and how UNIDO supports developing countries through innovation, clean technologies, and skills training to foster economic growth and environmental sustainability</p> <p>Visit the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) – learn about its mission to promote the peaceful use of nuclear energy and prevent its misuse and how the IAEA ensures nuclear safety, supports cancer treatment with radiation, and monitors global nuclear activities through inspections and safeguards</p> <p>Group meeting</p> <p>Journal writing</p> <p>Overnight at Joe&Joe Hostel in Vienna, Austria</p>
Wednesday, June 10	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Visit the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – explore its global efforts to combat illicit drugs, organized crime, corruption, and terrorism and how the UNODC supports countries through legal assistance, data collection, and programs that promote justice, health, and human rights</p> <p>Class at the hostel [Dr. Calderon]</p> <p>Group meeting</p> <p>Journal writing</p> <p>Overnight at Joe&Joe Hostel in Vienna, Austria</p>
Thursday, June 11	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Visit the ERSTE Stiftung Foundation for discussion about regional human and civic rights and to learn how the foundation empowers civil society, promotes democratic values, and supports contemporary art and education through various initiatives and partnerships</p> <p>Free afternoon</p> <p>Group meeting</p> <p>Journal writing</p> <p>Overnight at Joe&Joe Hostel in Vienna, Austria</p>

Friday, June 12	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Meeting with the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)</p> <p>Audio-guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace including the Palace, Privy Garden, Orangery Garden, Maze and Gloriette</p> <p>Group farewell dinner</p> <p>Journal writing</p> <p>Overnight at Joe&Joe Hostel in Vienna, Austria</p>
Saturday, June 13	<p>Breakfast at the hostel</p> <p>Bus to the airport for designated flight departure</p> <p>Return to the U.S.</p>