Students’ visit to the League of Arab States

As part of the PPAD 531, a Fall 2013 course titled “Armament, Arms control and Disarmament” taught by Assistant Professor Sameh Aboul-Enein at the Department of Public Policy and Administration. AUC graduate students went on a study visit to the League of Arab States’ headquarter at Tahrir square.

The October visit to the league started off with a tour of the premises that included that main ministerial council chamber, the specialized committee chambers, and the Moroccan lounge where negotiations between leaders are held. There is also leaders courtyard with all the flags of the 22 members where photos are usually taken. Then students went to a ministerial council chamber where they met with LAS official, who introduced students to the history of the Arab League and then he talked about disarmament efforts. He also mentioned the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) and the efforts to control illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW). Moreover, we discussed WMDs and the Arab efforts towards getting rid of them in the UN and the IAEA.