

INTL 4240	International Organizations	Fall 2017
T, TR 2:00-3:15	MLC 253	Prerequisites/Corequisites: None
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## Course Description

This course deals with the role of international institutions, broadly defined, in facilitating cooperation between governments. We will cover formal organizations, as well as international law, with emphasis on their capacity to solve general problems of cooperation in international politics. We will discuss how international organizations help governments coordinate policies across a range of issues. Topics covered include international trade, monetary policy, environmental regimes, military alliances, the laws of war, conflict intervention, and international human rights law.

## Course Objectives

This is not a history course, though we will discuss historical events. The purpose of this course is not to trace the development of particular international organizations. Rather, the goal is to understand 1) the role of international institutions in facilitating cooperation among governments across a broad range of policy areas and 2) how we can assess the impact that international organizations have on government policy. This entails learning something about general theories of cooperation in social science and international relations.

## Required Reading

There will be no textbook in this class. There will be 1-2 articles/book chapters for every week. All readings will be posted on blackboard. Students are expected to read the assigned material.

## Grades

Grades will be posted on the course website at <http://elc.uga.edu>. Students can review their exams during office hours or by appointment. Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Exam 1: 20%

Exam 2: 20%

Final Exam: 20%

Response Essay 1: 15%

Response Essay 2: 15%

Attendance: 10%

Grade Distribution:

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90-100: A	80-89: B	70-79: C
60-69: D	59 and below: F	

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## Examinations

Exams will be multiple choice with two essay questions. The exams will cover the lecture as well as assigned readings. There will be three exams including the final. Only the final exam will be cumulative.

## Response Essays

During two weeks of the semester, students will submit a short (1-2 pages, single spaced) essay in response to a general question related to the week's topic/readings. The question for the week will be provided on Monday, and the response must be submitted via email no later than 8 p.m. on Friday. Students choose which weeks they turn in essays, but must submit their first essay by the end of Week 8 (Friday, October 6). Essays should be submitted via the course website on ELC.

## Attendance

Attendance will be taken at random 10 times throughout the semester. One point will be deducted from your final grade for each of these days you miss.

## Makeup Exams

An absence from any exam will result in a zero for that exam. *Makeup exams will not be given for any reason. However, the lowest exam grade will be dropped when calculating final grades.* This means that everyone may miss one exam and not be penalized.

## Course Website and Email

Can be accessed through <http://elc.uga.edu>. You will need to check this site regularly for any syllabus updates or for posted readings. Announcements may also be sent out via email. It is your responsibility to check blackboard for syllabus updates.

## Syllabus Change Policy

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

## Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations in order to participate in course activities or meet course requirements should contact the instructor or designate during regular office hours or by appointment.

## University Honor Code/Academic Honesty Policy

As a University of Georgia student, you have agreed to abide by the University's academic honesty policy, "A Culture of Honesty," and the Student Honor Code. All academic work must meet the standards described in "A Culture of Honesty" found at <https://ovpi.uga.edu/academic-honesty>. Lack of knowledge of the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. Questions related to course assignments and the academic honesty policy should be directed to the instructor.

## Withdrawal Policy

Students who withdraw from the class before the withdrawal deadline are assigned a grade based on their performance (pass/fail) in the class up the point of withdrawal. This means that students who are failing will be assigned a "WF" grade even if they withdraw before the deadline. Students who withdraw from the class after the withdrawal deadline are automatically assigned a "WF" grade upon withdrawal.

## Reading Schedule

**Week 1: Introduction, Realism and Liberalism**

Aug 15: Syllabus review, class overview. No reading.

Aug 17: Mearsheimer, John. 1994. "The False Promise of International Institutions." *International Security* 19: 5-49.

Keohane, Robert O. and Lisa L. Martin. 1995. "The Promise of Institutional Theory." *International Security* 20: 39-51.

## **Week 2: Bargaining, Cooperation, and the Design of IOs**

Aug 22: Abbott, Kenneth and Duncan Snidal. 2000. "Hard and Soft Law in International Governance." *International Organization* 54: 421-456.

Aug 24: Fearon, James. 1998. "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation." *International Organization* 52: 269-305.

## **Week 3: Do States Follow International Law?**

Aug 29: Chayes, Abram, and Antonia Handler Chayes. 1993. "On Compliance." *International Organization* 47: 175-205.

Aug 31: Downs, George W., David M. Roake, and Peter N. Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News About Compliance Good News About Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50: 379-406.

## **Week 4: International Organizations and Social Norms**

Sep 5: Barnett, Michael, and Martha Finnemore. 1999. "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations." *International Organization* 53: 699-732.

Sep 7: No reading, review for Exam 1

## **Week 5: International Trade and the WTO**

Sep 12: Exam 1

Sep 14: Busch, Marc and Eric Reinhardt. 2003. "Developing Countries and the GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement." *Journal of World Trade* 37: 719-736.

## **Week 6: International Monetary Institutions**

Sep 19: Przeworski, Adam, and James Raymond Vreeland. "The Effect of IMF Programs on Economic Growth." *Journal of Development Economics* 62: 385-421. skim

Sep 21: No reading, excerpts from documentary "Life and Debt"

## **Week 7: The UN Security Council**

Sep 26: Voeten, Erik. 2000. "Outside Options and the Logic of Security Council Action." *American Political Science Review* 95: 845-858.

Sep 28: Voeten, Erik. 2005. "The Political Origins of the UN Security Council's Ability to Legitimize the Use of Force." *International Organization* 59: 527-557.

In-class discussion, further readings TBA

### **Week 8: Military Alliances**

Oct 3: Morrow, James D. 2000. "Alliances: Why Write them Down?" *Annual Review of Political Science* 3: 63-83.

Leeds, Brett Ashley. 2003. "Do Alliances Deter Aggression? The Influence of Military Alliances on the Initiation of Militarized Interstate Disputes." *American Journal of Political Science* 47: 427-439.

Oct 5: In-class discussion, readings TBA

### **Week 9: The Laws of War**

Oct 10: Morrow, James D. "The Institutional Features of the Prisoners of War Treaties." *International Organization* 55: 971-991.

Oct 12: Rudolph, Christopher. 2001. "Constructing an Atrocities Regime: The Politics of War Crimes Tribunals." *International Organization* 55: 655-691.

In-class discussion, further readings TBA

### **Week 10: Humanitarian Intervention and Peacekeeping**

Oct 17: Kuperman, Alan. 2008. "The Moral Hazard of Humanitarian Intervention: Lessons from the Balkans." *International Studies Quarterly* 52: 49-80.

Oct 19: Fortna, Virginia. 2004. "Does Peacekeeping Keep the Peace?" *International Studies Quarterly* 48: 269-292.

Review for Exam 2

### **Week 11: Environmental Regimes**

Oct 24: Exam 2

Oct 26: von Stein, Jana. 2008. "The International Law and Politics of Climate Change." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52: 243-268.

### **Week 12: International Courts**

Oct 31: Staton, Jeffrey K., and Will H. Moore. "Judicial Power in Domestic and International Politics." *International Organization* 65: 553-588.

Nov 2: Helfer, Laurence, and Erik Voeten. 2014. "International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe." *International Organization* 68: 77-110.

### **Week 13: International Human Rights Law I**

Nov 7: Moravcsik, Andrew. 2000. "The Origins of Human Rights Regimes: Democratic Delegation in Postwar Europe." *International Organization* 54 (2): 217-252.

Nov 9: Hathaway, Oona. 2002. "Do Human Rights Treaties Make a Difference?" *Yale Law Journal* 111: 1935-2042, skim.

**Week 14: International Human Rights Law II**

Nov 14: Vreeland, James. 2008. "Political Institutions and Human Rights: Why Dictatorships Enter Into the United Nations Convention Against Torture." *International Organization* 62: 65-101.

Nov 16: Simmons, Beth. 2009. *Mobilizing for Human Rights*. Cambridge University Press. Chaps 3-4, 7.

Thanksgiving Break, Nov. 20-24

**Week 15: Topic TBA**

Nov 28: Reading TBA

Nov 30: Reading TBA

**Week 16: Review**

Dec 5: Review for final exam

FINAL EXAM: Thursday, Dec 7, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.