

INTL 4240	International Organizations	Spring 2020
T, TR 9:30-10:45	MLC 267	Prerequisites/Corequisites: None
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## Course Description

This course examines the role of international organizations and institutions, broadly defined, in facilitating cooperation between countries. We will read about and discuss formal international organizations, as well as international law. We will pay special attention to how IOs solve general problems of cooperation in international politics, and will also examine many different IOs intended to coordinate states' policies across a range of issues. Topics covered include international courts, international trade, monetary policy, environmental agreements, military alliances, the laws of war, humanitarian intervention, and international human rights law.

## Course Objectives

This is not a history or current events course, though we will discuss historical and current events. The purpose of the 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 between states across a broad range of policy areas and 2) how we can assess the impact international organizations have on states' policies. To accomplish this goal we will read and discuss a lot of material about specific IOs, but will also learn about general theories of cooperation from social sciences and basic issues involved in research design.

## Required Reading

There will be no textbook in this class. There will be 1-2 articles/book chapters for every week. Most readings are available through the library's website. Readings that are not will be available on the ELC course site. Students are expected to read the assigned material and be prepared to discuss it in class.

## Grades

Students can review their exams and other grades 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 5 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, February 28). 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**

Jan 7: Syllabus review, class overview. No reading.

Jan 9: Mearsheimer, John. 1994. "The False Promise of International Institutions." *International Security* 19: 5-49.

## **Week 2: Cooperation and Bargaining**

Jan 14: Keohane, Robert O. and Lisa L. Martin. 1995. "The Promise of Institutional Theory." *International Security* 20: 39-51.

Jan 16: Fearon, James. 1998. "Bargaining, Enforcement, and International Cooperation." *International Organization* 52: 269-305.

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

Jan 21: Chayes, Abram, and Antonia Handler Chayes. 1993. "On Compliance." *International Organization* 47: 175-205.

Jan 23: Downs, George W., David M. Rocke, and Peter N. Barsoom. 1996. "Is the Good News About Compliance Good News About Cooperation?" *International Organization* 50: 379-406.

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

Jan 28: Abbott, Kenneth and Duncan Snidal. 2000. "Hard and Soft Law in International Governance." *International Organization* 54: 421-456.

Jan 30: Barnett, Michael, and Martha Finnemore. 1999. "The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations." *International Organization* 53: 699-732.

## **Week 5: Review and Exam 1**

Feb 4: No reading, review for Exam 1

Feb 6: Exam 1

## **Week 6: International Trade and the WTO**

Feb 11: Reading TBA

Feb 13: Busch, Marc and Eric Reinhardt. 2003. "Developing Countries and the GATT/WTO Dispute Settlement." *Journal of World Trade* 37: 719-736.

## **Week 7: International Monetary Institutions**

Feb 18: No reading, excerpts from documentary "Life and Debt"

Feb 20: Przeworski, Adam, and James Raymond Vreeland. "The Effect of IMF Programs on Economic Growth." *Journal of Development Economics* 62: 385-421. Skim.

Discussion of "Life and Debt"

### **Week 8: The UN Security Council**

Feb 25: Voeten, Erik. 2000. "Outside Options and the Logic of Security Council Action." *American Political Science Review* 95: 845-858.

Feb 27: Voeten, Erik. 2005. "The Political Origins of the UN Security Council's Ability to Legitimize the Use of Force." *International Organization* 59: 527-557.

### **Week 9: Military Alliances**

Mar 3: 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.

Mar 5: Discussion, reading TBA

Spring Break, March 9-13

### **Week 10: The Laws of War**

Mar 17: Morrow, James D. "The Institutional Features of the Prisoners of War Treaties." *International Organization* 55: 971-991.

Morrow, James D. 2007. "When Do States Follow the Laws of War?" *American Political Science Review* 101(3): 559-572.

Mar 19: No reading, excerpts from documentary "Standard Operating Procedure"

### **Week 11: Review and Exam 2**

Mar 24: No reading, discussion of "Standard Operating Procedure" and review for Exam 2

Mar 26: Exam 2

### **Week 12: Humanitarian Intervention**

Mar 31: Kuperman, Alan. 2008. "The Moral Hazard of Humanitarian Intervention: Lessons from the Balkans." *International Studies Quarterly* 52: 49-80.

Apr 2: Fortna, Virginia. 2004. "Does Peacekeeping Keep the Peace?" *International Studies Quarterly* 48: 269-292.

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

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

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

### **Week 14: International Courts and Human Rights Law**

Apr 14: Mar 31: Staton, Jeffrey K., and Will H. Moore. "Judicial Power in Domestic and International Politics." *International Organization* 65: 553-588.

Apr 16: Away at professional conference, no class

### **Week 15: International Courts and Environmental Agreements**

Apr 21: Helfer, Laurence, and Erik Voeten. 2014. "International Courts as Agents of Legal Change: Evidence from LGBT Rights in Europe." *International Organization* 68: 77-110.

Apr 23: von Stein, Jana. 2008. "The International Law and Politics of Climate Change." *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 52: 243-268.

### **Week 16: Review and Final Exam**

Apr 28: Review for final exam

Apr 30: FINAL EXAM, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.