

International Organization
POLI 4042 – 001/002
Spring 2014
9:30-10:20 MWF/10:30-11:20 MWF
218 Coates

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Objective: The course is designed to examine the origins, development, functions and problems of international organizations. We will inquire into the politics involved in the life of these entities, with special emphasis on the U.N. and the E.U. Other varieties of international organization: governmental and non-governmental, regional and issue-specific institutions, will also be examined. At the end of the semester it is expected that the student should be able to identify, understand, analyze and assess the increasingly important role played by I.O.'s in the contemporary world.

Texts: The following books are required readings and available for purchase:

Thomas G. Weiss: The U.N. and Changing World Politics
Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2014

Paul F. Diehl: The Politics of Global Governance
Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010

Student Responsibilities: Attendance in ALL class sessions is required and active participation in class discussion is encouraged. Students should read on-going information concerning I.O.'s on a regular basis and be able to select an organization of your choice for your research paper assignment.

Exams, Papers, and Grades: There will be an early take-home exam, an in-class midterm and a take-home final. In addition, students will write a research paper (7-10 pp) and present findings later in the semester. In your choice for an organization, **DO NOT SELECT THE UN OR THE EU**, which serve as sources of most of our examples. Your final grade will be determined according to this formula:

Class Participation	10 pts (Daily)
Early Exam (take-home)	10 pts (Due Friday, Feb. 07)
Midterm (in-class)	20 pts (Monday, March 10)
Research Paper & Presentation	20+5 pts (Paper due April 28/Pres. April 21)
Final (take-home)	<u>35 pts</u> (Due Monday, May 05, NOON)
	100 pts

A: 100 - 88 B: 87.9 - 78 C: 77.9 - 68 D: 67.9 - 60 F: Below 60

Lecture Outline and Reading Assignments

Jan. 15 - 24	Course Intro: Role, Types, Memberships and Contemporary Condition Readings: Diehl, Intro & Chap. 5 Weiss, Preface, Foreword, Intro
Jan. 27 - 29	History and Development/Give Out Take Home exam Readings:
Jan. 31 - Feb. 03	The Domestic Context
Feb. 07	Take Home Exam Due!
Feb. 05 - 19	The Legal Framework/Institutions Readings: Weiss, viii
Feb. 21 - Mar. 04	Decision Making and Consensus Building Readings: Diehl, Part 2
Mar. 10	Midterm Exam (in class)
Mar. 12 - 17	The Problem of Leadership and Finance Readings: Diehl, Chap. 4 - 5
Mar. 19 - 28	I.O.'s and the Quest for Peace and Security Readings: Diehl, Chap.7 - 9 Weiss, Chap. 1 - 4
April 02 - 07	I.O.'s and Economic Development Readings: Diehl, Chap. 10 - 12 Weiss, Chap. 9 - 11
April 09 - 11	I.O.'s and Socio-Cultural Objectives Readings: Diehl, Chap. 13 - 17 Weiss, Chap. 6 - 8
April 21	Begin Presentations The Future/Visibility of I.O.'s Readings: Weiss, Conclusion Diehl, Part 6

April 28	Research Papers Due
April 30	Give Out Take-Home Final
Mon., May 05	Return Final Exam to 209 Stubbs Hall, by <u>NOON</u>