

International Organization  
POLI 4042  
Spring 2019  
12:30-1:20 MWF  
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11:30-12:30 MWF  
2:00-3:00 W

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.

Textbook: Karns & Mingst: *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance* 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition; Lynne Rienner Publishers Inc., 2015

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 Fri. Feb. 08)
Midterm (in-class)	20 pts (Fri. Mar. 01)
Research Paper & Presentation	20+10 pts (Presentations begin April 08/Paper due April 22)
Final (Take-Home)	<u>30 pts</u> (Due Thurs. May 02, by 7:30am)
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57

## Lecture Outline and Reading Assignments

Jan. 09-18	Course Intro: Role, Types, Theories and Contemporary Condition Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 1, 2
Jan. 23-28	History and Development/Give Out Take Home exam Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 3
Jan. 30-Feb. 04	The Domestic Context/Membership Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 5, 6
Feb. 08 (Fri.)	Take Home Exam Due
Feb. 08-18	The Legal Framework/Institutions Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 4, 5, 6
Feb. 20-27	Decision Making and Consensus Building
Mar. 01 (Fri.)	Midterm Exam (in class)
Mar. 08-15	The Problem of Leadership and Finance / Discuss Research Topics
Mar. 18-27	I.O.'s and the Quest for Peace and Security Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap.7
Mar. 29-Apr. 01	I.O.'s and Economic Development Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 8, 9
Apr. 03-05	I.O.'s and Socio-Cultural Objectives / Give out Take-Home Exam Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 10, 11
April 08-22	Begin Presentations The Future / Visibility of I.O.'s / Crisis & Uncertainty Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 12
April 22	Research Papers Due
April 24-26	Return Paper/Course Evaluation/Pre-Final Scores
May 02	Final Exam Thurs. 7:30-9:30am