

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **International Law and Organizations**

Course Number and Section:

POLISCI

3345E 550

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Course Description:

One of the key focal points of discussions dealing with international law (IL), and international organization (IO) is cooperation in international relations. The aim of this course, therefore, is to help students understand the origins, functions, and forms of IL and IOs, and investigate how these two elements of international relations lead to, or enhance cooperation. The discussion will begin with a conceptual and historical surveys of IL and IOs in international relations. The secondary aim of the course will then be to discern how IL and IOs are conceptualized with international relations scholarship. In the latter part of the course, the organizational and legal architecture of such IOs as the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, the European Union, the African Union, the International Criminal Court, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Emphasis will also be placed on understanding the functioning of such key regional organizations such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (ICRC). The course will conclude with discussions dealing with the extent to which IL and IOs are relevant in contemporary international relations.

Learning Outcomes:

Learn about how key international relations theories explain the existence and function of international organizations.

Research and analyze the history, structure and functioning of a number of key international, supranational, and regional organizations.

Reflect on the relevance of international organizations in the current geopolitical context.

Critically evaluate in depth at least two international organizations.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Armstrong, David, Theo Farrell, and Helene Lambert. International Law and International Relations. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

Hurd, Ian. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 4th ed. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

***We will also be reading chapters from 'The Oxford Handbook of International

Organizations', edited by Cogan, Hurd and Johnstone. The handbook is available electronically via the webpage of the UWO library.

***Readings will also be assigned from the following source: "The Cambridge Companion to International Law", authored by James Crawford and Martti Koskenniemi. The source is available free of charge via the UWO library webpage.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	April 2025	10
Short Essay	October 22nd	10
Presentation - Fall	December 2024	10
Presentation - Winter	April 2025	10
Essay Proposal	November 19th	10
Class essay proposal presentation	February 11th	10
Class essay rough draft	March 4th	15
Class essay final draft	April 1st	25

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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