

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

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 thd. Critically evaluate in depth at least two international organizations of their choosing e relevance of 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.

Recommended:

Margot Northey, Lorne Tepperman and Patrizia Albanese. Making Sense in the Social Sciences: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing, Fifth Edition. Oxford University Press, 2012.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation 10% In-class On-going	On-going	10%
Short essay	October 26th	10%
Presentation 1 – Fall Term	TBA	10%
Presentation 2 – Winter Term	TBA	10%
Essay Proposal	November 16th	10%
Class essay – Proposal Presentation	February 1st	10%
Class essay – rough draft with bibliography	March 7th	15%
Class essay – final draft	April 4th	25%

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