

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number: POLS 308	Course Title: International Organizations														
Required / Elective: Required for the International Relations Program, elective for the Political Science Program	Pre / Co-requisites: -														
Catalog Description: Characteristics of International Organizations and their evolution structure and functions. International organizations within the context of the international system.	Textbook / Required Material : Kelly-Kate S. Pease, <i>International Organizations: Perspectives on Governance in the Twenty-First Century</i> , Fourth Edition (Pearson, 2011)														
Course Structure / Schedule: (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS															
<p>Extended Description:</p> <p>This course is designed to provide an overview of the sources, roles, and the impact of international organizations from the perspective of major theories of international relations such as Realism, Liberalism, Marxism, and Feminism. Throughout the semester, several international organizations including, but not limited to, the United Nations (UN), International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are examined. A special emphasis is placed on understanding the role of the UN system in global governance.</p>															
Design content: None	Computer usage: Not required														
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a better understanding of world politics in general and the area of international organizations in particular. • Grasp how international organizations form, what kind of roles they play in international politics, and how they evolve. • Improve their analytical and critical thinking skills through class discussions and written assignments. 															
<p>Teaching methods:</p> <p>Lectures, class discussion, video clips, slides</p>															
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7	Human Rights
8	Contemporary Debates about the United Nations
9	International Economic Cooperation
10	International Economic Cooperation
11	Development
12	Regional cooperation and NATO
13	Regional Cooperation and NATO
14	Conclusion

Assessment methods:

Class participation (includes discussions, short written assignments, and quizzes): 15%

International Organizations Diary: 10%

Midterm exam: 35%

Final exam: 40%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					x
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					x
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture					x
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					x
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR6	Understand the international legal framework				x	
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions					

	of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					x
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					x
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					x
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups			x		
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					x
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public					
16	Understand, read, and write in English					x
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work				x	
21	Possess computer and technological literacy			x		

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	42 hrs
Lectures	33 hrs

Class discussions, short assignments, quizzes	7 hrs
International Organizations Diary keeping	39 hrs
Examinations (Midterm and final)	4 hrs
TOTAL	125 hrs (25X5) 5 ECTS
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