

Course Name/Code: International Organizations – CIR 305

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Aim of the Course

This course is designed to address the foundations, nature, role and behavior of international organizations. While the origin of the idea of international organization will be examined through philosophical and historical dimensions, the evolution and functioning of contemporary international organizations will be examined through their roles in world politics. Particular emphasis will be put on the United Nations.

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student should:

- 1-be able to analyze the role of international organizations in world politics
- 2- be able to understand the foundations and functioning of international organizations
- 3- be able to discuss international organizations from different theoretical approaches

Method

The instructor may use case studies, lectures, questions and exercises from the textbook and articles. The course is taught in English.

Readings

Pease, Kelly-Kate (2012). *International Organizations* (Fifth Edition). New Jersey: Pearson.

Bennett, A. LeRoy (1995). *International Organizations: Principles and Issues* (Sixth Edition). New Jersey: Prentice Hall.

Claude, L. Inis (1956). *Swords into Plowshares: The Problems and Progress of International Organization*. New York: Random House.

Attendance Procedure

Punctuality and regular attendance in classes is of prime importance for successful completion of this course, just as the same punctuality and attendance is important in the business world. Students will be expected to arrive for class on time and to remain in class until the end of the class session.

Course Changes

The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course. The professor reserves the right to make periodic changes to the syllabus, including: assignments, case studies, time table, examinations, etc., in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and fulfill the goals of the course.

Content of the Course

Period	Topic	Material
Week 1	Introduction	Bennett , chp 1.
Week 2	Philosophical Background	Daniele Archibugi, "Immanuel Kant, Cosmopolitan Law and Peace", Available at: http://www.danielearchibugi.org/downloads/papers/Cosmopolitan_Law.PDF
Week 3	Mainstream Theories	Pease, chp.3
Week 4	Mainstream Theories	Pease, chp.4
Week 5	The Development of International Organization in the 19th Century	Claude, chp.2
Week 6	Historical Background of the UN	Bennett, chp.2 & 3
Week 7	MIDTERM	

Week 8	Basic Principles and Organization of the UN	Bennett, chp.4
Week 9	UN & the Security Issues	Pease, chp.5
Week 10	Human Rights and Humanitarian Issues	Pease, chp. 9
Week 11	Environmental Issues	Pease, chp. 8
Week 12	Transnational Relations and International Organization	Bennett, chp.11
Week 13	Global Governance	Pease, chp. 10
Week 14	Conclusion	

Evaluation Methods and Tools

Examinations will cover materials presented in class and in the textbook. Unless announced otherwise, there will be a midterm examination and a final.

A summary of the grading follows:

Midterm: 30%, Paper: 20 %, Final Exam: 50%

Paper: May be written on a topic of your choice, drawing from the theoretical and empirical issues discussed in class. Papers will be submitted in the last lecture of the course.

Class Participation

Students are encouraged to ask questions to clarify understanding and to discuss and debate the theories, principles, and concepts from the text, case studies, and lectures. Students will be expected to participate in class and will be called upon on a regular basis.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated. Any student found to be involved in any verifiable incident of academic dishonesty (copying, cheating, plagiarizing, etc.) will receive a grade of “F” for the class.