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DESCRIPTION: The international system is often characterized as anarchic and scholars focus on the interactions between nation states. However, since World War II, the number of international organizations has increased considerably and international organizations have become more prominent players in the international arena. Why do international organizations such as the United Nations, the World Trade Organization, or the European Union exist? What role do they play in solving global problems?

In this course we will analyze these questions from a theoretical as well as practical perspective. We shall begin with a broad overview of the characterization of the international system, incentives for cooperation under anarchy, controversies surrounding IOs in the context of international relations theory, the success of international organizations in solving global problems as well as the major challenges IOs face in meeting their mandate. We shall then apply our knowledge to the analysis of different international organizations with a focus of the challenges of United Nations humanitarian intervention.

PREREQUISITES: This is an advanced undergraduate course and correspondingly the reading load is not light. Students should have taken at least the introduction course to international relations and be familiar with the major international relations theories.

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REQUIREMENTS: The course requirements consist of a midterm exam (30%), a final exam (40%), and class participation (20%).

Exams. The exams will consist of identification, short-answer, and essay questions, and will be administered in class. The final will be comprehensive. You must take both exams to receive a passing grade for the course. The format for both exams will be the same. **Dates of the exams:**

Midterm exam: August 20th, 11am-1:50pm, WLH 2110

Final exam: September 7th, 11.30am-3pm, TBA

Missed Exams. Make-up exams will only be given under valid, documented, and extreme circumstances. If you know you will miss an exam for a legitimate reason, notify me at least a week in advance. E-mail is perfectly acceptable. If you are not able to contact me in advance, you must do so as soon as possible. I am a reasonable person and will work with you to resolve reasonable problems. It is your responsibility to arrange with me to take a make-up exam.

Attendance. Class attendance will be important for your performance on the exams. Much of the material that we shall cover may not be in the readings. Taking notes will help you structure the substance.

Academic Integrity. You are expected to do your own work. Students caught cheating on exams or plagiarizing their essays will receive a failing grade for the course and will be turned over to the dean of their college for administrative sanctions.

Grade Appeals. You can expect to be graded solely on your academic performance. This includes clarity of thought, knowledge of the material, composition, spelling, and grammar. Students who believe to have received an incorrect grade or a grade based on non-academic criteria should formally appeal it to me. The appeal will consist of a single typed page that identifies the problem and presents a reasoned argument that the grade fits the appeal criteria listed above.

READINGS: The course readings will be drawn from a number of books and articles. The following required books are available for purchase at the bookstore:

- Paul Diehl, 2005: *Politics of Global Governance*, 3rd edition, Rienner.
- Michael Barnett, 2003: *Eyewitness to Genocide: The United Nations and Rwanda*, Cornell University Press.

The book will also be on reserve at the SSH library. **All other readings will be available on Ted.**

SCHEDULE: The weekly schedule is subject to change. Make sure to check the page numbers that you are required to read; for most of the articles you are only required to read a fraction of the text!

Tuesday, August 6th: Theories of International Organizations

– Diehl, pp. 3-55 (Diehl).

Thursday, August 8th: The Design of International Organizations

– Diehl, pp. 111-126 (Cox and Jacobson)

– Diehl, pp. 144-164 (O’Neill)

Tuesday, August 13th: Effectiveness of International Organizations

– Diehl, pp. 60-91 (Mearsheimer).

– Robert Keohane and Lisa Martin, 1995: *The Promise of Institutionalist Theory*, *International Security* 20(1), 39-51.

- RECOMMENDED: Jon Pevehouse, 2002: Democracy from the Outside-In? International Organizations and Democratization, *International Organization* 56, 515-531 and 542-543.
- RECOMMENDED: John R. O’Neal and Bruce Russett, 1999: The Kantian Peace: The Pacific Benefits of Democracy, Interdependence, and International Organizations, 1885-1992, *World Politics* 52(1), 1-9 and 34-37.

Thursday, August 15th: International Challenges And Cooperation I: Trade and Finance

- Meredith A. Crowley, 2003: An Introduction to the WTO and GATT, *Economic Perspectives*, 42-57.
- Diehl, pp. 330-373 (Mansfield and Milner).
- IMF, 2006: What is the IMF?

Tuesday, August 20th: MIDTERM EXAMINATION

- No readings

Tuesday, August 22nd: International Challenges and Cooperation II: Development

- Diehl, pp. 399-414 (Najam)

Thursday, August 27th: Regionalism and the European Union

- Neill Nugent, 2006: The Government and Politics of the European Union, Durham: Duke University Press, pp. 36-56

Tuesday, August 29th: International Challenges and Cooperation III: Collective Security

- Diehl, pp. 197-227 (Miller).
- Karen Mingst and Margaret Karns, 2000: Historical Evolution of the United Nations, in: *The United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era*, Boulder: Westview Press, Chapter 2.

Tuesday, September 3rd: UN peacekeeping

- Diehl, pp. 242-270 (Diehl)

Thursday, September 5th: The Rwanda Genocide and the UN

- Michael Barnett, 2002: *Eyewitness to Genocide: The United Nations and Rwanda*, Chapters 2-5.