

Course	INTL 5540 International Organizations
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Catalog Description	This course examines various international organizations and the contribution these organizations have made to peace as well as to social and economic progress. Current issues facing the United Nations and its associated agencies are discussed, as are non-United Nations international governmental and non-governmental organizations.
Prerequisites	Students should be taking or have taken INTL 5000.
Course Level Learning Outcomes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To convey to the student an understanding of the various types of international organizations and how they operate in the international environment. 2. To acquaint the student with the primary intergovernmental (IGO) and non-governmental (NGO) international organizations, including how they are structured, how they operate, how they are funded, and how effective they are in accomplishing their stated purpose(s).
Materials	International Organizations, Principles & Issues, by A. LeRoy Bennett and James K. Oliver (7 th ed., 2002)
Grading	<p>Grades will be based on four components, each of which is described in more detail elsewhere. The relative weight of each component is as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weekly quizzes (7, with the lowest not counted): 40% 2. Class participation: 5% 3. Paper: 40% 4. Presentation: 15%
Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quizzes: The course has seven quizzes (lowest grade dropped) in lieu of a mid-term examination. The quizzes are not cumulative, will be based primarily if not exclusively on lecture material from the preceding week, and will usually consist of short answer or fill-in questions. Extra credit questions may be offered. 2. Class participation: Students will be expected to actively participate in class discussions and in answering the instructor's questions. Reading the assigned readings and keeping up on current events is critical to

	<p>meaningful participation in the class.</p> <p>3. Research Requirement: Each student will be required to submit a term paper profiling a current or past international organization (topic subject to approval by the instructor) at WEEK 9. The paper will be at least 15-25 pages in length (exclusive of cover page, table of contents, graphs, diagrams, pictures, and bibliography), double-spaced, 12 point or less type, 1 inch margins on sides, top, and bottom, with either footnotes or endnotes. Endnotes count towards the length requirement. The paper will have a Table of Contents and Bibliography. The paper will be graded on content and accuracy, research effort, grammar, and form. Format will be the Webster-required APA format. Original thought is not required. Over-reliance on a single or handful of sources will be a basis for a reduction in grade on the paper, as will any evidence of "padding" to make the minimum length requirements.</p> <p>4. Presentation Requirement: Each student will make a 15-20 minute presentation of their paper at WEEK 9. The presentation may make use of any visual aids available. It will be graded on how well the student addresses the chosen topic within the time allowed.</p>
<p>Policy Statements: University Policies</p>	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p>Academic Honesty The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p>Drops and Withdrawals Please be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals (published elsewhere) to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p>Special Services If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p>

	<p>Disturbances</p> <p>Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, disruption of class by inconsiderate behavior is not acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.</p>
<p>Course Policies</p>	<p>None specific to the course.</p>
<p>Weekly Schedule</p>	<p>08/20 WEEK 1 Introduction: Methods and materials relating to the course; discussion of the course structure, objectives, requirements, and instructor expectations. Lecture: Introduction to International Organizations; League of Nations Readings: Bennett, Chapters 1 and 2 (pp. 1-45).</p> <p>08/27 WEEK 2 Lecture: League of Nations (cont.); Genesis of the United Nations Readings: Bennett, Chapter 3 (pp. 46-58); Appendix I and II (pp. 462-497)</p> <p>09/03 WEEK 3 Lecture: The United Nations, organization, purposes, and issues Readings: Bennett, Chapters 4 and 5 (pp. 59-106)</p> <p>09/10 WEEK 4 Lecture: The United Nations, settlement of disputes and collective security Readings: Bennett, Chapters 6 and 7 (pp. 107-177).</p> <p>09/17 WEEK 5 Paper Topics Due Lecture: Regionalism and international organizations. Readings: Bennett, Chapter 10 (pp. 236-273).</p> <p>09/24 WEEK 6 Lecture: Economic development and international organizations Readings: Bennett, Chapters 11, 12, and 13 (pp. 274-357).</p>

	<p>10/01 WEEK 7 Lecture: Economic development organizations (cont.) Readings: Bennett, pp. 274-357.</p> <p>10/08 WEEK 8 Lecture: Human rights, social justice and international organizations Readings: Bennett, Chapters 14 and 15 (pp. 358-411).</p> <p>10/15 WEEK 9 Student Presentations Papers Due</p>
Additional Information	None.

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