

Political Science 317

International Law & Organization

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Course Description and Student Learning Outcomes:

This course is designed to provide you with a foundation to the more specialized study in international law and organizations. International law is the study of the norms of behavior which nations regard as binding. In this course we will concentrate on the relationship between these norms and the international political processes that produce them. International organizations are an integral part of these processes. They deal with issues of war and peace, justice, and human welfare. Throughout the semester you will be introduced to the range and complexity of interactions among the various international actors, the rules that they establish and the norms that regulate their behavior in the international system.

This course will require patience and fortitude on your part. If you are having difficulty with the material, the assignments, or simply want to talk about the course or world affairs, please do not hesitate to take advantage of my office hours. If you can not make regularly scheduled office hours, I will be happy to make an appointment with you.

By the end of this course I expect you to acquire the intellectual skills to view world politics more critically, and to understand the most significant changes in our global political environment. Upon completing this course you should be able to:

1. Understand the methods and the types of evidence used by political scientists in their analysis of world politics.
2. Comprehend the numerous instruments utilized by international actors in establishing the rules of the game of interaction.
3. Incorporate into your working vocabulary a number of terms and concepts used by scholars, policy-makers, and other actors to analyze international law and organizations.
4. Acquire a working knowledge of current events in international relations.

Required Readings

The readings listed in the course schedule below should be read prior to class. Because of limited lecture time, the lectures will not necessarily repeat the readings. I will presume you have done the reading and will concentrate the lectures on clarifying key concepts and hitting analytic highlights.

1. William R. Slomanson, Fundamental Perspectives on International Law, 5th Edition, Belmont CA: Thomson Learning, 2007. ISBN: 0495007455
2. Friedrich Kratochwil and Edward D. Mansfield, International Organization and Global Governance: A Reader, 2nd Edition, New York, NY: Pearson Longman, 2006. ISBN: 0321349172
3. The *New York Times* international section is required reading for this course. The *Economist* is also highly recommended. Both of these publications will provide excellent coverage of current events in international affairs. It is important to get into the habit of reading these on a daily basis if you wish to stay informed. Major current events will be material for exam questions.

Student Obligations and Grading Procedures

As noted above students are required to have all reading assignments complete prior to class.

Attendance requirements are outlined in the 2007-2009 *Undergraduate Catalog* p. 24.

Students are also required to follow those guidelines outlined in the 2007-2009 *Catalog* in relation to plagiarism, cheating, and other inappropriate behaviors, pp. 32-33.

Please turn off cell phones and attend class on time!

Your grade for this course will be based on the components listed here and explained in greater detail below:

1. Participation - 10% of final grade
 3. 1 major paper - 20% of final grade
 4. 2 In-Class Exams - each worth 20% of your final grade
 5. Cumulative final exam worth 30% of your final grade
- Total = 100%

Participation. Active participation is strongly encouraged during each class. Debate and discussion are important aspects of learning and should help you get a firm grasp on the course material.

Major Paper. One major paper (8-10 pages, typed, double-spaced, standard 1" margins, 12 point font size) are required for this course. The assignment will be essay-type question for which you must present a clear thesis and support it using coherent arguments and evidence. In general, it will focus on law and organization from the course, and ask you to apply those concepts to some current problem in world politics. The assignments will be handed out approximately four weeks before the papers are due. Late papers will be graded down **one full letter grade** for each day they are late.

Exams. You will have two in-class exams, and one cumulative final exam for this course.

NOTE: make-up exams will not be given unless you present evidence of a university approved absence, and make arrangements for the make-up in advance of the regularly scheduled exam.

DISABILITIES: Students with a documented disability who wish to request course accommodations should contact the Director of the Academic Resource Center (Dooling Hall, Room 23, extension 1239/1293)

Grading Scale

	A	93-100	A-	90-92	
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72
D+	67-69	D	60-66		
F	Below 60				

Course Schedule: Please note that this schedule is subject to change, so pay attention to announcements made in class. S = Slomanson; K&M = Kratochwil & Mansfield

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Required Readings</u>
Week 1 23 Aug.	Introduction Intro to International law	Intro, K&M chapt. 1 S
Week 2 28 – 30 Aug.	International law & the State	chapters. 1&2 S K&M, pp. 4-17; 20-33
Week 3 4 – 6 Sept.	The State cont.	
Week 4 11 – 13 Sept.	International organizations	chapt. 3 S K&M, pp. 56-69; 106-118 205- 214
Week 5 18 – 20 Sept.	Individuals & Corporations	chapt. 4 S K&M, pp. 162-175
Week 6 25 Sept. 27 Sept.	In-Class Exam Extraterritorial Jurisdiction	first ½ chapt. 5 S
Week 7 2 – 4 Oct.	Jurisdiction cont.	second ½ chapt. 5 S
Week 8 9 Oct. 11 Oct.	Pacer Weekend!!! Concept of Sovereignty	chapt. 6 S K&M, pp. 402-413
Week 9 16 – 18 Oct.	Diplomacy	chapt. 7 S
Week 10 23 – 25 Oct.	Treaty System	chapt. 8 S K&M, pp. 141-156
Week 11 30 Oct. 1 Nov.	In-Class Exam Arbitration & Adjudication	chapt. 9 S
Week 12 6 – 8 Nov.	Arbitration & Adjudication cont.	K&M, pp. 355-367
Week 13 13 – 15 Nov.	The Use of Force	chapt. 10 S K&M, pp. 224-243; 249-263
Week 14 20 Nov. 22 Nov.	Human Rights Major Paper Due In Class HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!	chapt. 11 S K&M, pp. 215-222

Week 15
27 – 29 Nov.

Environment

chapt. 12 S
K&M, pp. 269-282; 301-310

Week 16
4 – 6 Dec.

Economic Relations

chapt. 13 S
K&M, pp. 417-423; 426-440