



DESALES UNIVERSITY

Division of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Department of Social Sciences

**Political Science 317
International Law & Organization**

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Course Description and Student Learning Outcomes:

This course examines two interrelated subjects. International law is the study of the norms of behavior which nations regard as binding and the international political processes that produce them. International organizations are an integral part of these processes which deal with issues of war and peace, justice, and human welfare. Particular emphasis will be placed on the United Nations.

This course is designed to provide the student 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.

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. James H. Wolfe, *Modern International Law: An Introduction to the Law of Nations*, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2002. ISBN 0-13-017043-7
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 Learning Outcomes:

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.

For the **Political Science major**, at the successful completion of this course the student will demonstrate the following Student Learning Outcomes with the exception of the item(s) in parentheses:

1. Understand the types of evidence used by political scientists in their analysis of the four sub-fields of political science: (American federal government, political thought,) international politics (and comparative politics).
2. Incorporate into their working vocabulary a number of terms and concepts used by scholars, policy-makers, and other actors to analyze politics.
3. Demonstrate a working knowledge of current events (and geography).
5. Express their knowledge of politics through written and oral communication.

At the successful completion of **this course** the student will demonstrate the following Student Learning Outcomes:

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.

Achieving these outcomes 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 cannot make regularly scheduled office hours, I will be happy to make an appointment with you.

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 2015-2016 *Undergraduate Catalog* pp. 18-19.

Students are also required to follow those guidelines outlined in the 2015-2016 *Catalog* in relation to plagiarism, cheating, and other inappropriate behaviors, pp. 24-25.

Please turn off cell phones, attend class on time, laptops may only be used for the purpose of note-taking, and no text-messaging during class

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. Participation is more than just attendance. It is answering questions raised by the professor and asking questions about points that you have thoughts on or you believe need clarification for your understanding.

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 academic adjustments should contact the Coordinator of Learning and Disability Services (Dooling Hall, Room 26, 610-282-1100 ext. 1453)

CoursEval: CoursEval is the method of evaluating courses at DeSales University. If this course is selected for evaluation, the instructor will notify the students in a timely fashion. Students will be required to take this online survey towards the end of the semester. Upon completing the survey students **must** turn in a receipt of completion to the instructor. Anonymity will be maintained. All students should **make sure** that their DeSales email account is not full and that they do not forward their DeSales emails to their personal accounts (this may result in a garbled survey).

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. W = Wolfe; K&M = Kratochwil & Mansfield

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Required Readings</u>
Week 1 Jan. 19 – Jan. 21	Introduction Intro to International law	Intro, K&M chapt. 1 W
Week 2 Jan. 26 – Jan. 28	International law & the State	chapt. 2 W K&M, pp.4-17; 20-33
Week 3 Feb. 2 – Feb. 4	The State cont.	chapt. 4 & 5 W
Week 4 Feb. 9 – Feb. 11	International organizations	Slomanson Ch. 3 K&M, pp. 56-69; 106-118 205- 214
Week 5 Feb. 16 – Feb. 18	Individuals & Corporations	chapt. 8 W K&M, pp. 162-175
Week 6 Feb. 23 Feb. 25	In-Class Exam Extraterritorial Jurisdiction	chapt. 9 W
Week 7 Mar. 1 – Mar. 3	Jurisdiction cont.	
Week 8 Mar. 7 – Mar. 11	SPRING BREAK!!!	
Week 9 Mar. 15 – Mar. 17	Diplomacy	chapt. 14 W
Week 10 Mar. 22	International Agreements	chapt. 13 W K&M, pp. 141-156
	HAPPY EASTER!!!	

Week 11

Mar. 29

Mar. 31

International Agreements cont.

In-class Exam #2**Week 12**

Apr. 5 – Apr. 7

Dispute Resolution cont.

chapt. 10 W

K&M, pp. 355-367

Week 13

Apr. 12 – Apr. 14

The Use of Force

Slomanson Ch. 10

K&M, pp. 224-243; 249-263

Week 14

Apr. 19 – Apr. 21

Human Rights

chapt. 7 W

K&M, pp. 215-222

Major Paper due *in class* – Apr. 21**Week 15**

Apr. 26 – Apr. 28

Environment

K&M, pp. 301-310; 402-416

Week 16

May 3 – May 5

Conclusion

chapt. 15 W