International Organizations
(Fall Semester 2012: Wednesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, BD 140-1, Room 202)

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Course Description

This course will provide an opportunity to increase understanding of the concept, functions and roles of International Organizations. It will analyze the historical and theoretical backgrounds of International Organizations in general and then explore how these concepts and roles have been evolving in contemporary international society. The course may delve into details on who is doing what in specific International Organizations, and whether they are effective in contributing to solutions for the current international challenges and crises. Students will be expected to explore various key International Organizations, including the United Nations, and will be encouraged to make their own observations on the performance and relevance of each regime, as well as formulate recommendations for feasible reform.

Course Format

Every class will begin with a short lecture introducing background information on key elements of the weekly topic (or, this introductory lecture will be presented at the end of the previous class). Then, two or three students will give 15-20 minute presentations each (or, one 40-minute integrated presentation) of the main points or arguments of the weekly readings and raise questions, to be followed by active discussion among the students.

Requirements and Grading

(1) Weekly Memo and Participation (20 %)
   - Every student is expected to post a memo raising 2-3 questions about the weekly readings on the ETL site no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, each week.

(2) Presentation (30 %)
   - Every student will give 2 presentations (depending on class size) and submit by e-mail a written summary of the presentation by noon the day before his or her presentation (ie, Tuesday, 12 pm).

(3) Midterm Quiz (2 to 3 Take-Home Questions) (15 %)

(4) Final Paper (35 %)
Reading Material

The reading material list will be available through the course website as soon as possible.

Class Schedule (Tentative)

Week 1

[Introduction]

- Brief introduction to the major topics to be discussed during the semester and overview of the organization of the class

Week 2

[Theoretical Issue I (Realism and Liberalism)]


Week 3  

**Theoretical Issue II (Constructivism & Other Issues)**


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Week 4  

**The United Nations**


*Erik Voeten. “Clashes in the Assembly.” *International Organization* 54 (2), 2000, pp.185-
215.


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**Week 5  
Peace and Security**


**Week 6**

*Non-Proliferation of WMD*


Week 7


Week 8

*World Bank & IMF*

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**Week 9  
[Human Rights Regimes]**


Week 10  


Week 11  


**Week 12**

*Collective Security and Democracy*


Jon C. Pevehouse. “Democracy from the Outside-In? International Organizations and
Week 13

**Regional Integration**


Week 14


