

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND LAW (IRL 3517)

Academic semester and course instructor:

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Course schedule:

Tuesday, Thursday, 10:00 – 11:15, Valikhanov building, classroom 112

Course outline:

This course is designed to introduce students to advanced concepts of international institutions and international law. It will consider the administration and politics of key international institutions and the machinery of international law. During the course students will be critically analysing how institutions and legal frameworks are created and function in the areas of international peace and security, human rights and humanitarian relief, and environment and sustainable development.

Course content:

Week 1: Introduction

Introduction to the course
Introduction to public international law (PIL)

Week 2: Private and public international unions

Nature and subjects of international law
Classification of international institutions
Historical evolution of private and public international unions
Definitional elements of an international intergovernmental organisation

Week 3: Legal personality of international organisations

Introduction to the law of treaties
Law governing international organisations
Legal personality and responsibility of international organisations

Week 4: Membership and financial aspects

Admission of members, suspension and termination of membership
Structure of budgets, control over budgetary expenditure, budgetary responsibility

Week 5: Functions of international organisations

“Legislative” or normative function
“Executive” and administrative functions
Judicial and quasi-judicial function

Week 6: The United Nations: introduction

Historical introduction to the United Nations
Overview of the United Nations system

Week 7: The General Assembly

Membership
Functions
Subsidiary bodies

Week 8: Security Council

Membership
Functions
Subsidiary bodies

Week 9: Economic and Social Council and Trusteeship Council

Membership
Functions
ECOSOC’s subsidiary bodies and relations with UN specialized agencies and other institutions

Week 10: International Court of Justice and the Secretariat

Composition
Functions
The role of the Secretary-General

Week 11: UN specialized agencies (part 1)

Students' presentations on the UN specialized agencies

Week 12: UN specialized agencies (part 2)

Students' presentations on the UN specialized agencies (continued)

Week 13: Regional organisations

Students' presentations on selected regional organisations

Week 14: International non-governmental and *sui generis* organisations

Students' presentations on selected international non-governmental and *sui generis* organisations

Week 15: Future trends

Course evaluation
Public lecture

Didactic methods:

Interactive lectures, students' research, case studies, quizzes

Learning assessment procedures:

1st midterm assignment (30 points, including two 5-point quizzes), 2nd midterm assignment (30 points, including two 5-point quizzes), final assignment (40 points)

Reference texts:

- A. Abass, *International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials*, 2nd edition (Oxford University Press, 2014)
 C. Archer, *International Organizations*, 4th edition (Routledge, 2015)
 A. Cassese, *International Law*, 2nd edition (Oxford University Press, 2005)
 D. Chalmers, G. Davies, G. Monti, *European Union Law*, 3rd edition (Cambridge University Press, 2014)
 J. Crawford, *Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law*, 8th edition (Oxford University Press, 2012)
 L. F. Damrosch and S. D. Murphy (eds.), *International Law: Cases and Materials*, 6th edition (West Academic Publishing, 2014)
 M. D. Evans (ed.), *International Law*, 4th edition (Oxford University Press, 2014)
 D. Harris and S. Sivakumaran, *Cases and Materials on International Law*, 8th edition (Sweet & Maxwell, 2015)
 P. Sands and P. Klein, *Bowett's Law of International Institutions*, 6th edition (Sweet & Maxwell, 2009)
 S. Sayapin, video lectures on public international law at: <http://prg.kz/pravmedia/570-vvedenie-v-kurs-lekciy-po-mp.html#1>
 M. Shaw, *International Law*, 7th edition (Cambridge University Press, 2014)
 T. G. Weiss and S. Daws (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the United Nations* (Oxford University Press, 2007)
 Л. М. Энтин (ред.), *Европейское право*, 3-е издание («Норма», 2012)

Please refer to the course folder on the instructor's L drive, for further reading materials.