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:

S. Sayapin, video lectures on public international law at: [http://prg.kz/pravmedia/570-vvedeniev-kurs-lekciy-po.mp.html#1](http://prg.kz/pravmedia/570-vvedeniev-kurs-lekciy-po.mp.html#1)
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.