

Political Science 268: International Organization
Monday-Wednesday, 10:25-11:40

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Purpose of the course: This is an undergraduate course intended to introduce students to the wide range of international institutions that structure international relations. The course conducts a survey of the field, focusing on recent developments in the theory of international organization, and covering a range of substantive issue areas.

Course Requirements: It is essential to complete the required reading. There will be a final exam (Thursday December 17, at 12:30) and two exams during the term, on October 7 and November 4. In addition, there will be ten debates during the term, which will require some independent research, and each student is required to participate in at least one. In the spirit of international organization, the winners of the debates will be determined by vote. Attendance at lectures/discussions is mandatory, and students are expected to come prepared to discuss the readings assigned for the day.

Grading: 40% final exam, 20% each exam, 10% debate participation, and 10% class participation. Completing all of the written work is required to successfully complete the course. Each student is allowed to miss two class sessions for personal reasons, but missing more results in a penalty, and missing more than four (1/6 of the course) results in a failing grade.

Writing Credit Requirements for Political Science: In addition to the regular requirements, students registered for **IR/PSC 272W** write a term paper (approx. 20 pages) that uses primary sources and/or data to make a theoretical argument. A draft is due at 5:00 pm on November 13, and the final paper is due at 5:00 pm on December 14. Grading will be as follows: 25% final, 25% term paper, 15% each exam, 10% debate

Course Outline:

Aug. 31: International Organization and IR Theory

Sept. 2: The Demand for International Organization

Keohane, Robert O. 1982. The Demand for International Regimes. *International Organization* 36 (2) (Spring).

Vaubel, Roland. A Public Choice Approach to International Organization. *Public Choice* 51 (1986):39-57.

Sept. 7: No class (Labor Day)

Sept. 9: A Model of International Organization

Stone, Randall W. *Controlling Institutions: International Organizations and the Global Economy*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011). Chapters 1

Oct. 19: Capital Controls and Globalization

Rodrik, Dani. 1997. Sense and Nonsense in the Globalization Debate. *Foreign Policy* 107 (Summer): 19-37.

Helleiner, Eric. 1995. Explaining the Globalization of Financial Markets: Bringing States Back In. *Review of International Political Economy*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (Spring): 315-341.

Oct. 21: Debt and Structural Adjustment

Debate: Greece

Bulow, Jeremy, and Kenneth Rogoff. 1988. Multilateral Negotiations for Rescheduling Developing Country Debt: A Bargaining-Theoretic Framework. *Staff Papers - International Monetary Fund*, 35 (4) (Dec.): 644-657.

Hennessy, Alexandra. Informal Governance and the Eurozone Crisis. *Journal of Contemporary European Studies* 21 (3): 430-47.

Oct. 26: Development and the IFIs

Morrison, Kevin M. 2013.

Dec. 2: Environmental Institutions

Debate: Climate Change

Keohane, Robert O., and David G. Victor. 2011. The Regime Complex for Climate Change. *Perspectives on Politics*, 9 (1) (March): 7-24.

McLean, Elena, and Randall W. Stone. 2012. The Kyoto Protocol: Two-Level Bargaining and European Integration. *International Studies Quarterly* 56 (1) (March): 99-113.

Randall W. Stone. 2009. Sharing Risk in International Politics. *Global Environmental Politics* 9 (3) (August): 40-60.

Dec. 4: The World Bank

Nielson, Daniel L. and Michael J. Tierney. 2003. Delegation to International Organizations: Agency Theory and World Bank Environmental Reform. *International Organization* 57 (1) (Winter): 1-30.