

**Political Science 4503/5503
International Organization**

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Office Hours: MW 12-2; 3:30-5:30**

One Required Book:

A. LeRoy Bennett, International Organizations: Principles and Issues (7th edition)

Absence Policy:

Regular class attendance is required. Any student missing class more than 5 times will be dropped from the course for excessive absences. All excuses are considered the same.

Grading System:

1) Exams (75%)

There will be three one-hour exams each counting 25% of the final grade. These exams will be a combination of essays and short answers based on the lectures and reading assignments.

2) Term Paper (25%)

Students will be required to write a 10 page research paper on a topic of their choice related to international organization. All topics must be approved by the professor. This is a formal project including: typed double spaced, footnotes, bibliography and the use of scholarly journals. The paper is due two weeks before the last day of classes.

Lectures:

- 1) The Nature of the Contemporary International System
- 2) The Actors in the International System
- 3) Evolution, Functions and Structures of International Organizations

1st Exam covering lectures 1, 2, 3, and chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 in the Bennett text plus the Wilson article.

- 4) Participants in International Organizations
- 5) Law and International Organizations
- 6) A Conceptual Framework to Study International Organizations
- 7) Activities to Promote Global Security

2nd Exam covering lectures 4, 5, 6, 7 and chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 in the Bennett text plus the DeGaulle

article

8) Activities to Promote Economic Welfare

9) Activities to Promote Human Rights

3rd Exam covering lectures 8, 9 and chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 in the Bennett text plus the Hammarskjöld article

Course Learning Outcomes:

The purpose of this course is to promote an understanding of the increasing interdependence of the international system. Spaceship earth faces many global problems (e.g. pollution, disease, poverty, weapons proliferation) that must be approached from an international perspective not a national one. Students will be expected to describe and explain said global problems and the role international organizations like the United Nations play in searching for solutions to them.