



Course Code IREL-205	Course Title International Organisations	ECTS Credits 6
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Required	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 2 nd	Lecturer(s) Dr Farid Mirbagheri
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Provide the background to the role of international organisations in international society.
- Provide a context within which the functions of such organisations can be analysed and understood.
- Examine and scrutinize the United Nations, as the only truly international organisation in international society: why and how it was formed, its functions and limitations, its experience and where it is going.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate the utility of, and a brief introduction to international organizations.
2. Assess the role of international organisations in international society and a context within which the functions of such organisations can be analysed and understood.
3. Report on the United Nations as the only truly international organization, its birth and structure.
4. Integrate the philosophy, record and workings of the United Nations.
5. Appraise a context within which the functions of such organisations can be analysed and understood.
6. Expose the inadequacies of the United Nations in dealing with fundamental threats to humanity.

Course Contents:

- Historical Perspective
- International Peace and Security
- Multilateral Diplomacy
- Security Council
- General Assembly
- Economic and Social Council
- International Court of Justice
- The Role of the Secretary-General
- Superfluous, Inevitable, Necessary or Sufficient
- Specialised agencies
- United Nations vs Nation State

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and discussions, Sessions with visiting speakers, Self-study.

Assessment Methods:

Attendance and participation, Project, Mid-term Test, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Zirig, Riggs, & Plano	The United Nations: International Organisation and World Politics (4 th ed.)	Thomson Wadsworth	2005	0-534-63186-X

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Weiss, T. G. et al.	The United Nations and Changing World Politics	Westview Press	1997	
Chopra, J.	The Politics of Peace-Maintenance	Lynne Reinner Publishers	1998	