



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-363	Course Title International Organisations	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall/Spring
Type of Course Required	Field International Relations Public International Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr Michalis Kontos	Year of Study 2 nd
Mode of Delivery Conventional	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

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 organisations.
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 organisation, 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. Critically evaluate the role of the United Nations in dealing with fundamental threats to humanity.

Course Content:

1. Introduction: do we need international organisation (IO)?
2. History of IO
3. Theory, methods, and international organisations (IOs)
4. Law of international organisations
5. The United Nations: law and administration
6. The United Nations: international peace and security
7. Regional defense organisations: the case of NATO
8. IOs and global economy: the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank
9. IOs and international law: the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court
10. IO and global challenges in the 21st century: COVID-19 and climate change

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, critical discussion, special topics

Assessment Methods:

Final exam, midterm exam, assignment (term paper), active participation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice	Ian Hurd	Cambridge University Press	2020 (4 th edition)	9781108888653
NATO's Return to Europe: Engaging Ukraine, Russia, and Beyond	Rebecca R. Moore, Coletta Damon (eds.)	Georgetown University Press	2017	9781626164888
The Anarchical Society: A Study of World Order in Politics	Hedley Bull	Macmillan	1995	0333638220

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The Administration of International Organizations: Top Down and Bottom Up	Michael D.V. Davies	Routledge	2017	9780754609056
The United Nations and Changing World Politics (8th Edition)	Thomas G. Weiss, David P Forsythe, Roger A. Coate, Kelly-Kate Pease	Westview Press	2016	978-0813349787
The United Nations: International Organization and World Politics	Lawrence Ziring, Robert E. Riggs, Jack C. Plano	Harcourt College Publishers	2005	053463186X