Political Science 959
International Organizations

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Thursdays, 1:20-3:15, 422 North Hall
Spring 2019

In this face-to-face course, we will read, discuss, and engage the modern literature on international institutions, regimes, and organizations. The focus will be on intergovernmental institutions and agreements. International politics is increasingly institutionalized in all issue-areas. Understanding the dynamics of international conflict and cooperation therefore requires that we understand the sources and consequences of institutionalization.

The course will be theory-driven, with the first few weeks devoted to studying theoretical frameworks used by international relations scholars to understand institutions. Then we will move into empirical applications of these theories. We will address most of the major issue-areas in international politics, including political economy, security, and environmental issues.

Course Learning Outcomes:
- Understand the development of the modern literature on international organizations.
- Analyze the empirical literature on the causes and consequences of international organizations.
- Critically discuss theories of international organizations.
- Identify promising research agendas on international organizations.
- Prepare for the preliminary examination on international organizations.
- Develop your own ideas for research and writing on the topic of international organization. The assignments for the course are designed to move you toward identifying researchable topics for study, preparing a research proposal, and writing a research paper.

The credit standard for this course is met by an expectation of a total of 135 hours of student engagement with the course learning activities (at least 45 hours per credit), which include regularly scheduled instructor:student meeting times (Thursdays 1:20-3:15), reading, writing, and other student work as described in the syllabus. Requisites: Graduate/professional standing.
Readings

All of the assigned articles should be easily accessible on line. Please let me know if you have any problems finding the assigned readings. You may find it useful to purchase the following 6 books. These books have been ordered at the University Bookstore. They should also be easy to purchase online, and have been requested for reserve.

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Requirements

Discussion questions will be posted on learn@uw by the Monday before class. Students will be asked to select one question for which they will take responsibility for beginning the discussion. Students should come to class having completed the readings and being prepared to participate fully in discussion.

All assignments are due via email to lisa.martin@wisc.edu by 5:00 pm on the due date. All written work should be double-spaced and paginated.

- 2 page identification of research topic due March 14
- 5-10 page research design paper due April 11
- Research paper due May 9; approximately 20-25 pages, double-spaced

Grading

Grading will be based 75% on the final research paper and 25% on participation in class discussions.

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Course schedule and readings

January 24  Introduction

January 31  Background and general theory

Robert Keohane, After Hegemony (1984, 2005), chps. 1, 4-7 (pp. 5-17, 49-134)


February 7  Theoretical developments


Beth A. Simmons. 1998. “Compliance with International Agreements.” Annual Review of Political Science 1: 75-93


February 14  
*Human rights*


Hyeran Jo and Beth Simmons. 2016. “Can the International Criminal Court Deter Atrocity?” *International Organization* 70(3): 443-75

February 21  
*Delegation models*


February 28 *The United Nations Security Council*


March 7 *International trade*


March 14 *International financial institutions.*  Research topic due.


March 28  
*No class, ISA annual meeting*

April 4  
*No class, MPSA annual meeting*

April 11  
*Institutional design*  
*Research Design due*


April 18  
*Socialization*


**April 25**

*Alliances and conflict*


**May 2**

*Environmental issues*


May 9  **Paper due**