

Course Syllabus

International Organizations IRM05

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Course objectives

The course aims to give an overview of the theory and practice of the relevant universal and mainly regional (as well as sub-regional) international organizations. The lectures highlight the foundation, structure and the relevant competences of the international organizations.

Course topics

Day 1. Introduction and Public International Law in general

Day 2. Theory and History of International Organizations (IOs)

Day 3. Classification of IOs

Day 4. League of Nations and the first IOs

Day 5. United Nations – organs

Day 6. United Nations – specialized agencies I.

Day 7. United Nations – specialized agencies II.

Day 8. Regional organizations – Europe

Day 9. Regional organizations – Africa

Day 10. Regional organizations – America, Asia

Day 11. Minor organizations (sub-regional committees, conferences)

Day 12. Project (team) work – simulation of the foundation of a fictional IO I.

Day 13. Project (team) work – simulation of the foundation of a fictional IO II.

Day 14. Final consultation

Mandatory literature

- lectures

Recommended reading

- 1945 Charter of the United Nations
- COGAN, Jacob – HURD, Ian – JOHNSTONE, Ian (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of International Organizations*. Oxford University Press, 2016.
- REINALDA, Bob (ed.): *Routledge Handbook of International Organization*. Routledge, 2013.
- BARKIN, Samuel (ed.): *International Organization: Theories and Institutions*. Palgrave MacMillan, 2006.

Course requirements

The project work is scheduled to establish a fictional international organization by the students as state representatives. In order to assign this work, the students have to apply and implement the knowledge and information from the previous contact lessons. Only student activity is required to fulfil this task.

Each student will sit the in-class written final exam at the end of the semester. The final exam will cover the topics discussed in class and/or in the above required readings.

Final grade

Each student can achieve a maximum of 30 points at the end-of-semester written final exam (20 test questions and 1 essay question, later is worth 10 points)

Grading:

00-15 – failed (1)

16-19 – sufficient (2)

20-23 – satisfactory (3)

24-26 – good (4)

27-30 – excellent (5)