

## International Organizations

POLI 4042

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10:30-11:20 M|W|F

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**Objective:** The course is designed to examine the origins, development, functions and problems of international organizations. We will inquire into the politics involved in the life of these entities, with special emphasis on the UN and the EU. Other varieties of international organization: governmental and non-governmental, regional and issue specific institutions will also be examined. At the end of the semester it is expected that the student should be able to identify, understand, analyze and assess the increasingly important role played by IO's in the contemporary world.

### COVID-19 Statement

We remain under pandemic conditions and expect to be in this state for the entire semester. In order to consistently provide the highest quality LSU education, all students should follow current LSU guidelines. These include the following:

1. If you have any signs of illness, do not come to class.
2. In order to protect all campus community members, the University requires everyone to wear facemasks/cloths on campus. Failure to do so is a violation of the code of student conduct.
3. Wash hands with soap and water or clean with sanitizer frequently, and refrain from touching your face.
4. If you have to cough or sneeze unexpectedly, please be mindful of others nearby and cough or sneeze into your elbow or shield yourself the best you can.
5. If you have been exposed to others who have tested positive for COVID-19, self-quarantine consistent with current [CDC guidelines](#).

### ***Daily Symptom Checker:***

You are required to respond to a daily symptom check request sent via email or text message each morning. Completing the symptom checker will take approximately one to two minutes. Once you have provided information about your symptoms, you will be given feedback on whether or not you are certified to return to campus and attend your classes. Additionally, if you test positive for COVID-19, you are required to report it in your daily symptom checker application.

**Resources for Students:** Your health and safety are LSU's top priority. If you are feeling ill or overwhelmed with anxiety, please contact the [LSU Student Health Center](#) for medical advice and mental health support. General health care and mental health support are available for all enrolled students through telehealth appointments.

**Unexpected Changes to Courses:** Due to the unpredictable nature of the situation, the format of the course and/or requirements may be forced to change, and if this is the case that students will be given appropriate notification.

**Textbook:** Karns & Mingst: *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance*. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition; Lynne Reinner Publishers Inc., 2015

Gutner: *International Organization in World Politics*. 17<sup>th</sup> Edition; Sage

**Student Responsibilities:** Attendance in ALL class sessions is required and active participation in class discussion is encouraged. Students should read on-going information concerning IO's on a regular basis and be able to select an organization of your choice for your research paper assignment.

**Exams, Papers, and Grades:** There will be an early take-home exam, an in-class midterm and a take-home final. In addition, students will write a research paper (7-10 pp) and present findings later in the semester. In your choice for an organization, DO NOT SELECT THE UN OR THE EU, which serve as sources of most of our examples. Your final grade will be determined according to this formula:

#### GRADES

Class Participation → 10 pts

Early Take-Home Exam → 10 pts (Feb 10)

Midterm Exam → 20 pts (March 03)

Research Paper → 30 pts (April 19<sup>th</sup>)

Final Exam → 30 pts (April 30<sup>th</sup>)

Total → 100 pts.

A+ 100 - 95

A 94.9 - 90

A- 89.9 - 87

B+ 86.9 - 85

B 84.9 - 80

B- 79.9 - 77

C+ 76.9 - 75

C 74.9 - 70

C- 69.9 - 67

D+ 66.9-65

D 64.9-60

D- 59-57

F: Below 57

#### Lecture Outline and Reading Assignments

Jan 11-22	Course Intro: Roles, Types, Theories & Contemporary Conditions	Karns & Mingst Chap 1, 2 Gutner Chap 1, 2
Jan 25-29	History and Development/Give out Take Exam	Karns & Mingst Chap 3 Gutner Chap 3
Feb 1-5	The Domestic Context/Membership	Karns & Mingst Chap 5,6

Feb 10-12	<b>Take Home Exam due</b> on Moodle by 11:55 pm (2/10) <b>No Class Feb 12</b>	
Feb 08-19	The Legal Framework/Institutions	Karns & Mingst Chap 4, 5, 6
Feb 22-March 01	Decision Making and Consensus Building	
March 03	Midterm Exam on Moodle by 11:55 pm	
March 05-19	The Problem of Leadership and Finance/Discuss Research Topics	
March 29-April 09	IO's and the Quest for Peace and Security	Karns & Mingst Chap 7 Gutner Chap 4, 11, 12
April 12-16	IO's and Economic Development	Karns & Mingst Chap 8, 9 Gutner Chap 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
April 19-21	IO's and Socio-Cultural Objectives	Karns & Mingst Chap 10, 11 Gutner Chap 6
April 23	<b>Research Papers Due</b> online by 11:55 pm	
April 30	<b>Take-Home Final Exam due</b> by 11:55 pm	