

PLS 3223-001
International Organization
Eastern Illinois University
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Course Description:

This course examines the role of international organizations in world politics. Most of the course focuses on two international organizations within the context of international security affairs, collective security and collective defense: the United Nations and NATO. The course's objective is to understand the political significance of these organizations, their key decision-makers, and the degree to which these organizations reach their objectives of fostering peace, international security and human rights. The course will also devote some attention to the political and security significance of additional international organizations, including the European Union and the African Union. We will also address larger trends in the creation and sustenance of international organizations.

Required Texts:

Ryan C. Hendrickson, *Diplomacy and War at NATO: The Secretary General and Military Action After the Cold War* (2006)

Lawrence S. Kaplan, *NATO Divided, NATO United* (2004)

Kent J. Kille, ed. *The UN Secretary-General and Moral Authority: Ethics & Religion in International Leadership* (2007)

Jean E. Krasno and James S. Sutterlin, *The United Nations and Iraq: Defanging the Viper* (2003)

Required articles:

Articles are available through e-reserve. The course password is rh3223.

Morton Abramowitz and Thomas Pickering, "Making Intervention Work," *Foreign Affairs* 87, 5 (2008).

Annika Björkdahl, "Swedish Entrepreneurship in the UN," *International Peacekeeping* 14, 4 (2007): 538-552.

Mike Denning, "A Prayer for Marie: Creating an Effective Standby Force," *Parameters* (Winter, 2004-2005): 102-117.

Ryan C. Hendrickson, Jonathan Campbell and Nicholas Mullikin, "Albania and NATO's 'Open-Door' Policy: Alliance Enlargement and Military Transformation," *Journal of Slavic Military Studies* 19 (2006): 243-257.

Daniel H. Levine, "Organizational Disruption and Change in Mozambique's Peace Process," *International Peacekeeping* 14, 3 (2007): 368-383.

Ståle Ulriksen, "Deployments for Development? Nordic Peacekeeping Efforts in Africa," *International Peacekeeping* 14, 4 (2007): 553-568.

Course Policies:

Any student who cheats and/or plagiarizes on an exam, assignment or quiz receives a failing grade for the course. Makeup exams will ONLY be given in very exceptional cases. In order to miss an exam, students must speak with me in advance or have an approved absence that fits directly under the excused absence guidelines of Eastern Illinois University. Students with disabilities must meet with the instructor to discuss accommodations within the first week of class.

Class attendance will be taken daily. Students are allowed three un-excused absences. On the fourth un-excused absence, a student loses five percent of his/her overall grade. Students who demonstrate exceptional participation, by the instructor's determination, will receive extra credit points at the semester's end. If you miss class, please get the notes from another student and then see me if you have questions. For a maximum of five extra credit points (in approximately 500 words), students may discuss and critique the arguments provided in Charles A. Kupchan, "Minor League, Major Problems," *Foreign Affairs* 87, 6 (2008). This article is available at the library online and in paper copy. You will need to locate it yourself. Other extra credit opportunities may be available during the course. Your response to the Kupchan essay is accepted no later than April 17, and may only be submitted in paper copy (no email attachments).

Course Grading:

Exams cover all assigned readings and lectures:

2 written exams @ 100 points each

5 unannounced quizzes @ 20 points each. Only the four highest quizzes will count in your final grade.

1 book review @ 40 points. The review should be approximately 750 words and follow course writing guidelines.

Total Points: 320

A= 90% and above, B=89-80%, C=79-70%, D=69-63%, F=62% and below.

Important Dates:

Midterm exam: March 11; Final exam: Thursday, May 7 @ 2:45 p.m.

Book review of Krasno and Sutterlin due February, 11.

Reading Assignments: The readings are assigned on a weekly basis, but may change based upon the pace of the course. Additional readings may be required during the semester.

IO Survival and Intervention

Week 1

Jan. 12: Introduction, IR Theories and IOs, Trends in IO creation, humanitarian intervention and sovereignty (Abramowitz and Pickering in *Foreign Affairs*).

The United Nations, Its leadership, Evolution and Peace Promotion Efforts

Week 2

Jan. 19: MLK Day

Jan. 21: International Law and League of Nations, Collective Security Ideas and Challenges (Kille Chp. 2)

Week 3

Jan. 26: UN Creation, UNSG/UNGA, Trygve Lie and Dag Hammarskjöld (Kille Chp. 3-4)

Week 4

Feb. 2: UNSC, UN Budget Politics, U Thant and Kurt Waldheim, (Kille Chp.5-6)

Week 5

Feb. 9: ECOSOC-WHO/ICJ, UN and Iraq/UNSCOM (Krasno and Sutterlin book review due: Feb. 11)

Feb. 13: Abraham Lincoln's birthday observed; no class meeting

Week 6

Feb. 16: Article 51, ICC/War Crimes Tribunals, Javier Perez de Cuellar and Boutros-Ghali (Kille Chp. 7-8)

Week 7

Feb. 23: US/UN Relations, UN Conferences/NGOs, East Timor, Kofi Annan, Ban Ki-moon (Kille Chp. 9)

Week 8

March 2: UN Peacekeeping: Bosnia, Somalia, Haiti, Rwanda, Small states and peacekeeping/Sweden (Björkdahl in *International Peacekeeping*)

Week 9

March 9: UNAIDS, UNICEF, UN and Women's Rights, Human Rights Commission, MIDTERM EXAM (March 11)

March 16-20: Spring break

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Its Leadership and Evolution

Week 10

March 23: NATO Creation, Organization, Cold War Challenges, and Post Cold War change (Kaplan Chps. 1-5)

Week 11

March 30: Operations Deliberate Force/Allied Force, NATO Post 9-11, Afghanistan (Kaplan Chp. 6, Hendrickson Chp. 1)

Week 12

April 6: Netherlands and NATO: NATO Sec Gen (Hendrickson chapters 2-5)

Week 13

April 13: NATO Expansion: Madrid, Prague and Istanbul Summits

New and potential members: Slovenia, Albania, Croatia, Georgia and Sweden (Hendrickson, Campbell, Mullikin in *Journal of Slavic Military Studies*)

The European Union, African Union and Peacekeeping in Africa

Week 14

April 20: EU Security Activities/Deployments: Operation Artemis-DRC, HR-CFSP, AU Security Prospects (Ulriksen in *International Peacekeeping* and Denning in *Parameters*)

Week 15

April 27: Mozambique, Chad-Sudan, Pirates, IOs and prospects for collective security (Levine in *International Peacekeeping*)

Final exam: Thursday, May 7 @ 2:45-4:45 p.m.