



**SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY,
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME
2008 TRIMESTER 1**

INTP 447: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE (CRN 13567)

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Venue: Hunter Building (HU) 221

Communication of additional information:

Additional information about the course, and information on changes, will be conveyed to students via announcements in class, on Blackboard, and through email.

Course content:

This course is an advanced introduction to the notion of global governance, which is a relatively recent preoccupation in International Relations scholarship. The course aims to explore two major hypotheses that have been progressively developed in the last few decades. First, global politics is qualitatively different from “inter-national” politics. Secondly, the concept of government is not sufficient to analyse the relationship between those who govern and those who are governed in the contemporary world.

Course objectives:

Students passing this course should:

- develop a critical awareness as to the major types of actors and dynamics bearing on contemporary world politics at the macro-scale;
- be familiar with the complex formal and informal mechanisms of regulation, coordination and cooperation in world affairs;
- be able to problematise the relationship between the local, national, regional and global levels of governance.

The weekly reading commentaries will enable the students to gather independent yet pertinent information about the global mechanisms of regulation, coordination and cooperation, and to reflect on them in a collective setting alongside their classmates. The research paper will involve an in-depth and specialised exploration of some actors and dynamics that are especially relevant to governance at the global level. Finally, the exam will test whether the students, after our successive in-class discussions, can identify and meaningfully address the problematic nature of global governance.

Expected workload:

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, INTP 447 has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 18 hours per week to this course. This includes the weekly two-hour seminars.

Essential text:

Margaret P. Karns and Karen A. Mingst, *International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance* (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2004)

Textbooks can be purchased from Vicbooks located on the top floor of the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. Books of Reading are distributed from the Student Notes Shop on the ground floor of the Student Union Building. Customers can order textbooks and student notes online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from the shop the day after placing an order online. Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays) 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Saturdays. Phone: 463 5515

Assessment requirements:

a) Weekly reading commentaries: Prior to each seminar (weeks 3–16), students are expected to read a chapter- or article-length scholarly work closely related to that week's topic (i.e. in addition to the required Karns&Mingst chapter), and submit a concise (250-word) typewritten or wordprocessed commentary on it (i.e. hardcopy, to be collected at the beginning of class). The quality of a student's commentaries and his/her supporting explanations in class over the two trimesters will be assessed, and will constitute 20% of the student's overall grade.

b) Research paper: Each student is required to submit – in electronic format as well as in hardcopy – a 7,000-word research paper as part of his/her assessment. The research paper is worth 40% of the overall grade. Further explanation and instructions will be provided in class.

▶▶▶ Please note that there is a uniform deadline for the final submission of all written in-term work (including research papers) for honours courses. Students are advised that this deadline will be firmly adhered to; extensions will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, under the conditions stipulated in Victoria University's aegrotat regulations. Extensions must be approved by the Honours Coordinator (Professor Stephen Levine) in advance of the deadline. In 2008 the deadline will be 5 p.m. on Monday, 6 October. Work not submitted by this deadline will not be taken into consideration when determining final results.

c) Exam: The final assessment component in this course is three-hour closed-book final exam (worth 40%). While the precise time and venue for the exam will be announced by the Central Administration towards the end of the Second Trimester, please note that the examination period is 13 October – 9 November 2008.

Mandatory Course Requirements:

To gain a pass in this course each student must:

- attend at least 12 of the weekly seminars; and
- submit at least 10 weekly reading commentaries

Statement on the use of Turn-it-in:

Student work provided for assessment in this course may be checked for academic integrity by the electronic search engine <<http://www.turnitin.com>>. Turnitin is an online plagiarism prevention tool which identifies material that may have been copied from other sources including the Internet, books, journals,

periodicals or the work of other students. Turnitin is used to assist academic staff in detecting misreferencing, misquotation, and the inclusion of unattributed material, which may be forms of cheating or plagiarism. At the discretion of the head of School, handwritten work may be copy typed by the School and subject to checking by turnitin. You are strongly advised to check with your tutor or the course coordinator if you are uncertain about how to use and cite material from other sources. Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted materials on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions will not be made available to any other party.

Statement on legibility:

Students are expected to write clearly. Where work is deemed “illegible”, the options are:

- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) within a specified time frame after which penalties will apply
- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) and lateness penalties apply
- if the student does not transcribe it to an acceptable standard, the work will be accepted as “received” (so any associated mandatory course requirements are met) but not marked.

Academic Integrity and Plagiarism:

Academic integrity is about honesty – put simply it means *no cheating*. All members of the University community are responsible for upholding academic integrity, which means staff and students are expected to behave honestly, fairly and with respect for others at all times.

Plagiarism is a form of cheating which undermines academic integrity. The University defines plagiarism as follows:

The presentation of the work of another person or other persons as if it were ones own, whether intended or not. This includes published or unpublished work, material on the Internet and the work of other students or staff.

It is still plagiarism even if you re-structure the material or present it in your own style or words.

Note: It is however, perfectly acceptable to include the work of others as long as that is acknowledged by appropriate referencing.

Plagiarism is prohibited at Victoria and is not worth the risk. Any enrolled student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to disciplinary procedures under the Statute on Student Conduct. All cases will be recorded on a central database and severe penalties may be imposed. Consequences of being found guilty of plagiarism can include:

- an oral or written warning
- cancellation of your mark for an assessment or a fail grade for the course
- suspension from the course or the University.

Find out more about plagiarism, and how to avoid it, on the University’s website:

www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx

General University Statutes and Policies:

The University requires that certain information be communicated to students, either in the course outline or electronically (ref. Assessment Handbook 3.3). The current version of this information (adapted for FHSS courses) is below, and has also been saved as a separate document in the Common Folder (M:\Common\Course Administration\Course Outlines). This may be appended to your course outline without alteration.

Students should familiarise themselves with the University's policies and statutes, particularly the Assessment Statute, the Personal Courses of Study Statute, the Statute on Student Conduct and any statutes relating to the particular qualifications being studied; see the *Victoria University Calendar* available in hardcopy or under "about Victoria" on the Victoria homepage at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/calendar_intro.html

Information on the following topics is available electronically under "Course Outline General Information" at:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/newspubs/universitypubs.aspx#general>

- Academic Grievances
- Student and Staff Conduct
- Meeting the Needs of Students with Impairments
- Student Support

Course Schedule

- 01) Thursday, 6 March 2008: Introduction
- 02) Thursday, 13 March 2008: The political globe: Facts, figures, images
- 03) Thursday, 20 March 2008: Globality & governance: Ancient civilizations–17th Cen.
- 04) Thursday, 27 March 2008: Globality & governance: 18th–19th Centuries
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 3 (in particular pp. 65-68)
- 05) Thursday, 3 April 2008: Globality & governance: the Inter-war period
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 3 (in particular pp. 68-78 and 87-89)
- 06) Thursday, 10 April 2008: Theoretical foundations of global governance
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, chs. 1 and 2
- 07) Thursday, 1 May 2008: The role of states in global governance
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 7
- 08) Thursday, 8 May 2008: The United Nations Organisation
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 4
- 09) Thursday, 15 May 2008: The United Nations as a system
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 3 (in particular pp.72-87)
- 10) Thursday, 22 May 2008: Regional organisations
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 5
- 11) Thursday, 29 May 2008: Non-state actors
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 6
- 12) Thursday, 10 July 2008: Peace & security
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 8
- 13) Thursday, 17 July 2008: Human development & economic well-being
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 9
- 14) Thursday, 24 July 2008: Human rights
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 10
- 15) Thursday, 31 July 2008: The environment
Required reading: Karns & Mingst, ch. 11
- 16) Thursday, 7 August 2008: Global governance and cosmopolitanism
- 17) Thursday, 14 August 2008: Class discussion on research papers
- 18) Thursday, 4 September 2008: Concluding reflections