



SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROGRAMME

INTP 372: INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS: CHANGE AND CONTINUITY

**TRIMESTER 1 2010
1 March to 4 July 2010**

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 1 March to 4 June 2010
Mid-trimester break: 5 April to 18 April 2010
Study week: 7 June to 11 June 2010
Examination/assessment period: 11 June to 4 July 2010

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at
<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawalsrefunds.aspx>

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Class times and locations

Seminar times: Mondays, 10:00–11:50
Venue: Murphy (MY) LT 220

Course delivery

The weekly meetings of this course will proceed in mixed format, i.e. a combination of lecture and seminar. Students are encouraged to be active in seminar discussions.

Communication of additional information

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

Course content

This course examines the origins and development of international organisations together with their types and roles within the context of structural changes in the international system. Throughout the course, particular emphasis is placed on inter-governmental organisations (IGOs). The mandates, structures, and practices of a range of IGOs along the regional–global spectrum are problematised with a view to exploring different patterns of cooperation and coordination in the Westphalian framework.

Learning objectives

Students passing this course should:

- have a good understanding of “international organisation” understood as a process in world politics
- be familiar with the practices and policies of several major inter-governmental organisations
- be able to link the study of international organisation(s) to the theories of International Relations (IR)

Expected workload

In accordance with FHSS guidelines, the overall workload for this course is 200 hours in total.

Readings

Essential text:

Volker Rittberger and Bernhard Zangl, *International Organization: Polity, Politics and Policies*, (Houndmills: Palgrave Macmillan, 2006), ISBN: 978-0333-72128-5.

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks and student notes will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer, while postgraduate textbooks and student notes will be available from the top floor of vicbooks in the Student Union Building, Kelburn Campus. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from vicbooks and student notes from the Student Notes Distribution Centre 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. Customers will be contacted when they are available. Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

Assessment requirements

a) Essay: Students are expected to submit a 2,500-word essay as part of their assessment (34% of the overall grade). The essay must be submitted in hardcopy as well as in electronic format, and both of these identical versions should be submitted on or before Monday, 31 May 2010 at 16:00. The hardcopy must be handed in with the Programme’s *Assignment Cover Sheet* stapled to the front (an electronic copy is available on Blackboard). Further information will be provided in class.

b) Class tests: There are two class tests in this course.

Date	Duration	Worth	Coverage
19 April 2010	60 mins	33%	Lectures 1–5 & corresponding readings
24 May 2010	60 mins	33%	Lectures 6–10 & corresponding readings

If a student misses either of these tests due to *serious* hardship, a make-up/substitute test may be arranged at a suitable day/time *at the lecturer’s discretion*. In any case, serious hardship must be *both* properly evidenced by relevant authorities (e.g. a medical doctor) *and* brought to the attention of the lecturer in a timely manner – certainly no later than two weeks after the original test. The format of the make-up/substitute test *may* or *may not* be the same as that of the original class test.

▶▶▶ **Please note:** *Both Monday, 19 April 2010 and Monday, 24 May 2010 are within the teaching period. No special test will be arranged for those students who simply want to fly back home a bit early, or plan to arrive in Wellington a bit later. When making your arrangements (flight, holiday, work etc.), you are expected to take fully into account the crucial dates noted in this Course Outline.*

The first class test will assess the students' familiarity with the basic theoretical, historical, and structural background to the study of international organizations. The second class test is designed to examine the students' overall grasp of the material on hand, including the theme-specific aspects of international organization covered in the second half of the course. The essay, on the other hand, involves a more in-depth analytical exploration of selected international organizations.

Penalties

The following penalties will apply:

- a) *Exceeding the required word limit:* a deduction of 5%
 - b) *Late submission of essays:* a deduction of 5% for the first day late, and 2% per day thereafter, up to a maximum of 8 days.
- ▶▶▶ Essays that are more than 8 days late (i.e. essays that are submitted after 4pm on Tuesday, 8 June 2010) will not be accepted and will not be marked.
- ▶▶▶ Penalties arising out of late submission may be waived, if serious hardship can be *both* properly evidenced by relevant authorities (e.g. a medical doctor) *and* brought to the attention of the lecturer in a timely manner.

Mandatory course requirements

None (other than obtaining an overall pass mark/grade)

Please note, however: Successful/timely completion of all assessment requirements as well as regular attendance in classes is highly recommended, because obtaining an overall pass mark/grade may well prove more difficult than one might assume!

Class representative

A class representative will (ideally) be elected in the first week, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

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 means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

Use of Turnitin

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 compares submitted work with a very large database of existing material. At the discretion of the Head of School, handwritten work may be copy-typed by the School and subject to checking by Turnitin.

Turnitin will retain a copy of submitted material on behalf of the University for detection of future plagiarism, but access to the full text of submissions is not made available to any other party.

GENERAL UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND STATUTES

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* or go to the Academic Policy and Student Policy sections on:

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy>

The AVC (Academic) website also provides information for students in a number of areas including Academic Grievances, Student and Staff conduct, Meeting the needs of students with impairments, and student support/VUWSA student advocates. This website can be accessed at:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcademic/Publications.aspx

Course Plan

Session:	Assigned Reading:
1) <i>Mon, 01 March</i> : Introduction	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.1
2) <i>Mon, 08 March</i> : Theories of IO	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.2
3) <i>Mon, 15 March</i> : History of IOs	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.3
4) <i>Mon, 22 March</i> : IOs as political systems I	Rittberger & Zangl, Chs.3&4
5) <i>Mon, 29 March</i> : IOs as political systems II	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.4
Mid-Trimester Break (5 – 18 April 2010)	
➤ Class Test 01	
6) <i>Mon, 19 April</i> : Process in IOs	Rittberger & Zangl, Chs.5–7
7) <i>Mon, 26 April</i> : Security	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.8
8) <i>Mon, 03 May</i> : Welfare & economic relations	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.9
9) <i>Mon, 10 May</i> : The environment	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.10
10) <i>Mon, 17 May</i> : Human rights	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.11
➤ Class Test 02	
11) <i>Mon, 24 May</i> : IOs and “global governance”	Rittberger & Zangl, Ch.12
➤ Essay Deadline	
12) <i>Mon, 31 May</i> : Concluding reflections	

Important note: As the course progresses, a number of other readings may be assigned – either required or recommended – in connection with the topics and readings listed here.