Course ID Number: DCC5090

Course Title: International Organizations

No. of Credits: 2 credits

Graduate School of International Relations
International University of Japan

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Course Introduction

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Schedule: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.-12 noon & 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Room: 205
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The course starts with the introduction of historical ideas of state cooperation. Then we move on to the study of theories of international organizations to understand the growth and work of international organizations. The latter half of the course examines the designed mechanisms and actual policy implementation and management of international organizations in the main issues of international security and economic cooperation and development through the cases of international aid, finance, and trade. Students are encouraged to introduce any relevant topics and issues of interest to class discussion.

By the end of the semester, students are expected to have sharpened their analytical skills and gained understanding of how international and regional organizations are coping with the challenges posed by the current crises, such as climate change and financial crisis.

Policies
Students are expected to come to class on time, to attend all the sessions, and to complete assigned readings on time. If you need to be absent from the class or if you are unable to submit a paper on time, you should contact the instructor in advance.

Grading System
Active class participation (attendance, class preparation, and class discussion): 20%
Mid-Term: 30% (90 minutes, February 5, 2013)
Class presentation (20 minutes, research question first): 10%
Final exam (Closed-note quizzes and open-note essay based on class presentation): 40%

Penalty for Academic Integrity Violations (cheating, plagiarism): an “F” grade for the particular assignment, in which the violation takes place.
Weekly Schedule


**Recommended:**

**History of the League of Nations and the United Nations**

**Sovereignty, International Order, and Global Governance**


**Part I. Functionalism, Neo-Functionalism, Rationalist Institutionalism**


**Recommended:**

**Functionalism**
Rational Approach

3. Why Do States Cooperate?
Part II. Idea, Power, and Institutions


Recommended:

Constructivist approach and the English School

Realist approach

4. Regionalism and Processes of IOs (Program Development, Monitoring, Evaluation; Financial Management; Human Resources)


**Recommended:**

**Institutional Process**


**Regionalism and the United Nations**


**Regionalism in general**


**Domestic approach to regionalism**


5. **Mid-term examination (Feb. 5)**


**Collective Security, Peacekeeping Operations**


**Recommended:**

UN PKO

**Collective security**


**Recommended:**

8. **The Performance of International Organizations ---Part 3 (February 26, 2013)**

Economic Development, International Aid, International Financial Stability


**Recommended:**

U.S. influence on the IMF and the World Bank

**Power factor in international economic cooperation**

**Performance of the IMF, the World Bank, and other aid agencies.**

9. **Special Lecture on Japan’s Contribution to UN Peacekeeping Operations**  
   (February 27, 2013, 90 minutes. Time and Place: afternoon TBA)

10. **The Performance of International Organizations --- Part 4**
    **Free Trade—the World Trade Organization (Date: TBA)**


**Recommended:**

**Comprehensive analysis of the WTO:**
The WTO and Development

11. Non-Governmental Organizations and Transnational Relations (March 12th, 2013)
-Thomas G. Weiss and Leon Gordenker, NGOs, the UN, and Global Governance, Thomas J. Watson Institute for International Studies, 1996.

Recommended: