

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF JAPAN

Graduate School of International Relations

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Term: Winter

Course	The United Nations and Global Governance
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Class Schedule	TBD (2X90minutes in one day)

Course Description: An introduction to the history and organizational structure of the UN, its place and role within the international system of state and non-state actors, how it actually functions, how it is coping with major global issues, on UN reform issues and also on US-UN and Japan-UN relations.

Learning Objectives: To give students a clear grasp of the architecture of the international system and how it functions including its financing, to expose them to the challenges that the system faces today and to review the major global issues confronting the international community.

Career Relevance: To introduce students to the manner of interaction between the Member States governments and the UN, and to identify opportunities and career paths within the UN system.

Course Context: An understanding of the UN system is an important prerequisite for analysis of the global system as a whole. The course will be foundational to other courses in IR, and provide context in which other activities in the international system can be understood.

Delivery methods: A mixture of lectures, discussions, debates and student presentations.

Assessment: Class attendance (10%), class participation (20%), class presentation papers (20%), and final exam (50%).

- Basic Reference books:
- 1 Jussi M. Hanhimaki: *The United Nations-A Very Short Introduction (second edition 2015)*
 - 2 Thomas G. Weiss & Sam Daws: *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations (2007)*
 - 3 UN Charter (available online)
- (Other reading material listed in Syllabus and Readings)

Class Outline:

Week 1: Various approaches to understanding the UN, origins and structure of the UN, idealism & realism within the UN, globalization and nationalism

Week 2 ~ 3: Security Council, issues of war & peace, PKOs

Week 4: General Assembly (including financing of the UN) and Secretary-General

Week 5: Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programmes and other multilateral institutions

Week 6: Human rights and international criminal justice

Week 7: Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals

Week 8: Global issues (climate change, health, terrorism, etc)

Week 9: UN reform

Week 10: US and the UN, Japan and the UN

Week 11: Overview and Final Exam

Syllabus and Readings

Week 1 Various approaches to understanding the UN

 Origins and structure of the UN

 Idealism and realism within the UN

 Reading: Jussi M. Hanhimaki: *The United Nations-A Very Short Introduction*
(second edition, 2015, Oxford University Press)

 Thomas G.Weiss & Sam Daws: *The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations* (2007, Oxford University Press)

 Stephen C. Schlesinger: *Act of Creation- The Founding of the United Nations* (2003, Westview Press)

 Paul Kennedy: *The Parliament of Man-The Past, Present and Future of the United Nations* (2006, Random House)

 Mark Mazower: *No Enchanted Palace- The End of Empire and the Ideological Origins of the United Nations* (2008, Princeton University Press)

 Dan Plesch & Thomas G. Weiss: *Wartime Origins and the Future United Nations* (2015, Routledge)

Week 2 & 3 Security Council

 Issues of war & peace

 PKOs

 Reading: David Malone: *The UN Security Council- From the Cold War to the 21st Century* (2004, Lynne Rienner Publishers)

 Michael W. Doyle& Nicholas Sambanis: *Making War & Building Peace* (2006, Princeton University Press)

 Steven Grosby: *Nationalism- A Very Short Introduction* (2005, Oxford University Press)

 Klauss Dodds: *Geopolitics- A Very Short Introduction (Second Edition 2014, Oxford Press)*

 Ramesh Thakur: *The Responsibility to Protect- Norms, Laws and the use of Force in International Relations* (2011, Routledge)

Week 4 General Assembly

 Financing of the UN

 Reading: Joshua Muravchik: *The Future of the United Nations- Understanding the Past to Chart a Way Forward* (2005, AEI Press)

Newton R. Bowles: *The Diplomacy of Hope- The United Nations Since the Cold War* (2008, I.B.Tauris & Co)

Vaughan Lowe: *International Law- A Very Short Introduction* (2015, Oxford Press)

Week 5 Specialized Agencies, Funds and Programmes and Others

Reading: *Oxford Handbook on the United Nations*

Week 6 Human Rights and Criminal Justice

Reading: Lynn Hunt: *Inventing Human Rights- A History* (2007, Norton)

Andrew Clapham: *Human Rights- A Very Short Introduction* (2007, Oxford University Press)

Nigel White: *The United Nations System- Toward International Justice* (2002, Lynne Rienner)

Week 7 Sustainable Development Goals

Reading: Craig N. Murphy: *The United Nations Development Programme- A Better Way?* (2006, Cambridge University Press)

Yves Berthelot: *Unity and Diversity in Development Ideas- Perspectives from the UN Regional Commissions* (2004, Indiana University Press)

John Toye and Richard Toye: *The UN and Global Political Economy- Trade, Finance and Development* (2004, Indiana University Press)

Week 8 Global Issues

Climate Change, Health, Terrorism

Reading: UNDP: *Fighting Climate Change- Human Solidarity in a Divided World* (2007)

UNU: *Usable Thoughts* (2010, UNU Press)

The UN Security Council

Week 9 UN Reform

Reading: *The UN Security Council*

Chadwick Alger: *The United Nations System- The policies of member states* (1995, UNU)

Week 10

Japan and the UN

US and the UN

Reading:

The UN Security Council

The United Nations System

Liang Pan: *The United Nations in Japan's Foreign and Security Policymaking, 1945-1992* (2005, Harvard University Asia Center)