



ECON/POL 330 International Organizations

(4 Credits)

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Course Description

This course studies various international organizations, their history and their role in the modern world. Special attention will be paid to the role that post-Soviet countries play in international organizations. Students will have the opportunity of in-depth exploration of the key theoretical trends that have developed in the study of international relations and regional integration, highlighting the problem of transnationalization, regionalism and multi-level governance, especially in the post-Soviet region.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To introduce students to the current state of affairs in the field of international relations and regional integration and the possibilities of the existing classification of the main theoretical approaches;
- 2) To give a general idea of the importance of epistemology in building various theories;
- 3) Stimulate interest in the methodology of international political studies based on the comparison of practice of regionalism in the world;
- 4) To develop students' skills in analysis of multi-level political governance and regional integration.

Course outline
Theme 1: <u>Introduction</u> : Fundamentals of international regulation of world economic relations
Theme 2: The United Nations and its role in post war period
Theme 3: Organizations of the OECD
Theme 4: International organizations of general competence and their activities
Theme 5: International Monetary and Financial Institutions and their role in the development of economic cooperation
Theme 6: The World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund. Their influence on transition economies of the post-Soviet states.
Theme 7: Multilateral inter-state organization of trade and economic policy
Theme 8: Multilateral control of the world commodity markets
Theme 9: Multilateral intergovernmental organizations to regulate the global commodity markets



Theme 10: Multilateral regulations of economic policy and regional economic integration
Theme 11: European Union
Theme 12: NATO
Theme 13: NGOs in modern world

Course Evaluation

	Max score
Analytical reports	20
Reports	20
Participation in discussions	10
Tests	40
Total	100

A+ = 99-100 B+ = 87-89 C+ = 77-79
 A = 90-98 B = 83-86 C = 73-76
 A- = 90-92 B- = 80-82 C- = 70-72
 F = 0-63

Literature (provided to students):

- Archer C. International Organizations. 2nd ed. - L. - N.Y, 1992
- The Yearbook of International Organizations - 2013
- Understanding the European Union A Concise Introduction John McCormick Palgrave Macmillan
- International Organization Theories and Institutions J. Samuel Barkin Palgrave Macmillan, March 2013
- Megacommunities How Leaders of Government, Business and Non-Profits Can Tackle Today's Global Challenges Together Mark Gerencser, Reginald Van Lee, Fernando Napolitano, Christopher Kelly; Foreword by Walter Isaacson Palgrave Macmillan, March 2009
- International Organization Volker Rittberger, Bernhard Zangl and Andreas Kruck Palgrave Macmillan, December 2011
- Multinational Companies from Emerging Economies Composition, Conceptualization and Direction in the Global Economy International Political Economy Series Andrea Goldstein

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