

Identification	Subject	PSIR 251: International Organizations & Integration processes (Group A) 3KU /6ECTS 15 Weeks, 60 hours
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy
	Program	Undergraduate
	Term	Spring 2026
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	Classroom/hours	
Office hours	By appointment	
Prerequisites	Consent of instructor	
Language	English	
Compulsory/Elective	Required	
Required textbooks and course materials	<p>Core textbook:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Core Textbook: Hurd, I. (2024). <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice</i> Karns, M.P. & Mingst, K.A. (2009) <i>International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance</i> <p>Supplementary sources:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hix, S., & Høyland, B. (2022). <i>The Political System of the European Union</i>. Weiss, T.G., Forsythe, D.P., & Coate, R.A. (2017). <i>The United Nations and Changing World Politics</i>. Howorth, J. (2009). <i>NATO and International Security: The Atlantic Alliance at Seventy — Edited by Jolyon Howorth</i> Suleymanov, F. (2025). <i>The institutionalization of the Kura-Aras River Basin for effective management of water resources</i> Crosman, D.L. (2016) <i>The Rise and Fall of The League of Nations</i> <i>The Complete Starter Kit to Preparing for Your First Model UN Conference (2017)</i> 	
Course outline	This course is designed for undergraduate students. It examines the role, structure, and functions of international organizations, as well as regional and global integration processes, with a focus on cooperation, governance, and institutional frameworks in historical and contemporary contexts.	
Course objectives	<p>Objectives</p> <p>This course aims to introduce students to the key concepts, structures, and functions of major international organizations and regional integration mechanisms. It provides an understanding of the historical development and evolution of global governance and develops students' ability to analyze the roles and effectiveness of these organizations in addressing global issues. The</p>	

	course also focuses on enhancing practical skills in evaluating, discussing, and applying theories of international cooperation to real-world cases.		
Learning outcomes	<p>By the end of the course the students should be able:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify and describe the main international organizations and regional integration frameworks. • To explain the structure, functions, and roles of organizations such as the UN, EU, NATO, WTO, and others. • To analyze the impact of these organizations on global politics, economics, and security. • To evaluate the effectiveness of international organizations in addressing global challenges. • To apply theoretical frameworks to real-world case studies of international cooperation and conflict resolution. • To demonstrate basic skills in research, discussion, and critical assessment of international governance issues. 		
Teaching methods	Lecture		x
	Group discussion		x
	Experiential exercise		
	Role play		x
	Case analysis		x
	Course paper		x
	Others		
Evaluation	Methods	Date/deadlines	Percentage (%)
	Midterm Exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	25
	Attendance	During the semester	5
	Role play	During the semester	15
	Essay	15 March – 31 May	5
	Group Discussion	During the semester	10
	Final Exam	To be determined by the Dean's Office	40
	Total		100
Policy	<p>Preparation for class</p> <p>The structure of this course makes your individual study and preparation outside the class extremely important. The lecture material will focus on the major points introduced in the text. Reading the assigned chapters and having some familiarity with them before class will greatly assist your understanding of the lecture. After the lecture, you should study your notes and work relevant problems from the end of the chapter and sample exam questions.</p> <p>Cheating/plagiarism</p>		

Cheating or other plagiarism during the Mid-term and Final Examinations will lead to paper cancellation. In this case, the student will automatically get zero (0), without any considerations.

Essay

We appreciate an ability of students to prepare a good essay. The essay should be

- An original research of the students.
- Written according to the international standards with introduction, internal parts, conclusion, and used special literature.
- Limited in size (10 -12 pages/Times New Roman - 12).
- Printed in computer, and has a cover page.

As soon as it is possible, we will offer you a list of themes for essays. Every student can choose for the 1 essay a theme with the consent of instructor. Students will write one essay, with a maximum of 5 points.

Essay requirements/standards are available in DPSIR.

Role Play and Group Discussion

Students’ activity during classes will be evaluated on the basis of their participation in discussions on various topics during the lesson. The instructor will make notes after each discussion and will evaluate students’ activities before the final exam. Students may earn up to 3 points from role play and 2 points from group discussion. Five activities will be assessed for Role Play and five for Group Discussion. Students may obtain full points in both components for the same activity.

Professional behavior guidelines

The students shall behave in the way to create favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are strictly prohibited.

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date/Day (tentative)	Topics	Textbook/Assignments
1	Week .02.2025	Introduction to International Organizations and Integrations	1) Hurd, I. (2024). <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice, 1. Introduction to</i>

			<p><i>international organizations</i></p> <p>2) <i>International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance</i></p>
2	<p>Week 2 .02.2025</p>	<p>Historical Development of International Organizations</p>	<p>1) Hurd, I. (2024). <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice, 1. Introduction to international organizations, 2. Theory, methods, and international organizations</i></p> <p>2) <i>International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance</i></p>
3	<p>Week 3 .03.2025</p>	<p>The League of Nations</p>	<p>1) Crosman, D.L. (2016). <i>The Rise and Fall of The League of Nations, 1-16</i></p>
4	<p>Week 4 .03.2025</p>	<p>The United Nations System: Structure and Functions</p>	<p>1) Hurd, I. (2024). <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice, 3. The United Nations I: law and administration 4. The United Nations II: international peace and security</i></p> <p>2) Weiss, T.G., Forsythe, D.P.,</p>

			& Coate, R.A. (2017). <i>The United Nations and Changing World Politics.</i>
5	Week 5 .03.2025	The History of the European Union	1) Hix, S., & Høyland, B. (2022). <i>The Political System of the European Union. Introduction: Explaining the EU Political System</i>
6	Week 6 .03.2025	European Union: Institutions, Policies, and Integration Mechanisms	1) Hix, S., & Høyland, B. (2022). <i>The Political System of the European Union, Part I – Government, Part III -Policies</i>
7	Week 7 .04.2025	Midterm Exam	
8	Week 8 .04.2025	NATO	1) Howorth, J. (2009). <i>NATO and International Security: The Atlantic Alliance at Seventy – Edited by Jolyon Howorth, 95-106</i>
9	Week 9 .04.2025	International Economic and Regional Organizations	1) Hurd, I. (2024). <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice, 5. The</i>

			<i>World Trade Organization 6. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank</i>
10	Week 10 .04.2025	International Organizations for Water Management	1) <i>The institutionalization of the Kura-Aras River Basin for effective management of water resources</i>
11	Week 11 .05.2025	Challenges in Global Governance: Climate, Migration, Human Rights	1) Hurd, I. (2024). <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice</i> , 9. <i>Refugees and international migration: UNHCR, the IOM, and the 1951 Convention</i>
12	Week 12 .05.2025	MUN simulation Rules and Regulations	1) <i>International Organizations Politics, Law, Practice</i> 2) <i>The Complete Starter Kit to Preparing for Your First Model UN Conference (2017)</i>
13	Week 13 .05.2025	MUN simulation Country positions, Discussions and Bloc Formation	1) <i>The Complete Starter Kit to Preparing for Your First Model UN Conference (2017)</i>
14	Week 14 .05.2025	MUN simulation Resolution Drafting and Adoption	1) <i>The Complete Starter Kit to Preparing for</i>

			<i>Your First Model UN Conference (2017)</i>
15	Week 15 .06.2025	Course Wrap-up Reflection and synthesis of learning outcomes	
16	TBA	Final Exam	

This syllabus is a guide for the course and any modifications to it will be announced in advance.