PSCI 4173 - 001/002

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

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I. Course Overview

This course is an upper-level undergraduate class in international relations offered by the Department of Political Science. Students enrolled in this course are assumed to have at least introductory-level knowledge of international relations. Completion of PSCI 2223-Introduction to International Relations is prerequisite of this class.

Built upon prominent contemporary issues of global governance in international security, economy and environment, the course focuses on constructing an analytical framework for understanding the dynamics of international cooperation and institutions. The course consists of two major sections. The first half of the course (week 1 – week 7) concentrates on the practice of international cooperation. Students will be familiarized with:

1) the concrete problems and issues in the practice of global governance that international actors face and

2) the institutional solutions they devised at the international level to address those problems and facilitate cooperation.

The second half of the course (week 8 – week 15) focuses on the theory of international cooperation where students will be introduced to existing scholarship in the study of international cooperation which furthers theoretical understanding of the dynamics and mechanism of institutionalized cooperation. Built heavily on materials covered in the first half of the course, the second half of the course fosters critical assessments of extant research for which basic knowledge of social science research design will be introduced en route.

II. Course Requirements

1. Attendance and Participation (10%)

Students are expected to regularly attend class and participate in discussions. I will do impromptu attendance check in class with a rough frequency of once per week.
2. **Weekly Quiz and Assignment (20%)**
   For the purpose of evaluating fulfillment of teaching objectives and providing incentive for timely completion of reading assignment, there will be a quiz in every Friday’s class from week 3 to week 6. The quiz covers the materials taught in previous three lectures. I will give a practice quiz on Friday, Jan.25. For the second half of the class, homework will be assigned on a weekly basis to reinforce understanding of materials taught in class.

3. **Midterm Exam (30%)**
   An in-class midterm will be held on **Friday, March 1**. The exam will be a compound of multiple-choice and short-answer questions. **Hint: A substantial portion of the questions will be drawn straight out of quizzes.**

4. **Critical Review Paper (20%)**
   One of the objectives of this course is to help students grasp the principles of social scientific thinking and develop the ability to critically assess the value of existing scholarship in cooperation studies. As a practice, students will write a 6~8-page paper critiquing a published research article. The paper is due at **5pm on Friday, April 19**. A separate handout with a list of recommended articles and detailed writing instructions will be distributed to the class after the Midterm. You will be required to turn in your paper to [turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com).

5. **Final Exam (20%)**
   The final will be a take-home, open book/notes exam which tests the students on their understanding of the theoretical research introduced in the second half of the class. The ability to synthesize theories and a solid grasp of principles of social science research design will be the key to success. Despite its form, expect the final to be harder than the midterm.

III. **University and Campus Policies:**

1. **Special Accommodations**
   I will be happy, when possible, to accommodate students’ needs. Please note, however, that requests for special accommodations need to be presented in a timely manner at least one week prior scheduled exams/assignments.

2. **Disability Accommodations**
   If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services in a timely manner so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and at [http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices](http://www.colorado.edu/disabilityservices)

3. **Campus Policy Regarding Religious Observances**
   Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. See full details at [http://www.colorado.edu/policies/jac_relig.html](http://www.colorado.edu/policies/jac_relig.html)
4. Classroom Behavior Policy

Students and faculty each have responsibility for maintaining an appropriate learning environment. Students who fail to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Faculty have the professional responsibility to treat all students with understanding, dignity and respect, to guide classroom discussion and to set reasonable limits on the manner in which they and their students express opinions. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student’s legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. See policies at:

http://www.colorado.edu/policies/classbehavior.html

5. Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

The University of Colorado at Boulder policy on Discrimination and Harassment, the University of Colorado policy on Sexual Harassment and the University of Colorado policy on Amorous Relationships applies to all students, staff and faculty. Any student, staff or faculty member who believes s/he has been the subject of discrimination or harassment based upon race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status should contact the Office of Discrimination and Harassment (ODH) at 303-492-2127 or the Office of Judicial Affairs at 303-492-5550. Information about the ODH and the campus resources available to assist individuals regarding discrimination or harassment can be obtained at:

http://www.colorado.edu/policies/discrimination.html
http://www.colorado.edu/odh/

6. Academic Integrity

All students of the University of Colorado at Boulder are responsible for knowing and adhering to the academic integrity policy of this institution. Violations of this policy may include: cheating, plagiarism, aid of academic dishonesty, fabrication, lying, bribery, and threatening behavior. All incidents of academic misconduct shall be reported to the Honor Code Council (honor@colorado.edu; 303-725-2273). Students who are found to be in violation of the academic integrity policy will be subject to both academic sanctions from the faculty member and non-academic sanctions (including but not limited to university probation, suspension, or expulsion). Other information on the Honor Code can be found at

http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/
http://www.colorado.edu/policies/honor.html
IV. Required Text


- All other readings are available online at learn.colorado.edu and are marked with [D2L] in the lesson plan.

V. Lecture Plan and Reading Assignment

**SECTION ONE: THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: AN OVERVIEW**

**Week 1 Intro**
- **Wednesday, January 16, 2013**
  - Karns&Mingst, Chapter 1

- **Friday, January 18, 2013**
  - Karns&Mingst, Chapter 3

**Week 2 Functions of IO**
- **Monday, January 21, 2013**
  - Martin Luther King Day - No class

- **Wednesday, January 23, 2013**
  - Karns&Mingst, Chapter 7

- **Friday, January 25, 2013**

**SECTION TWO: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ACTION**

**Week 3 the United Nations**
- **Monday, January 28, 2013**
  - Karns&Mingst, Chapter 4 Read p.95-131.

- **Wednesday, January 30, 2013**
  - Karns&Mingst, Chapter 4 Read p.131-143.
  - Luck, Edward C. *Reforming the United Nations: Lessons from a History of Progress* in Diehl&Frederking, Chapter 18 [D2L]
Friday, February 1, 2013

**Week 4 International Security**  
Monday, February 4, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 8 Read p.289-322.  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 8 Read p.323-366.  
Friday, February 8, 2013  

**Week 5 Global Economic Governance**  
Monday, February 11, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 9 Read p.387-427.  
Wednesday, February 13, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 9 Read p.437-446.  
Friday, February 15, 2013  

**Week 6 Governing International Human Rights and Global Environment**  
Monday, February 18, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 10.  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 11  
Friday, February 22, 2013  
➢ Play *Climate Challenge Game* [D2L]

**Week 7 Regional Integration**  
Monday, February 25, 2013  
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 5  
Wednesday, February 27, 2013  
**MIDTERM REVIEW**
Friday, March 1, 2013

IN-CLASS MIDTERM EXAMINATION

SECTION THREE: ANALYTICAL PERSPECTIVES

Week 8 Principles of Social Science Research Design
Monday, March 4, 2013

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

Friday, March 8, 2013

Week 9 Theoretical Foundations
Monday, March 11, 2013
- Karns&Mingst, Chapter 2.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Friday, March 15, 2013

Week 10 Institutional Design of IOs
Monday, March 18, 2013

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Friday, March 22, 2013

Week 11
- Spring Break – No class
Week 12 Monitoring and Information
Monday, April 1, 2013

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

Friday, April 5, 2013

Week 13 Compliance
Monday, April 8, 2013

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Friday, April 12, 2013

Week 14 Power Politics and IOs
Monday, April 15, 2013

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Friday, April 19, 2013

**CRITICAL REVIEW PAPER DUE ON TURNITIN.COM AT 5PM, FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013**

Week 15 Domestic Politics and International Cooperation
Monday, April 22, 2013
Wednesday, April 24, 2013

Friday, April 26, 2013

**SECTION FOUR: CONCLUSION**

**Week 16**

Monday, April 29, 2013
➢ Karns&Mingst, Chapter 12

Wednesday, May 1, 2013
TBA

Friday, May 3, 2013
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