

**PS 331: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW
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COURSE OUTLINE

The primary goal of this course is to introduce students to the complex web of the interaction between international law and organization and the conduct of international politics. In doing so, we will first review the leading contending perspectives in the study of global politics. We will then study, discuss, and analyze the fundamentals of international law and its place within the broader scheme of international politics. This should help us better grasp the conduct of global relations among states, corporations, inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as ordinary citizens. A close attention will be paid to those international organizations (e.g., UN, EU, and WTO) and issues (e.g., the North-South divide, trade, environment, human rights, etc.) that play major roles in the conduct of international politics, organization and law.

All students are required to obtain the two assigned books, and must do the reading requirements prior to every class meeting. Active class participation is crucial to the success of this class, and students must be prepared to give short summaries of the assigned articles, including problems/exercises at the end of each chapter in Slomanson's book. I will also randomly take attendance and ***ten percent of your final grade will be based on attendance and participation.*** So miss the class at your own risk. [The goals of this class will match the following University's Baccalaureate Goals: Goal 3, An ability to inquire, think, and analyze; Goal 6, An historical consciousness; Goal 7, International and intercultural experience; Goal 10, An understanding of values; Goal 11, An understanding of human behavior and human institutions.]

Please note that class lectures do not necessarily follow the same exact materials discussed in the book. Students are, however, responsible for both the assigned reading materials and what is covered in class lectures. The precise outline of topics covered in this class is provided below. We will try to follow the outlined schedule, but I will inform you of necessary amendments should there be any. There will be no make-up exams given, unless a prior written notice is provided by the student, explaining the circumstances under which he or she is forced to miss an exam. Make up exams will be harder.

EXAMINATIONS AND GRADING:

Your final grade will be based on two examinations (60%), class attendance and in-class group participation/exercise (10%) and a 12-15-page term paper (30%). Each exam contributes 30% to your final grade. The term paper must deal with a topic relevant to international organization

and law, the subject of which must be approved by me. *Students must submit an abstract of their paper by, at the latest, the end of the 8th week, outlining the important features of the paper (topic, thesis, methodology, etc.). In-class presentation of research papers' findings on voluntary basis might be feasible and, time permitting, can take place by the 12th week.* I will provide you with a guideline as how to approach this research paper. [Your research paper in this class will fulfill goals 3a, 3b, or 3c for your portfolio in meeting the Baccalaureate Goals]. The following UWEC sites can prove helpful in your research: <http://lib1.uwec.edu/coremore/default.asp> and <http://lib1.uwec.edu/journ.asp> Both midterm and final examinations will consist of short and long essay questions, some of which may be chosen from in class exercises and discussions. The calculation of your final grade is based on the following:

EXAM I -----	100 points (30%)
EXAM II -----	100 points (30%)
RESEARCH PAPER/PRESENTATION -----	100 points (30%)
CLASS ATTENDANCE/ -----	35 points (10%)
PARTICIPATION	

REQUIRED BOOKS/READING:

1. William R. Slomanson, *Fundamental Perspectives on International Law*, 4th ed. (New York: West Publishing, 2003).
2. Mansbach, Richard W. and Edward Rhodes, *Global Politics in a Changing World: A Reader*, 3rd ed. (N.Y.: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2006).
3. Internet Articles and Email Articles of Interest

ABOUT ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

In accordance to the University handbook, "I consider any academic misconduct in this course as a serious offense, and I will pursue the strongest possible academic penalties for such behavior." The disciplinary procedures and penalties for academic misconduct are described in the UW-Eau Claire *Student Services and Standards Handbook* (<http://www.uwec.edu/sdd/publications.htm>) in the section titled, "Chapter UWS 14— Student Academic Disciplinary Procedures."

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Midterm	-----	Thursday, March 16
Final P.S. 331	-----	TO BE ANNOUNCED
Paper Abstracts due	-----	Thursday, March 16
Papers due	-----	Thursday, May 4
EXAM WEEK	-----	M-F, May 15-19
Commencement	-----	Saturday, May 20, 2006

SOME USEFUL INTERNET SITES:

World Bank@ www.worldbank.org
 International Monetary Fund@ www.imf.org
 World Trade Organization@ www.wto.org
 The Bretton Woods Committee@ www.brettonwoods.org
 United Nations@ www.un.org
 International Atomic Energy Agency@ www.iaea.org
 International Energy Agency@ <http://www.iea.org/>
 The State Department @ <http://www.state.gov/>
 International Relations and Security Network @ <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/>
 Global Security@ www.globalsecurity.org
 Center for International and Strategic Studies@ <http://www.csis.org/>
 Foreign Exchange@ <http://www.forex.com/>
 The Brookings Institution@ <http://www.brook.edu/fp/>
 The Globalist@ <http://www.theglobalist.com/>
 CORP Watch@ <http://www.corpwatch.org/>
 Foreign Affairs@ <http://www.foreignaffairs.org/>
 Foreign Policy Journal@ <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/>
 Freedom House@ <http://www.freedomhouse.org/template.cfm?page=1>
 Foreign Policy In Focus@ <http://www.fpif.org/>
 CIAO: Columbia International Affairs Online@ <http://www.ciaonet.org/>
 Human Rights Watch@ www.hrw.org
 Independent Media Center@ <http://www.indymedia.org/en/index.shtml>
 Muslim Public Affairs Council@ <http://www.mpac.org/>
 Green Peace International@ www.greenpeace.org
 Global Exchange@ <http://www.globalexchange.org>

PART I: THE STATE AND OTHER ACTORS IN THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AND LAW

Week I (January 23-27)

- 1) Warm up:
- 2) **The Study of International Politics, International Law and Organization**

Readings:

- 1) Begin Slomanson, Ch. 1
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 1

Week II (January 30-February 3)**International Law and the Contending Theories of International Politics: Realism, Transnationalism and Globalism****Readings:**

- 1) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 2 (The Rise of Post Modern War and Terrorism)
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 3 (Weapons of Mass Destruction: The New Challenge)
- 3) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 7 (The Rise of Transnational Institutions)

Week III (February 6-10)**International Law and Contending Theories of International Politics (cont.)****Readings:**

- 1) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch.10 (Managing a Global Economy)
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 15 (Globalization vs. Localization)

Week IV (February 13-17)**International Law and Contending Theories of International Politics (cont.)****Readings:**

- 1) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 13 (The Clash of Cultures and Identities)
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 14 (Gender and Global Politics)

Week V (February 20-24)**The State & IL Continues: State Jurisdiction, Sovereignty, and Globalization****Readings:**

- 1) Slomanson, Chs. 2, 5, 6
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 5 (Failed States)

INTERNET OPTIONAL

Thomas A. Cardamone, Jr. "In Focus: Cold War Military Relics: Why Congress Funds Them, Volume 5, Number 29, September 2000 @

<http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org/briefs/vol5/v5n29relics.html>

William D. Hartung and Michelle Ciarrocca, "In Focus: Star Wars Revisited: Still Dangerous, Costly, and Unworkable, Volume 4, Number 24, September 1999 (revised April 2000) @ <http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org/briefs/vol4/v4n24star.html>

Weeks VI-VII (February 27-March 10)

Non-State Actors in Int'l Relations: Int'l Organizations, Corporations, and Individuals

- ◆ Sovereignty/United Nations
- ◆ Sovereignty/European Union
- ◆ Sovereignty/World Bank, IMF, WTO

Readings:

- 1) Slomanson, Chs. 3, 4
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 6 (Intergovernmental Organizations)

Week VIII (March 13-17)

- 1) Time to catch up
- 2) Legislation in IL: Treaties (Time Permit)
- 3) Midterm Exam on Thursday, March 16

Readings:

- 1) Slomanson, Ch. 8
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 7 (Rise of Transnational Institutions)

MIDTERM EXAMINATION

PAPER ABSTRACTS ARE DUE

Week IX (March 20-24)

SPRING BREAK

**III. LEGISLATION, ADJUDICATION, AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF IL**

Week X (March 27-31)

Adjudication and Arbitration in IL

Readings:
Slomanson, Ch. 9

Week XI (April 3-7)

Implementation of Provisions of Law in IL: Voluntary Adherence, Diplomacy, and Use of Force

Readings:
Slomanson, Ch. 10 and Ch. 7 (time permit)

IV: SPECIAL ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND LAW

Week XII (April 10-14)

APRIL 14-17 IS APRIL BREAK

Issues in IL/IO: Cultural Dimension and the Issue of Human Rights

Readings:
Slomanson, Ch. 11
Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 4 (Democracy: A Global Institution)

INTERNET OPTIONAL

Dick Bell & Michael Renner, A New Marshall Plan for 2002:
Advancing Human Security and Controlling Terrorism, January 7, 2002 @
http://www.fpif.org/commentary/2002/0201marshall_body.html

Ken Menkhaus, "Warlordism" and the War on Terrorism, December 26, 2001 @
http://www.fpif.org/commentary/0112quidproquo_body.html

Week XIII (April 17-21)

Issues in IL/IO: Cultural Dimension and the Issue of Human Rights (cont.)

Readings:
Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch.8 (Human Rights and IL)

INTERNET OPTIONAL

U.N. Issues Report On Women
<http://speakout.com/activism/apstories/1773-1.html>

Weeks XIV-XV (April 24-May 5)

- 1) **Issues in IL/IO: Global Economic Issues**
- 2) **Issues in IL/IO: Ecology and Environmental Issues**

Readings:

- 1) Slomanson, Ch. 12, 13
- 2) Mansbach & Rhodes, Chs. 11 & 12

RESEARCH PAPER IS DUE

INTERNET OPTIONAL

Global economy: Debt

<http://www.globalexchange.org/economy/alternatives/debtCrisis.html>

In Africa, Debt Relief Has Two Sides, Jan. 2000

<http://www.globalexchange.org/wbimf/latimes012700.html>

In Focus: Benefits of Capital Flows: New Role for Public Institutions, Nov. 1999

<http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org/briefs/vol4/v4n32cap.html>

Matters of Fact

<http://www.undp.org/dpa/choices/august/matters.htm>

UNDP BOOK PROPOSES NEW FORMULAS

<http://www.undp.org/dpa/choices/august/notebook.htm>

State of the World 2005: Foreword

<http://www.worldwatch.org/pubs/sow/2005/tocid/224/>

Agenda Aimed at Generating Action Emerging for 2002 Johannesburg Summit

http://www.johannesburgsummit.org/html/whats_new/feature_story.html#

Week XVI (May 8-12)

Review

Readings:

- 1) Mansbach & Rhodes, Ch. 9 (Soft Security: Crime, Migration, and Disease)