**UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES**

**DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT**

**GOVT 2048/GT 26M – International and Regional Organization**

**Semester II, 2015 – 2016**

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**Course description**

This course gives an introduction to the theory and practice of international organization. The first section provides an overview of the main theoretical discussion about international organization and gives historical background on origins and evolution of international and regional organizations. The second part of the course focuses on the United Nations system and also on the growing role of non-governmental organizations in the international political system. The third part of the course looks at regional organizations. Themes and issues pertaining to developing countries in the international system are examined throughout the course.

At the end of the course, you should be acquainted with the main theories of international organization. You should be familiar with the structure and functions of the United Nations system and a number of other international organizations, particularly in the western hemisphere. You should have some knowledge of the contribution of multilateral organizations to the international political process and an awareness of the ever-increasing presence and significance of such organizations in a globalized environment.

**Course Objectives.** After successfully completing this course students should:

1. **Be able to demonstrate knowledge of the historical and theoretical development of the discipline of International Organization**
2. **Be able to identify, differentiate, and critique the main theories of International Organization**
3. **Be knowledgeable of the various types and roles of international organizations, as well as be able to assess their significance to the international system broadly, and the Caribbean region, specifically.**

**Coursework Assessment**

You are urged to read widely and to use the wide variety of information media available to you to follow developments in the international organization system. It is only by reading widely on global issues that you will become a good student of international affairs, understand the field of International Organization, and contribute actively to class discussions.

**You are advised not to wait until the assignments are due to look for material. Start compiling your readings and notes on commencement of lectures. This is also important as readings inform discussions and debates during lectures.**

**Wikipedia is not an acceptable reference and will not be accepted as a source for your essays.**

**You are reminded that plagiarism in all forms is treated very seriously and UWI policy on penalties is adhered to for those who engage in such activities.**

* **Tutorial participation** 15% Presentations should be approximately 8-12 minutes. Participation in tutorials is mandatory. Good participation goes beyond merely reading a presentation once for the semester. It requires careful reading of **at least** the material on the course outline, and meaningful discussion of the topics. Your preparation for and participation in discussions are central to interesting and productive tutorial sessions. Questions pertaining to any part of the lectures, readings or any matter related to the course material are welcome.

**Tutorials start the week of February 1, 2016**

* Please note the University’s Examination Regulation 25 regarding attendance. It states:

*“Any candidate who has been absent from the University for a prolonged period during the year for any reason other than illness or whose attendance at prescribed lectures, classes, practical classes,* ***tutorial*** *or clinical instructions has been unsatisfactory or who has failed to submit essays or other exercises set by his teachers may be debarred by the relevant Academic Board, on the recommendation of the relevant Faculty Board, from taking any University examinations.”*

* **In other words, attendance at tutorials is mandatory**.
* **Term paper**. Questions and Topics will be posted on OURVle. The term paper is to be 10-15 typewritten pages in length (excluding references), and will be 25% of your marks.
* **Final examination** in April 2015: 60% of your total marks

**PART ONE: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION-THEORY AND HISTORY**

* Definitions and classification of international organizations
* Approaches to studying International Organization
* Historical development of international organizations
* Major theories of International Organization

**Readings:**

Armstrong, D. (2004) International Organisation in World Politics, Chap. 1

Karns and Mingst (2004) chaps. 1-3

Bennett A.L (latest edition) International Organization, Principles and Issues

Diehl P. (2001) The Politics of Global Governance, Lynne Rienner, Boulder, Colo.

Taylor, P. and Groom, A.J.R. (1978) International Organization: A conceptual approach

Abi-Saab G. (1981) The Concept of International Organization, UNESCO, Paris chaps 1-2.

International Organizations: Theoretical Perspectives, International Social Science Journal, No. 138, November 1993

[Abbot, K. and Snidal, D. (1998) Why States Act through Formal Organizations. Journal of Conflict Resolution, 42: 3-32](http://www.jstor.org/stable/174551)

[Mearsheimer, J. (1994) The False Promise of International Institutions. International Security, Winter, 1994/95: 5-49](http://www.jstor.org/stable/2539078)

[Wohlforth, William and Stephen G. Brooks. International Relations Theory and the Case Against Unilateralism.Perspectives on Politics 3(3):509-24](http://journals.cambridge.org/download.php?file=%2FPPS%2FPPS3_03%2FS1537592705050322a.pdf&code=620616231ff012199a01ec5fab104dcd)

[Barnett, Michael N. and Martha Finnemore. 1999. The Politics, Power, and Pathologies of International Organizations.International Organization 53:699-732](http://www.jstor.org/stable/2601307)

Kratochwil and Ruggie, “International Organization: a State of the Art on the Art of the State,” in International Organization, vol.40, no. 4, 1986: 753-775

Stephen Haggard and Beth Simmons, “Theories of International Regimes,” in International Organization, vol.41, 1987: 491-517

**PART TWO: THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM**

* The United Nations: origins, objectives, structure and decision-making procedures, major activities.
* Evolution of UN system: Cold War, post-Cold War
* Contemporary issues for the United Nations system; international peace and security, development issues, restructuring the system for a globalized world, global civil society.

**Readings**

United Nations Charter

Karns and Mingst (2004) chaps. 4, 6, 7-9

Taylor P., Groom A. (2000) The United Nations at the Millennium. The Principal Organs, Continuum Press , London chaps 1-4, 8,9.

Weiss, T. and Daws, S. (2007) The Oxford Handbook of the United Nations. Part III, V and VIII

Foot R., Macfarlane S.N., Mastanduno M. (2003) Us Hegemony and International Organizations, Oxford University Press, Oxford, chaps. 1-3

Benn. D. (2003), Multilateral Diplomacy and the Economics of Change: The Third World and the New International Economic Order, Ian Randle , Kingston , chaps. 1-4

Baylis J., Smith S. (2001) The Globalization of World Politics. Oxford University Press, Oxford, chaps. 16-17

Organizing International Relations fifty Years after the UN Charter, International Social Science Journal, No. 144, January 1995

Global Governance and its Critics, International Social Science Journal. No. 170, December 2001

K, Annan, The Quiet Revolution, Global Governance, Vol. 4 (2), April –june 1998.

N. Woods, Good Governance in International Organizations, Global Governance, Vol. 5 (1), Jan-Mar 1999

J. Muldoon, J.Fagot Aviel, R. Reitano, E. Sullivan eds (2005), Multilateral Diplomacy and the United Nations Today, Westview Press, Cambridge, Mass.,Sections 1 (1,2); 2 (1,2); 3 (2)

[Voeten, EriK. 2000. Clashes in the Assembly. International Organization 54 (2):185-215](http://mitpress.mit.edu/journals/Inor/pdf/inor_54_2_185_0.pdf)

[Kuziemko, Ilyana and Eric Werker. 2006. How much is a Seat on the Security Council Worth? Foreign Aid and Bribery at the United Nations. Journal of Political Economy 114 (5):905-930](http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/507155)

[Voeten, Erik. 2005. The Political Origins of the UN Security Council's Ability to Legitimize the Use of Force. International Organization 59 (3):527-57](http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=696023)

**PART THREE: REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

* Theories of regional organization; an overview of the main categories of activities of regional organizations.
* Case studies : European Union, Mercosur/UNASUR, Organization of American States and ALBA

**Readings:**

M. Pugh, W. Pal Singh Sidhu eds. (2003) The United Nations and Regional Security: Europe and Beyond, Lynne Rienner, Boulder, Colo., Introduction and chapter 1.

McCormick J. (1996)The European Union , Politics and Policies. Westvieq Press , Boulder, Colo., chaps. 1, 3-5.

Dinan D. (1999) Ever Closer Union: An Introduction to European Integration, Lynne Rienner, Boulder Colo., chaps., 1, 5-7.

Dawson R. FTAA Decline: Losing the Bath Water and the Baby, Focal Point, Vol. 4 (6),2005

Karns and Mingst (2004) , chaps. 5, 9, 11.

Mackay D., Challenges Confronting the Free Trade Area of the Americas, Focal Policy Paper June 2002

Valls Pereira L., Towards the Common Market of the South: MERCOSUR’s Origins, Evolution and Challenges, in Roett R. (1999) Mercosur: Rgional Integration, World Markets, Lynne Rienner, Boulder, Colo., pp. 1-23.

K. Dingwerth and P. Pattberg, “Global Governance as a Perspective on World Politics,” Global Governance (2005) 12: 185- 203

[Chase, Kerry A. 2003. Economic Interests and Regional Trading Arrangements: The Case of NAFTA. *International Organization* 57(1): 137-174](http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=138655)

**Module I Concepts, Historical Origins of International Organizations**

**Module II Theoretical Perspectives**

**Module III Global Governance & International Law**

**Module IV United Nations System: Evolution, Reform &Contemporary Issues**

**Module V International Financial Institutions: IMF, World Bank**

**Module VI International Trading Institutions- WTO, MNCs**

**Module VII International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs)**

**Module VIII Regional Organizations & Regionalism**

**Review**

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