

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

1.	Program	BS Political Science																
2.	Title	International Organizations																
3.	Semester																	
4.	Code	BS -PS424																
5.	Rating	03 credit hour																
6.	Type	Optional Course																
7.	Pre-requisites																	
8.	Introduction	This course is a compulsory course and is designed to allow International Relations students a better understanding of the conceptualization and practice of International Organizations (IO) with special attention to the dynamics of formal and informal institutions. In the first part of the course, we examine some major conceptual debates related to the motivation, formation and effectiveness of International Organizations. In the second part of the course, we apply this knowledge into specific areas of IOs.																
9.	Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Surveying the contours and trajectories of International Organizations •The shift to altered forms of multilateralism – but more plurilateral, self-selective, and informal •A crisis of traditional multilateralism – in the context of the Global Financial Crisis? •Connections (and disconnections) with diplomacy and global governance 																
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		Week 9	Mid Term Exam
		Week 10	Strengths and weaknesses of Universal and/or Regional IOS?
		Week 11	On concerts and G20
		Week 12	New Development Bank and Shanghai Cooperation Organization
		Week 13	UN and ‘big’ issues – security, counter-terrorism, environment.
		Week 14	World Health Organization
		Week 15	IOs and Regulation of the World Economy
		Week 16	Evaluation of possible trends in IOs from a non-state perspective
		Week 17	Concluding Lecture
		Week 18	Final Exam
11.	Outcome	It is hoped that the students will develop a good understanding and appreciation of International Organizations.	
12.	Recommended Books / Reference	<p>Thomas Weiss and Rorden Wilkinson, International Organizations and Global Governance, Routledge, 2014. KjellEngelbrekt, High-Table Diplomacy, Georgetown University Press, 2016. Andrew F. Cooper, The BRICS, Oxford University Press, 2016.</p> <p>These core works will be supplemented by a wide variety of Readings, mainly from journals. Along with the rest of the Readings they are aimed to help students preparing for GROUP PROJECTS and SEMINAR/RESEARCH PAPERS.</p>	

Assessment Criteria:

Requirements	
Assignments/Quizzes/Project/Case Study/Team Presentations	
Mid-Term Exam	
Final Term Exam	