

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political Science 2617 FDE

International Law and Organization

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will cover international organizations and international law: the League of Nations, and the United Nations. It will deal with legal and diplomatic issues, including their related institutions and procedures. At the legal level the course will deal with the sources and fundamental principles of international law. It will consider issues of legal interests such as state succession, jurisdiction, extradition, nationality and asylum. The course will emphasize the relationship between international law and diplomacy in regulating and managing the society of states at the international level.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The main objectives of the course are as follows:

- A. To familiarize the student with the quest for order and durable peace among nations through international organizations and international law;
- B. To sensitize the student regarding the limits as well as the possibilities of international organizations in establishing, maintaining, and promoting order and durable peace among nations through international law;

- C. To examine the forces at work, in today's highly interdependent world, that enhance peace or conflict, and critically evaluate mechanism available to manage conflict and build durable peace; and
- D. To enable the student to understand the role and functions of law *vis-à-vis* power at the international level.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY:

WEB MODULES, BOOKS AND PARTICIPATION IN ONLINE DISCUSSIONS

MARKING SCHEME

Mid Term Examination	25% (October 26-27)
Research Paper	50% (Due by Dec 10)
Participation in online Discussions	25%(in Forums)

EXAMINATION and ASSIGNMENT

MID TERM TEST MAY BE TAKEN BETWEEN October 26 and October 27 : EST Time Zone

THIS WILL BE ONLINE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS SELECTED FROM THE MODULE 1 to MODULE 6. THERE WILL BE 50 QUESTIONS. Each question will contain four answer choices.

MID TERM EXAMINATION DURATION IS: 60 minutes, **Remember during the scheduled days once you start your test you get 60 minutes only for the test.**

RESEARCH PAPER: 10-12 pages double spaced typed. Due on or before December 10, 2021.

Topic: THE INTERNATIONAL COURT'S PROCEEDINGS, INDICTMENT AND CHARGES ON **CHARLES TAYLOR OF LIBERIA**. The details of the crime and case are to be found in the internet, relevant books and journal articles.

You have to analyze the proceedings of the court from the point of view of laws related to war crimes.

In the Paper you will write: a) The Case and the charges; b) The Proceedings of the Court; c) The application of International Law d) Your own Analysis in the light of relevant international law and the Conclusion.

You submit your essay in Assignment section in submission as attachment.

DISCUSSION FORUMS:

Marks on Discussion will be based on QUANTITY (number of threads/postings in each forum) and QUALITY of Comments.

(Overall Marks will be given only at the end of the course Not after every forum)

The discussion forums are areas where you can review concepts, discuss difficulties you may be having about a particular concept, collaborate with peers, or to discuss just about anything you want to share with your fellow students.

For participation marks in Discussion Forums, students are required to comment on each topic of the week. Students have one week to respond to others in discussion forum. Students have to debate, raise questions and comment on each others' responses. . DISCUSSION FORUM WILL OPEN/CLOSE EACH WEEK ON MONDAY AT 6 a.m.

I will be visiting the Discussion Forums regularly but grading will be done in total at the end of the semester.

Tips for Participating on a Discussion Board

- Think ideas through before responding. You do not want to respond to be considered flaming. It often helps to outline responses before responding. Be polite and respectful.
- Use good communication skills. Keep your comments concise, but do meet the requirements posted for discussion by the instructor. Avoid brief affirmations such as "Amen", "Ditto", and "I agree". Don't quote or copy long passages from a previous post. Quote only the relevant portions to make your response clear.

- Pay careful attention to instructions. Be sensitive with your use of language.
- Use subject lines in your post to keep the flow going for a certain discussion item. Be sure to change the subject line if you are changing the direction of the discussion.
- Try to stay on track and respond directly to comments being made. (Adapted from Dakota State University, Distance Education Orientation website)

Mandatory participation in a minimum of 10 Discussion forums/sessions is required to obtain participation marks. Students will participate in these forums by accessing the "Discussion Area" portion of their online course. For participation marks in Discussion Forums, students are required to comment on each week's topic written in the module and text book reading.

MODULES:

MODULES ARE MERELY POINTS (NOTES) FROM MY CLASS LECTURES. THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THOSE POINTS AND GET EXPLANATION YOU NEED TO READ THE BOOK.

BOOKS:

For the Modules from I to VI please read (recommended) A.L. Bennett. *International Organizations*. This book is not mandatory but you could order for your personal copy on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or through LU Book store. Students are strongly urged to read the above book or any book on International Organization as a support book for wider knowledge.

For Modules from 7-12 Please read the *textbook on international law* by Martin Dixon, Oxford University.