



INTRODUCTION

This course evaluates the various international organizations in the main areas of international policy, including peace and security as well as trade and development. It specially evaluates the interaction – the *push and pull* – between international law and international politics that conditions – *shapes and moulds* – the practice of international governance. In brief, the course evaluates the politics, law and practice of international organizations.

- **Degree:** International Relations / International Relations with Law / with History
- **Course:** International Organizations
- **ECTS:** 6 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits
- **Year / Semester:** Third Year / Second Semester
- **Course Type:** Compulsory
- **Course Teacher:** Professor Gonzalo Villalta Puig
- **Course Language:** English
- **Class Schedule and Location:**
 - Lecture: Tuesdays 12:00 - 13:30 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 12)
 - Seminar A: Wednesdays 11:30 - 12:45 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 15)
 - Seminar B: Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:15 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 15)

COMPETENCIES

Below is the statement on course competencies in the *Memoria oficial del Grado en Relaciones Internacionales*:

Básicas y generales:

- **CG01** - Analizar, valorar y razonar las diferentes situaciones internacionales a la luz de los conocimientos adquiridos.
- **CG02** - Negociar, mediar, persuadir y comunicar con firmeza en el ámbito de las relaciones internacionales.
- **CG03** - Redactar e interpretar textos jurídicos, especialmente en el ámbito del Derecho internacional público.
- **CG04** - Usar el inglés con propiedad según la terminología científica y académica propia de la Relaciones internacionales.
- **CG05** - Saber expresarse oralmente de manera correcta y adecuada sobre temas internacionales.
- **CB2** - Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar sus conocimientos a su trabajo o vocación de una forma profesional y posean las competencias que suelen demostrarse por medio de la elaboración y defensa de argumentos y la resolución de problemas dentro de su área de estudio
- **CB3** - Que los estudiantes tengan la capacidad de reunir e interpretar datos relevantes (normalmente dentro de su área de estudio) para emitir juicios que incluyan una reflexión sobre temas relevantes de índole social, científica o ética



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- **CB4** - Que los estudiantes puedan transmitir información, ideas, problemas y soluciones a un público tanto especializado como no especializado
- **CB5** - Que los estudiantes hayan desarrollado aquellas habilidades de aprendizaje necesarias para emprender estudios posteriores con un alto grado de autonomía

Específicas:

- **CE02** - Analizar la naturaleza y características de las relaciones entre los actores internacionales y particularmente entre los Estados.
- **CE03** - Conocer y comprender los principales elementos que definen la política exterior de los Estados.
- **CE04** - Relacionar los procesos y sucesos históricos con el orden internacional del presente.
- **CE06** - Diferenciar las distintas competencias y funciones del Estado, las organizaciones internacionales y los actores no estatales en el sistema internacional.
- **CE09** - Comprender la estructura, competencias y funcionamiento de las instituciones y organizaciones internacionales.
- **CE10** - Comprender las instituciones, normas, procedimientos de decisión y políticas de la Unión Europea.
- **CE15** - Conocer la estructura, organización y funcionamiento de las Administraciones Públicas y sus políticas públicas con trascendencia internacional.
- **CE16** - Analizar los diferentes conflictos internacionales, sus causas, desarrollo y efectos sobre los países y la sociedad internacional.
- **CE17** - Analizar los problemas jurídicos y sociales que se derivan de las relaciones internacionales en todos los ámbitos con base en el conocimiento adecuado de los principios y normas de Derecho internacional.

SYLLABUS

Introduction:

- Course Introduction
- International Organizationhood v Sovereign Statehood: Obligations, Compliance, Enforcement
- Theory and Methods

Peace and Security:

- United Nations:
 - Law and Administration
 - Security Council
 - Selected Agencies

Trade and Development:

- World Trade Organization:
 - Non-Discrimination Norm
 - Dispute Settlement System
- International Monetary Fund
- World Bank Group



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- Selected Regional Development Finance Institutions

Labour and Migration:

- International Labour Organization
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- International Organization for Migration

Dispute Settlement and Criminal Prosecution:

- International Court of Justice
- International Criminal Court

Regional Organizations:

- European Union
- African Union
- Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- Organization of American States
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization

Conclusion:

- Course Conclusion

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Class Schedule:

The course runs for 14 weeks in the second semester of the academic year – from Monday 08 January 2024 to Friday 26 April 2024, including a two-week class-free Easter vacation – and comprises a weekly asynchronous (expositive) video lecture plus a weekly 90 minute (discussive) in-class lecture session for both groups and a weekly 75 minute (interactive) in-class seminar session for each student group.

Workload Distribution:

The course weighs six European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. One ECTS credit corresponds to 25 hours of student work. While there are differences among students, the expectation is that an individual student would dedicate approximately 150 hours of work (contact and non-contact) in support of the 14-week programme. As an approximate break down, the estimation is that 11 hours per week of student work are necessary to successfully complete the course, with the average hours per week for each learning and teaching activity as follows:

Activity	Mode	ECTS	Hours (per week)	Percentage
Expositive (Video) Lectures	Out-of-Class	0.56	14 hrs (1.00 p/w)	09%



Discursive (Live) Lectures	In-Class	0.84	21 hrs (1.50 p/w)	14%
Interactive Seminars	In-Class	0.70	17.5 hrs (1.25 p/w)	12%
Personal Study /Reading	Out-of-Class	1.68	42 hrs (3.00 p/w)	28%
Assessment Preparation	Out-of-Class	2.22	55.5 hrs (4.00 p/w)	37%
Total	---	6.00	150 hrs (11.00 p/w)	100%

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Exercise	Percentage of Marks	Date and Location
Socratic Debates	10%	Weekly (In-Class)
News and Comments	10%	By Roster (In-Class)
Forum Contributions	15%	Weekly (Online)
Mutiple Choice Test (Peace and Security)	05%	06 February 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)
Multiple Choice Test (Trade and Development)	05%	27 February 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)
Multiple Choice Test (Labour and Migration)	05%	12 March 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)
Multiple Choice Test (Dispute Settlement and Criminal Prosecution)	05%	09 April 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)



Multiple Choice Test (Regional Organizations)	05%	23 April 2024 (12:00) (In-Class)
Policy Paper	40%	29 April 2024 (by 09:00) (Turnitin)
Reassessment	Research Essay (5,000 words)	07 June 2024 (by 09:00) (Turnitin)

OFFICE HOURS

For consultation, students must email the Course Teacher, **Professor Gonzalo Villalta Puig**, with a request for an appointment: gvillalta@unav.es. Student consultations are held:

- in Room 2730, Ismael Sánchez Building;
- on Wednesdays of term time from 13:00 to 14:00.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

The course textbook is *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice* (4th ed, Cambridge University Press 2020) by Professor Ian Hurd of Northwestern University. Copies are available for purchase from [Amazon.es](#). The Library gives [online access](#) to the textbook.