



## 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 10:00 - 11:15 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 15)
  - Seminar B: Wednesdays 11:30 - 12:45 (Amigos Lecture Theatre 15)

## COMPETENCIES

### Basic Competencies:

- **CB02** - To be able to implement theoretical knowledge in practical professional life and to demonstrate the capacity to elaborate, pose and defend arguments, as well as to solve problems falling within the scope of the area of study.
- **CB03** - To be able to gather and interpret relevant data generally related to the area of study in order to draw reflective judgments on important social, scientific or ethical issues.
- **CB04** - To be able to convey information, ideas, problems and solutions both to a general audience and to a specialised audience.
- **CB05** - To develop the learning skills required to engage in further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

### General Competencies:

- **CG01**- To analyse, value, and rationalise the varying conditions of the international arena in light of the acquired knowledge.
- **CG02** - To negotiate, mediate, persuade and communicate with conviction in the area of international relations.
- **CG03** - To draft and interpret legal texts, particularly international law texts.
- **CG04** - To use English properly according to the scientific and academic terminology appropriate to international relations.
- **CG05** - To be able to correctly and adequately discuss international issues.



## Specific Competencies:

- **CE02** - To be able to analyse the nature and features of the relations among international actors, particularly among states.
- **CE03** - To be acquainted with and understand the principal elements defining the external policy of states.
- **CE04** - To connect historical processes and events with the current international order.
- **CE06** - To be able to differentiate the competences and functions of states, NGOs (non-governmental organisations) and NSAs (non-state actors) acting in the international system.
- **CE09** - To understand the structure, competences and functioning of international institutions and organisations.
- **CE10** - To understand European Union (EU) institutions, norms, decision procedures and policies.
- **CE15** - To understand the structure, organisation and functioning of Government and its policies of international significance.
- **CE16** - To analyse different international conflicts, their causes, development and effect on countries and the international community.
- **CE17** - To be able to analyse legal and social issues connected to international relations taking into account the principles and norms of international law.

## SYLLABUS

### Introduction:

- Course Introduction
- Theory and Methods

### Peace and Security:

- United Nations:
  - Law and Administration
  - Security Council

### Trade and Development:

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

### 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

**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%
Discussive (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%



<b>Total</b>	---	6.00	150 hrs (11.00 p /w)	100%
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## 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)
Multiple 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 May 2024 (by 09:00) (Turnitin)
<b>Reassessment</b>	Research Essay (5,000 words)	07 June 2024 (by 09:00) (Turnitin)

## OFFICE HOURS



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For consultation, students must email the Course Teacher, **Professor Gonzalo Villalta Puig**, with a request for an appointment: [gvillalta@unav.es](mailto: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.