

Course Name : Organizatat dhe institucionet ndërkombëtare							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 415	B	Spring	3.00	1.00	0.00	3.50	6.00
Lecturer		Ferdinand Xhaferaj, PhD					
Assistant							
Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Master					
Description		Two major mysteries stand at the foundation of world politics: Why do nations go to fight, and why do they cooperate? One widespread theory (realism approach) is presenting conflict as a normal state in international affairs. Another viewpoint perspective (liberalism approach) characterizes cooperation as the norm. This introductory course is designed to give to students the basic knowledge required to understand and analyze international relations and the main international organizations. Therefore, this course is about the role of the international organizations in institutionalizing cooperation in the international system. The students will begin the course by examining some theoretical issues necessary for understanding international relations. From a theoretical perspective, we will explain the realist, liberal, and constructivist theories. Moreover, we will compare and contrast the main theories of international relations. This is important for providing to students the diagnostic tools required for understanding and studying the main international organizations. During the course we will examine the historical origins of the main international organizations, the way how they are structured and their functions. Furthermore, we will analyze the international and domestic actors that impact their actions and efficiency. After analyzing the goals, achievements and the failures of the League of Nations we will investigate in details the main international organizations, which were created after the Second World War. By the end of the course the students will possess the main concepts and the analytical tools which are needed to understand and analyze the behavior and relationship among the main actors in the international system. The final goal will be to cultivate to students a solid understanding related to the functioning of the international organizations.					
Objectives		The overall aim of this course is to grow the participant's capacity as far as knowing international organizations and critically examining problems related to them. By the end of the course participants should have: 1. a solid understanding of the main theories in the field of international relations; 2. a firm understanding of the various reasons why international organizations exist; 3. a thorough knowledge of the main international organizations; 4. a satisfied know-how related to the influence of the international organizations in the actions of states; 5. a considerable ability to understand the options available to international organizations and the reasons why specific choices are made; 6. a basic knowledge to design a research project on issues related to international organization.					
Core Concepts							
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Introduction and overview of the course						
2	Definitions of politics						
3	What is International Relations						
4	The main Theories of International Relations: Realism						

5	Liberalism and Constructivism
6	Historical Developments and the Foundations of League of Nations
7	The achievements and the failures of the League of Nations
8	Midterm Exam
9	What is European Union? Historical Developments and the Foundations of the EU
10	The basic principles, the structure and functions of the EU
11	NATO and the European Security: Basic Principles of NATO and Objectives
12	Structure and Functions of NATO
13	United Nations: The origin, purpose and the structure
14	Humanitarian interventions. Case Study: Humanitarian Intervention in Kosovo (1999)
15	Understanding Globalization
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.
Literature	• Jan Shapiro, "The Moral Foundations of Politics" (Yale University Press 2012) • John Baylis and Steve Smith, "The Globalization of World Politics: an Introduction to International relations" (6 edition, Oxford University Press 2014) • Robert O. Keohane (ed), "Neorealism and its critics" (Columbia University Press 1986) • James Sperling and Emil Kirchner, "Recasting the European Order" (Manchester University Press 1997) • Robert L. Pflatzgraff and Dimtris Keridis (eds), "NATO and Southeastern Europe", (Security Issues for the Early 21st Century, A publication of The Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis. Brassey's, Potomac Books Inc. 2000) • Lecture notes available after the class
References	• Joseph S. Nye, "The Future of Power" (Publik Affairs New York 2011) • Paul Christopher, "The Ethics of War and Peace : An Introduction to Legal and Moral Issues" (3rd Edition, Pearson 2003) • Luisa Blanchfield. United Nations Reform: U.S. Policy and International Perspectives. Congressional Research Service: www.crs.gov • You will be eager to keep up with recent affairs as a necessary tool of doing well in the class by reading the international newspaper.
Course Outcome	
1	By the end of the course participants should have a thorough knowledge of the main international organizations
2	By the end of the course participants should have a basic knowledge to design a research project on issues related to international organizations.
3	By the end of the course participants should understand main theories that analyses international relations

Course Evaluation			
In-term Studies	Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms	1	40	
Quizzes	0	0	
Projects	0	0	
Term Projects	0	0	
Laboratory	0	0	
Class Participation	1	10	
Total in-term evaluation percent			50
Final exam percent			50
Total			100
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)			
Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)	16	4	64
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)	14	4	56
Duties	0	10	0
Midterms	1	10	10
Final Exam	1	10	10
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			140
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			5.60
ECTS			6.00