



National Research University Higher School of Economics
School of World Economy and International Affairs

Undergraduate Programme
in International Relations
(Parallel Degree from HSE and UoL)

International Organizations

Course Syllabus
(Fall/Spring 2018/2019)

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I.Course description

Level: third-year course

Duration: 14 weeks, 54 classes

Prerequisite: one semester of Introduction to International Relations

Course Objective: The course and this subject guide aim to give you an understanding of the major theoretical and empirical aspects of the role of international organisations in international politics, including, inter alia, their impact on:

- the practice of international cooperation and conflict
- the maintenance of international peace and security
- the management of international economic relations
- the promotion of international environmental standards
- the prosecution of international crimes
- related matters of concern to international society

Learning Outcomes:

Students should:

demonstrate that they have thoroughly understood the core literature on international organisations

engage with this literature critically by developing their own argumentation

explain the main theoretical approaches and empirical issues in the study of international organisations

write clearly, effectively and critically about these issues.

Course Materials: Study Guide “International Organisations” by J. Meierhenrich (2012).

II. Assessment Policies

Classroom policies:

Code of Conduct ! The professors reserve the right to impose sanctions in the cases described in the document

Expectations

- Active participation during seminars
- Readiness to provide comparative analysis of main Russian and Western concerns on the IO' functioning

The **Final Grade** consists of two major parts: *Cumulative Grade* and *Exam Grade* (each of them having the weight of 60% and 40% respectively).

Cumulative Grade is divided into two parts. A student gets 30% for his/her participation in the seminars during the year, and 30% for the MOCK exams. Each MOCK exam contains 3 questions, duration – 3 hours.

If the discipline is held in the Fall Semester, a student gets 15% for participation in the seminars in the 1st Module and 15% for participation in the seminars in the 2nd Module.

If the discipline is held in the Spring Semester, a student gets 20% for participation in the seminars in the 3rd Module and 10% for participation in the seminars in the 4th Module.

Exam grade is provided by the University of London Exam Committee. The exam is usually held in May, the date of exam is announced not later than 4 month in advance.

Final Grade Formula:

Fall semester: $(1^{\text{st}}\text{Module seminars} \times 0.15) + (2^{\text{nd}}\text{Module seminars} \times 0.15) + (1^{\text{st}}\text{Module MOCK exam} \times 0.15) + (2^{\text{nd}}\text{Module MOCK exam} \times 0.15) + \text{Final Exam} \times 0.4$

Spring semester: $(3^{\text{rd}}\text{Module seminars} \times 0.2) + (4^{\text{th}}\text{Module seminars} \times 0.1) + (3^{\text{rd}}\text{Module MOCK exam} \times 0.15) + (4^{\text{th}}\text{Module MOCK exam} \times 0.15) + \text{Final Exam} \times 0.4$

III. Course Design and Resources

Week	Topic
Week #1	Introduction to international organisations. Description of study. Main definitions.
Week #2	Theories of International Organisations
Week #3	A History of International Organisations
Week #4	The League of Nations
Week #5	United Nations
Week #6	NATO
Week #7	EEC and EU (political and legal aspects)
Week #8	EU (economic aspect)
Week #9	GATT and WTO
Week #10	World Bank
Week #11	IMF
Week #12	OSCE and Council of Europe
Week #13	Organisations in Africa and Asia
Week #14	International Tribunals

Reading and seminar materials are listed in the Study Guide “International Organisations” by J. Meierhenrich (2012).

IV. Exam questions

List of exam questions is announced at the exam by the University of London Exam Committee.

For preparation students may use exam questions of the previous years with Examiners’ commentaries available through VLE of the University of London.