Political Science 268: International Organization
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Purpose of the course: This is an undergraduate course intended to introduce students to the wide range of international institutions that structure international relations. The course conducts a survey of the field, focusing on recent developments in the theory of international organization, and covering a range of substantive issue areas.

Course Requirements: It is essential to complete the required reading. There will be a final exam (Thursday May 8, at 4:00) and two exams during the term, on February 18 and March 28. In addition, there will be ten debates during the term, which will require some independent research, and each student is required to participate in at least one. In the spirit of international organization, the winners of the debates will be determined by vote. Attendance at lectures/discussions is mandatory, and students are expected to come prepared to discuss the readings assigned for the day.

Grading: 40% final exam, 20% each exam, 10% debate participation, and 10% class participation. Completing all of the written work is required to successfully complete the course. Each student is allowed to miss two class sessions for personal reasons, but missing more results in a penalty, and missing more than four (1/6 of the course) results in a failing grade.

Writing Credit Requirements for Political Science: In addition to the regular requirements, students registered for IR/PSC 272W write a term paper (approx. 20 pages) that uses primary sources and/or data to make a theoretical argument. A draft is due at 5:00 pm on March 21, and the final paper is due on April 30 at 5:00 pm. Grading will be as follows: 25% final, 25% term paper, 15% each exam, 10% debate participation, and 10% class participation.

Readings: All articles are available on JSTOR or from my web site (http://www.rochester.edu/college/psc/stone/). The following books are recommended for purchase:

Course Outline:

Jan. 16: International Organization and IR Theory

Jan. 21: The Evolution of International Organization


Jan. 23: The UN Security Council

**Debate: Syria**

Hurd, Chpt. 6.


Jan. 28: The UN System and UNGA Voting

Hurd, Chpt. 5.


Jan. 30: Power and International Cooperation

**Debate: Keynes v. White**


Stone, Chpts. 1-3.

Feb. 4: International Institutions and Cooperation


Feb. 6: Why Do We Need Institutions for Trade?

Debate: WTO case


Hurd, Chpt. 3.

Feb. 11: No class


Debate: The Doha Round


Stone, *Controlling Institutions*, Chpt. 5.

Feb. 18: Exam

Feb. 20: Institutions for International Finance


Hurd, Chpt. 4.

Feb. 25: Exchange Rates and Financial Crises

Debate: Argentina


Feb. 27: Capital Controls and Globalization


Mar. 4: Debt and Structural Adjustment

**Debate: Greece**


Mar. 6: Development and the IFIs


March 10-14: Spring Break

Mar. 18: From the ECSC to The European Union


Mar. 20: EMU and the Euro Crisis

**Debate: ECB**

Stone, Controlling Institutions, Chpt. 6

Mar. 25: No class (ISA)

Mar. 27: Exam
Apr. 1: EU Expansion

**Debate: Ukraine and the EU**


Apr. 3: The EU as a Political System


Apr. 8: International Law and Human Rights


Apr. 10: International Courts

**Debate: ICC v. Kenyatta**

Hurd, Chpts. 8, 9.


Apr. 15: UN Conventions

Hurd, Chpt. 7.


Apr. 17: Environmental Institutions

**Apr. 22: Climate Change**

**Debate: Climate Change**


**Apr. 24: Environmental Transfers**


**Apr. 29: Informal International Organizations**


Stone, *Controlling Institutions*, Chpt. 10.