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 December 17, at 12:30) and two exams during the term, on October 7 and November 4. 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 November 13, and the final paper is due at 5:00 pm on December 14. 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:

**Aug. 31: International Organization and IR Theory**

**Sept. 2: The Demand for International Organization**


**Sept. 7: No class (Labor Day)**

**Sept. 9: A Model of International Organization**


**Sept. 14: The UN Security Council**

**Debate: Syria**

Hurd, Chpt. 6.


**Sept. 16: The UN System and UNGA Voting**

Hurd, Chpt. 5.


**Sept. 21: Power and International Cooperation**

**Debate: Keynes v. White**


**Sept. 23: International Institutions and Cooperation**


**Sept. 28: Why Do We Need Institutions for Trade?**

*Debate: WTO case*


Hurd, Chpt. 3.

**Sept. 30: The Evolution of the World Trading System**

*Debate: The Doha Round*


Stone, *Controlling Institutions*, Chpt. 5.

**Oct. 5: No class (Fall Break)**

**Oct. 7: Exam**

**Oct. 12: Institutions for International Finance**


Hurd, Chpt. 4.

**Oct. 14: Exchange Rates and Financial Crises**

*Debate: Argentina*


Oct. 19: Capital Controls and Globalization


Oct. 21: Debt and Structural Adjustment

**Debate: Greece**


Oct. 26: Development and the IFIs


Oct. 28: From the ECSC to The European Union


Nov. 2: EMU and the Euro Crisis

**Debate: ECB**

Stone, Controlling Institutions, Chpt. 6

Nov. 4: Exam
Nov. 9: EU Expansion

**Debate: Ukraine and the EU**


Nov. 11: The EU as a Political System


Nov. 16: International Law and Human Rights


Nov. 18: International Law and Human Rights


Nov. 23: International Courts

**Debate: ICC v. Israel on the Second Gaza War, 2014**

Hurd, Chpts. 8, 9.


Nov. 25: No class (Thanksgiving)

Nov. 30: UN Conventions

Hurd, Chpt. 7.


Dec. 2: Environmental Institutions

*Debate: Climate Change*


Dec. 4: The World Bank


Dec. 7: Informal International Organizations


Stone, *Controlling Institutions*, Chpt. 10.


Dec. 9: No class

Dec. 14, 5:00: Final Paper due for W students

Dec. 17, 12:30: Final Exam