Purpose of the course: This is an advanced course intended for Ph.D. students. The course conducts a broad survey of the field, focusing on recent developments in the theory of international organization and making use of historical examples from a range of substantive issue areas.

Course Requirements: Each student writes a data-based research paper, described below. A draft of the paper is due Monday, December 6, at 5:00 pm, and the final version is due December 17 at 12:00 noon. There will be opportunities to present versions of the paper during the semester. There will be a take-home final exam, due December 20 at 4:00 pm. Grading: 1/3 class participation, 1/3 final paper, 1/3 final.

Research Papers: Although the papers are short (no more than 25 pages, please), the standards are high. The papers are expected to formulate a hypothesis, ground it in appropriate literature, illustrate an argument or puzzle using qualitative evidence, and test the hypothesis using quantitative evidence.

Books:

**Course Outline:**

**Sept. 10: Overview**


**Sept. 17: Public Goods and Transaction Costs**


**Sept. 24: Institutional Design**


**Oct. 1: Delegation and Agency**


Oct. 8: Credibility and Institutional Effectiveness


Oct. 15: No Class

Oct. 22: Informal Governance


Oct. 29: Voting in the UN Security Council and the EU


Nov. 5: Institutional Change in the European Union


**Nov. 12: The WTO**


**Nov. 19: International Law and Domestic Politics**


**Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Break**

**Dec. 3: International Law and Courts**


**Dec. 10: No Class**