In this course, we will read, discuss, and engage the modern literature on international institutions, regimes, and organizations. The focus will be on intergovernmental institutions and agreements. International politics is increasingly institutionalized in all issue-areas. Understanding the dynamics of international conflict and cooperation therefore requires that we understand the sources and consequences of institutionalization.

The course will be theory-driven, with the first few weeks devoted to studying theoretical frameworks used by international relations scholars to understand institutions. Then we will move into empirical applications of these theories. We will address most of the major issue-areas in international politics, including political economy, security, and environmental issues.

My goal in this course is to encourage you to develop your own ideas for research and writing. To that end, the last week of class is set aside for presentation of research proposals by students. The assignments for the course are also designed to move you toward identifying researchable topics for study, preparing a research proposal, and writing a research paper.

Readings

All of the assigned articles should be easily accessible on line. Please let me know if you have any problems finding the assigned readings. You may find it useful to purchase the following 5 books. These books have been ordered at the University Bookstore. They should also be easy to purchase online, and have been requested for reserve.

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## Requirements

Discussion questions will be posted on learn@uw by the Thursday before class. Students will be asked to select two questions for which they will take responsibility for beginning the discussion. Students should come to class having completed the readings and being prepared to participate fully in discussion.

2 page identification of research topic due March 10

5-10 page research design paper due April 28

Research paper due May 12

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## Course schedule and readings

**January 27**  *Introduction*

**February 3**  *Background and general theory*

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony* (1984, 2005), chps. 1, 4-7 (pp. 5-17, 49-134)


**February 10**  *Theoretical developments*


Beth A. Simmons. 1998. “Compliance with International Agreements.” *Annual Review of Political Science* 1: 75-93


**February 17**

*Delegation models*


Hawkins et. al, chapters 1, 5, 7, 8


**February 24**

*Institutional design*


March 3  

**International trade**


March 10  

**International financial institutions**


Research topic due


March 24  
**Alliances and conflict**


March 31  
**The United Nations Security Council**


April 7  

*Institutional effects: civil and political rights*


April 14  

*Environmental issues*


April 21  
*No class: work on research design*

April 28  
*Socialization*  
*Research design due*


May 5  
*Student presentation of research designs*
May 12    Paper due