Course overview
This course examines the politics of global governance, also known as the study of international organizations. Much interaction among states in the contemporary world, whether they are dealing with security issues, economic issues, or social issues, is organized by international institutions and organizations. This research class on global governance is intended to familiarize you with some of the major international organizations (IOs) that have a profound effect on patterns of international cooperation and conflict in these issue-areas. This class will provide you the chance to develop your own research project. It integrates training in the resources available in the UW-Madison library, and two writing projects. The focus of this class will be both theoretical and empirical. You will learn about the origins, characteristics, and functions of IOs including the United Nations (UN), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank. My goal for this course is to provide you with an understanding of how IOs operate and how they influence patterns of conflict and cooperation.

Course requirements
Students are expected to attend all lectures and library sessions, to participate actively in discussion sections, to meet three times with a Writing Fellow, to complete the assigned readings prior to class, and to complete all written assignments on time.

Grades for this course will be based on a research design paper, a research paper, a final examination, participation in discussion sections, and a class presentation.

- **Research design paper (15%)**: We will begin discussing research design the first day of class. You will choose a research topic related to the design or effects of international organizations. A first draft of a 2-3 page research design paper is due at 5:00 pm on
Wednesday, June 25. You will meet the following week with a Writing Fellow to discuss this paper, and a final draft is due at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 7.

- **Research paper (30%)**: The research design paper will be integrated into a final research paper, 10-15 pages long. A first draft of this paper is due at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 16. You will meet with a Writing Fellow the following week to discuss this paper, and have a final short session with a Writing Fellow on Thursday, July 31. The final paper is due at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 6.
- **Final examination (25%)**: A final examination will be held during your discussion section on Thursday, August 7. The format will be short essay questions.
- **Section participation (20%)**: You are expected to attend discussion sections and to participate actively in them.
- **Class presentation (10%)**: You will make a 5-minute presentation to the class about your research paper and answer follow-up questions about it.

**Readings**
The following book is required for the course and is available at the University Bookstore and via online sellers:


Please note that the Hurd book is also available as a Kindle ebook at a reduced cost. If you find a used copy of the first edition of the Hurd book for a lower price, that should also be acceptable.

In addition, there are a number of articles available on LearnUW or online via the links in this syllabus. Reserve readings are marked with an asterisk (*). **Please note that these readings are also required and will be of equal importance.**

**Important notes/class policies:**

**Cheating** and **plagiarism** are very serious offenses that will not be tolerated in the course. You will receive a failing grade for the class, and the reason for the grade will be noted in your transcript.

**Communication**: You have all been assigned a @wisc.edu email address. **Please use this address for all correspondence regarding the course.** All messages sent to you regarding the course will go to your @wisc.edu address. **All documents that you upload to the course website must be in .doc, .docx, or .pdf format.**

**Class schedule and readings:**

**June 16, Background: Introduction to International Law and Norms; discussion of research design**

- Hurd chps. 1 and 2
June 18: Human Rights
  • Hurd chps. 8 and 9

June 19 (discussion section): Possible research topics, further discussion of research design

June 23: Development and Labor
  • Hurd chp 4, pp. 81-100
  • Hurd chp. 7

June 25: Environment (short lecture) and first library session, overview

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  • DRAFT OF RESEARCH DESIGN PAPER DUE

June 26 (discussion section): Kazakhstan’s role in international organizations

June 30 and July 2: Individual meetings with Writing Fellows

No discussion section July 3, Independence Day holiday

July 7: Security Institutions

  • Hurd chp. 6
  • RESEARCH DESIGN PAPER DUE

July 9: Short review / catch-up session, second library session

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July 10 (discussion section): Simulation part 1

July 14: International Trade
  • Hurd chp. 3
July 16: Monetary Regimes

- Hurd chp. 4, pp. 71-80
- **DRAFT RESEARCH PAPER DUE**

July 17 (discussion section): Simulation part 2

July 21 and 23: Individual meetings with Writing Fellows

July 24 (discussion section): Third library session, work on bibliography

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July 28: The European Union

- Hurd chp. 10

July 30: Student presentations

July 31 (discussion section): Short individual meetings with Writing Fellows

August 4: Student presentations

August 6: The Future of Global Governance; review for final examination

- **FINAL RESEARCH PAPER DUE**

August 7 (discussion section): Final exam