Objective: The course is designed to examine the origins, development, functions and problems of international organizations. We will inquire into the politics involved in the life of these entities, with special emphasis on the U.N. and the E.U. Other varieties of international organization: governmental and non-governmental, regional and issue-specific institutions, will also be examined. At the end of the semester it is expected that the student should be able to identify, understand, analyze and assess the increasingly important role played by I.O.’s in the contemporary world.

Texts: The following books are required readings and available for purchase:

- Thomas G. Weiss: The U.N. and Changing World Politics

- Paul F. Diehl: The Politics of Global Governance
  Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010

Student Responsibilities: Attendance in ALL class sessions is required and active participation in class discussion is encouraged. Students should read on-going information concerning I.O.’s on a regular basis and be able to select an organization of your choice for your research paper assignment.

Exams, Papers, and Grades: There will be an early take-home exam, an in-class midterm and a take-home final. In addition, students will write a research paper (7-10 pp) and present findings later in the semester. In your choice for an organization, **DO NOT SELECT THE UN OR THE EU**, which serve as sources of most of our examples. Your final grade will be determined according to this formula:

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Lecture Outline and Reading Assignments

Jan. 15 - 24  
Course Intro: Role, Types, Memberships and Contemporary Condition  
Readings: Diehl, Intro & Chap. 5  
Weiss, Preface, Foreword, Intro

Jan. 27 - 29  
History and Development/Give Out Take Home exam  
Readings:

Jan. 31 - Feb. 03  
The Domestic Context

Feb. 07  
**Take Home Exam Due!**

Feb. 05 - 19  
The Legal Framework/Institutions  
Readings: Weiss, viii

Feb. 21 - Mar. 04  
Decision Making and Consensus Building  
Readings: Diehl, Part 2

Mar. 10  
**Midterm Exam (in class)**

Mar. 12 - 17  
The Problem of Leadership and Finance  
Readings: Diehl, Chap. 4 - 5

Mar. 19 - 28  
I.O.’s and the Quest for Peace and Security  
Readings: Diehl, Chap. 7 - 9  
Weiss, Chap. 1 - 4

April 02 - 07  
I.O.’s and Economic Development  
Readings: Diehl, Chap. 10 - 12  
Weiss, Chap. 9 - 11

April 09 - 11  
I.O.’s and Socio-Cultural Objectives  
Readings: Diehl, Chap. 13 - 17  
Weiss, Chap. 6 - 8

April 21  
Begin Presentations  
The Future/Visibility of I.O.’s  
Readings: Weiss, Conclusion  
Diehl, Part 6
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