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International Organizations and Law

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

The primary purposes of this course are:

1. To examine some of the theoretical and historical foundations of international integration and interdependence.
- 2 To evaluate the contemporary characteristics and roles of international organizations, institutions, and law as the primary instruments of international integration and interdependence.

The idea and practice of integration at the international level are not new. As long as there have been international actors, in the broadest sense of the term, there have been attempts at establishing some patterns in their relationship. However, the establishment of the modern nation-state system has clearly contributed to greater disagreements about the effectiveness of integration as a tool for the management of international relations. During this semester, we will examine these controversies with the hope of understanding future roles of international organizations and law in the management of international relations.

TEXTS:

1. Oona Hathaway and Harold Koh, Foundations of International Law and Politics, New York: Foundation Press; 2005.
2. P. Baehr and L.Gordenker, The United Nations at the end of the 1990's; 3rd ed., New York: St. Martin's Press; 1999

REFERENCES: To be used for the preparation of individual case presentations and discussions on the Laws of War:

1. The attached bibliographical list.
2. The American Journal of International Law and its companion publication: International Legal Materials.
3. Geneva Conventions (1 though 4) and additional Protocols (I though III). These texts are available at <http://www.icrc.org/ihl.nsf/WEBCONFULL>.

COURSE CONDUCT AND EVALUATION POLICY:

All students are required to attend lecture sessions regularly, participate in class discussions effectively, and present their assigned cases on time. (A list of the cases is attached.)

Course grades will be determined as follows:

- 1.Participation in class discussions 20% of the grade.
2. A written mid-term examination (July 24) 40% of the grade.
3. A non-comprehensive final examination (August 10)..... 40% of the grade.

Failure to take your mid-term exam on the scheduled date will result in a failing grade, unless you have a **legitimate and compelling excuse**. There will not be any written make-up exams. Oral Mid-term exams (absolutely no make-ups for the final exam) will be arranged for those with such excuses.

COURSE OUTLINE:

Note: The following topics and dates are subject to minor changes, if necessary, to accommodate your needs and interests.

July 10 Introduction and Overview

PART I : INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

July 11 &12 International Integration: Some Theoretical and Historical Observations

**-Required Reading: Baehr, Chapter 1.
Hathaway, Chapters IIA, B and C.**

July 13 International Governmental Organizations: Basic Principles and Structures

- Required Reading: Baehr, Chapters 2 & 3.

July 17, 18 & 19 International Governmental Organizations: Functions

- Collective Security
- Promotion of socio-economic welfare
- Promotion of individual and collective rights
- Peaceful settlements of conflicts

-Required Reading: Baehr, chapters 4, 7 & 5 (in this order)

July 20 International Integration: Problems and Prospects

- Required Reading: Baehr, chapter 8

July 24 Written Mid-term Exam

PART II: INTERNATIONAL LAW

June 25 International Law: Nature, Sources, Subjects, and Status

- Required Reading: Hathaway, III A & B.

June 26 & 27 Jurisdictional Issues Relating to the Laws of the Seas, Space, and of Treaties

- Required Reading: Hathaway, Chapters IV C.

July 31 & August 1 The Individual in International Law, Immunities & Humanitarian Laws

- **Required Reading; Hathaway, Chapters IV A and D.**

August 2 The Laws of War

- **Required Reading: Geneva Conventions (1-4) and Protocols (I-III)**

August 3 International Criminal Laws and the United States

- **Required Reading: Hathaway, Chapter IV E & F.**

August 7 & 8 **Case Presentations**

August 9 Review Session

August 10 **Final Examination**

Good luck and have a successful semester!!!

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CASES - 2006

The S.S. Lotus

Blackmer v. the United State (1932)

United States v. Aluminum Company of America

Nottebaum Case (1955)

The Baja California

Case Concerning Oil Platforms (Iran v. Unites States, 2003)

Hamdi V. Rumsfeld (2004)

Arcaya v. Paez

U.S. v. First National City Bank

Rich v. Naviera Vacuba

Dralle v. Republic of Czechoslovakia

Fisheries Case (UK v. Norway, 1951)

The Schooner Exchange v. M'Faddon (1812)

William E. Chapman Claim (U.S. f. Mexico, 1930)

Rosado F. Civiletti (1980)

Aegean Sea Continental Shelf Case (Greece v. Turkey)

Asylum Case (Columbia v. Peru)

Banco National de Cuba v. Sabbatino

Dreyfus v. Von Finck

Eastern Greenland Case (Denmark v. Norway)

Irene Roberts Case (U.S. v. Venezuela)

Missouri v. Holland

Piggioli Case (Italy v. Venezuela)

Schooner Exchange

Texaco and Asiatic Oil Co. V. Libyan Republic