International Organization
POLI 4042
Spring 2019
12:30-1:20 MWF
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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.

Textbook: Karns & Mingst: International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global
 Governance 3
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 Edition; Lynne Rienner Publishers Inc., 2015

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 t0 0 17.t7Tm
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Lecture Outline and Reading Assignments

Jan. 09-18 Course Intro: Role, Types, Theories and Contemporary Condition
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 1, 2

Jan. 23-28 History and Development/Give Out Take Home exam
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 3

Jan. 30-Feb. 04 The Domestic Context/Membership
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 5, 6

Feb. 08 (Fri.) Take Home Exam Due

Feb. 08-18 The Legal Framework/Institutions
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 4, 5, 6

Feb. 20-27 Decision Making and Consensus Building

Mar. 01 (Fri.) Midterm Exam (in class)

Mar. 08-15 The Problem of Leadership and Finance / Discuss Research Topics

Mar. 18-27 I.O.’s and the Quest for Peace and Security
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap.7

Mar. 29-Apr. 01 I.O.’s and Economic Development
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 8, 9

Apr. 03-05 I.O.’s and Socio-Cultural Objectives / Give out Take-Home Exam
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 10, 11

April 08-22 Begin Presentations
 The Future / Visibility of I.O.’s / Crisis & Uncertainty
 Readings: Karns & Mingst, Chap. 12

April 22 Research Papers Due

April 24-26 Return Paper/Course Evaluation/Pre-Final Scores
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