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**PART 1:
INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION, COURSE DESCRIPTION
AND TEACHING METHODS**

1.1 General information

Template

- Full course title: International Organizations
- Type of course: Elective
- Level of course [B.A.]
- Year of study: 4th
- Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3
- Name of lecturer(s) and office hours:
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1.2 Course aims and learning outcomes

The aim of the course is to provide students with foundational knowledge and sound understanding of international organizations as actors on the world arena, to introduce students to key principles of their functioning, including the respective policy-making and decision-taking mechanisms, to orient students to perceive their role in modern politics and multilateral diplomacy, to provide students with acute insights into the working processes of different types of international organizations.

Learning outcomes:

By the end of this course students should be able to:

- comprehend the historical evolution and genesis of international organizations;
- understand the role and place of international organizations in world politics and the modern system of diplomacy;
- distinguish between different types of international organizations and specifics of their functioning;
- analyze the activity of given international organizations with regard to current geopolitical juncture and the key challenges in international affairs;
- perform applied case studies of international organizations' activity with recourse to an interdisciplinary and system approach;
- critically evaluate and qualitatively estimate the potential of international organizations in crisis management;
- consider the recent trends in development of international organizations taking into account the newest studies on the topic;
- work with the information resources of international organizations, including websites, press releases, yearbooks and specialized literature;
- realize the specifics of working in an international organization, professional and soft skills necessary for this type of occupation;
- acquire independent learning ability required for continuing professional study of the subject.

1.3 Course requirements and grading plan

Course requirements

Students will be required to attend not less than 90% of classes and be prepared for class discussions. Conscientious reading of the assigned materials is compulsory. Students will also be required to prepare one essay and submit it in time.

Grading plan

- **Class participation–5%**
Students are expected to attend all the lectures seminars and participate in class discussions; since the course is highly interactive, it is essential that students attend the seminars having read the materials for that day's class.
- **In-class tests – 25%**
Students will write three tests during the semester. Dates of test classes are defined by the instructor and communicated to the students at the first class of the respective course.
- **Response papers – 5%**
The students are expected to submit response papers to the readings at least one day before the seminar class. Such papers should include descriptions of the reading's main points, hypotheses, research strategies, and student's own point view on a topic or problem concerned. Response papers help substantially to improve the discussion quality at seminars.
- **In-class issue presentation–10%**
Such a presentation (up to 15 minutes) is performed by each student at least once in the term. The presentation will be based on the week's additional readings. The presenter should supply a brief summary of the argument but offer a critical interpretation of the reading by drawing out the key ideas of the text, linking them with others already covered, and registering agreements and disagreements. The presenter should also attempt to consider how the given argument could be framed differently. A few critical questions should further be offered for the class to discuss collectively. The presenter will be given a short written feedback after the presentation, including the grade, which can be followed up by consultation during office hours.
- **Essay in-class presentation – 5%**
The essay is to be presented and consequently discussed at a seminar.
- **Oral exam – 50% (in class, 30 minutes).**

PART 2. COURSE CONTENT

2.1 Types of work

Types of work	Academic hours
Total	108
Total for lectures, seminars and written exam	34
Lectures	16
Seminars	18
Homework	74
Written and oral home assignments	36
Preparation for lectures, seminars and written exam	34
Written tests and/or exam	4

2.2. Course content and readings by topic

Topic 1. Theoretical and methodological framework of international organization studies

Lecture 1.1. International organizations as actors on the world arena.

Summary:

Interdisciplinary and system approach to the subject;

Definitions and different concepts of international organizations;

Typology and classification of international organizations;

Analyzing and modelling an international organization's functioning: main criteria, objectives and organizational structure;

Role and place of international organizations in modern international relations and multilateral diplomacy.

Seminar 1.1. Model of an international organization and its applicability.

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Gutner T. International Organizations in World Politics. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 304 p.
 - 2) The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World. 5th edition. Brian Frederking and Paul F. Diehl, eds. – Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2015. 431 p.
 - 3) International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance. 3rd edition. Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst, and Kendall W. Stiles. – Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2015. 671 p.
 - 4) The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy. Costas M. Constantinou, Pauline Kerr and Paul Sharp, eds. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 684 p.
- Internet resources:
 - 1) UIA. Union of International Organizations. The Yearbook of International Organizations. <http://www.uia.org/yearbook>
 - 2) United States Institute for Peace. International Organizations. <http://www.usip.org/publications/international-organizations>
 - 3) Jean and Alexander Heard Library. Resources on International Organizations and NGOs: General Sites. <http://researchguides.library.vanderbilt.edu/GOVT/PSCI/internatlorgs>

Lecture 1.2. History of international organizations.

Summary:

Theoretical and ideological background of international organizations;
Evolution of the idea of an international organization in political science;
Prototypes of international organizations and their appearance *ad litteram*;
Genesis of international organizations and their evolution with regard to changing geopolitical and economic reality;
Recent trends in international organizations' development.

Seminar 1.2. International organization in the Realist, Liberalist, Neomarxist and Constructivist paradigms of international relations.

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
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 - 4) The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy. Costas M. Constantinou, Pauline Kerr and Paul Sharp, eds. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 684 p.
- Internet resources:
 - 1) Oxford bibliographies. Realism. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0042.xml>
 - 2) Oxford bibliographies. Liberalism. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0060.xml>
 - 3) Oxford bibliographies. Marxism. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0041.xml>
 - 4) Oxford bibliographies. Constructivism. <http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780199743292/obo-9780199743292-0061.xml>

Topic 2. United Nations as the most prominent international organization

Lecture 2.1. United Nations: institutional aspects, core mechanisms, new challenges.

Summary:

Institutional aspects and core mechanisms: prerequisites of establishment and brief history, membership, UN Charter, principal organs, subsidiary organs, UN System Agencies;
Activity: peacekeeping and security, promoting human rights, sustaining economic development and humanitarian assistance, supplementary tasks;
Negotiations within the UN;
Estimations of UN capacities and its potential as mediator, peacekeeper and the world's chief intergovernmental organization;
Criticism and call for UN reforms;
New challenges and role in contemporary crises management.

Seminar 2.1. Modelling the functioning of the UN and examining its role in crisis management (Ukraine, Syria, Iran, North Korea and others).

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Basic Facts about the United Nations. – New York: United Nations, 2014. 294 p.
 - 2) Fasulo L. An Insider's Guide to the UN. 3rd Edition. – Yale: Yale University Press, 2015. 320 p.
 - 3) The United Nations and Changing World Politics. 8th Edition. Thomas G. Weiss, David P. Forsythe, Roger A. Coate, and Kelly-Kate Pease. – Boulder: Westview Press, 2016. 424 p.
 - 4) The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy. Costas M. Constantinou, Pauline Kerr and Paul Sharp, eds. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 684 p.
 - 5) The United Nations in the 21st Century. 5th Edition. Karen A. Mingst, Margaret P. Karns, and Alynna J. Lyon. – Boulder: Westview Press, 2016. 360 p.
 - 6) Meisler S. United Nations: a History. – New York: Grove Press, 2011. 448 p.
 - 7) Mickolus E., Brannan T. Coaching Winning Model United Nations Teams A Teacher's Guide. – Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press, 2013. 232 p.
 - 8) The United Nations in the 21st Century. 5th Edition. Karen A. Mingst, Margaret P. Karns, and Alynna J. Lyon. – Boulder: Westview Press, 2016. 360 p.
- Internet resources:
 - 1) United Nations. <http://www.un.org/>
 - 2) United Nations Foundation. <http://www.unfoundation.org/>
 - 3) Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations. <http://russiaun.ru/en>
 - 4) Moscow International Model United Nations. <http://modelun.ru/?lang=en>
 - 5) The EU and Multilateral Crisis Management: Assessing Cooperation and Coordination with the UN. Lorenzo Fioramonti, Maxi Schoeman and Gerrit Olivier. http://mercury.uni-koeln.de/fileadmin/user_upload/E-paper_no_19_2012.pdf
 - 6) Rethinking EU-UN cooperation in international crisis management: Lisbon and beyond. Luis N. González Alonso. http://dseu.lboro.ac.uk/Documents/Policy_Papers/DSEU_Policy_Paper09.pdf

Lecture 2.2. International organizations of the UN system.

Summary:

Economic agenda of the UN: current state of affairs and key challenges;

Specialized economic agencies: International Monetary Fund, International Labour Organization, United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

World Bank Group: founding as a part of the Bretton Woods system, organizational structure and executive bodies, World Bank Group agencies, evaluations of impact on economic development and ostracism, latest changes and trends;

Specialized scientific, cultural and social organizations: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development;

Bodies working on transport and communication issues: International Civil Aviation Organization, International Maritime Organization, International Telecommunication Union, Universal Postal Union;

Bodies working on other issues: International Atomic Energy Agency, World Tourism Organization, World Meteorological Organization.

Seminar 2.2. Comparative analysis of specialized UN agencies' institutional framework.

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Lavelle K. Legislating International Organization: The US Congress, the IMF, and the World Bank. – New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. 259 p.
 - 2) Browne S. United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Industrial Solutions for a Sustainable Future. – New York: Routledge, 2012. 151 p.
 - 3) ILO Publications Catalogue 2015. – Geneva: ILO, 2015. 106 p.
 - 4) IMF Financial Operations 2016. – Washington: IMF, 2016. 179 p.
 - 5) World Bank. A Guide to the World Bank. 3rd Edition. – Washington: World Bank, 2011. 292 p.
 - 6) Gutner T. International Organizations in World Politics. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 304 p.
 - 7) World Heritage Sites: A Complete Guide to 1,007 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. 6th Edition. – Paris: UNESCO, 2014. 936 p.
 - 8) Birkbeck C.D. The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO): A Reference Guide. – Massachusetts: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016. 313 p.
 - 9) World health statistics 2016. Monitoring health for the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). – Geneva: WHO, 2016. 136 p.
 - 10) FAO Statistical Pocketbook 2015. – Rome: FAO, 2015. 236 p.
 - 11) International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance. 3rd edition. Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst, and Kendall W. Stiles. – Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2015. 671 p.
 - 12) Weber L. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). – Alphen aan den Rijn: Wolters Kluwer, 2015. 212 p.
- Internet resources:
 - 1) International Monetary Fund. <http://www.imf.org/>
 - 2) International Labour Organization. <http://www.ilo.org/>
 - 3) United Nations Industrial Development Organization. <https://www.unido.org/>
 - 4) World Bank Group. <http://www.worldbank.org/>
 - 5) Doing Business. Russian Federation. <http://www.doingbusiness.org/data/exploreeconomies/russia>
 - 6) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. <http://en.unesco.org/>
 - 7) World Intellectual Property Organization. <http://www.wipo.int/>
 - 8) Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. <http://www.fao.org/>
 - 9) International Civil Aviation Organization. <http://www.icao.int/>
 - 10) International Maritime Organization. <http://www.imo.org/>
 - 11) International Telecommunication Union. <http://www.itu.int/>
 - 12) Universal Postal Union. <http://www.upu.int/>
 - 13) International Atomic Energy Agency. <https://www.iaea.org/>
 - 14) World Tourism Organization. <http://www2.unwto.org/en>
 - 15) World Meteorological Organization. <http://www.wmo.int/>

Topic 3. International economic organizations

Lecture 3.1. World Trade Organization (WTO): establishment, current activity and prospects for development.

Summary:

World Trade Organization (WTO): brief history, principles of the WTO trading system, functions and organizational structure, dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO, accession and membership, Russia's accession to the WTO, Doha Agenda and future of the WTO;

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Bank for International Settlements (BIS): brief history, objectives, activities, organizational structure, membership; Regional and sub-regional banks of development; Typology and variety of sectoral and regional economic organizations and multilateral cooperation frameworks.

Seminar 3.1. Case studies: WTO disputes (1) and Analysis of a sectoral economic organization's activity on the example of the International Coffee Organization (2).

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Gutner T. International Organizations in World Politics. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 304 p.
 - 2) The World Trade Organization. Law, Practice, and Policy. 3rd Edition. Mitsuo Matsushita, Thomas J. Schoenbaum, Petros C. Mavroidis, and Michael Hahn. – Oxford: Oxford International Law Library, 2015. 944 p.
 - 3) The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization. Text, Cases and Materials. 3rd Edition. Peter Van den Bossche and Werner Zdouc. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 1112 p.
 - 4) Carrol P., Kellow A. The OECD. A Study of Organisational Adaptation. – Massachusetts: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011. 320 p.
 - 5) Yago K. The Financial History of the Bank for International Settlements. – New York: Routledge, 2013. 240 p.
 - 6) Chorafas D. Basel III, the Devil and Global Banking. – London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 287 p.
 - 7) Ben-Artzi R. Regional Development Banks in Comparison. Banking Strategies versus Development Goals. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. 294 p.
 - 8) The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World. 5th edition. Brian Frederking and Paul F. Diehl, eds. – Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2015. 431 p.
- Internet resources:
 - 1) World Trade Organization. <https://www.wto.org/>
 - 2) The Legal Texts. The Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations. <https://www.hse.ru/data/2011/11/14/1272847001/LEGAL%20TEXTS%20ENG.pdf>
 - 3) A Handbook on the WTO Dispute Settlement System. https://www.hse.ru/data/2014/04/29/1322753805/Handbook%20DS_E.pdf
 - 4) OECD Statistics. <http://stats.oecd.org/>
 - 5) OECD Library. Statistics. <http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/statistics>
 - 6) OECD Data. <https://data.oecd.org/>
 - 7) International Coffee Organization. <http://www.ico.org/>
 - 8) International Coffee Traders. <http://www.intlcoffeetraders.com/>
 - 9) Black Gold. Economics of Coffee. <http://blackgoldmovie.com/economics-of-coffee>
 - 10) International Trade Centre. <http://www.intracen.org/>
 - 11) 22nd Annual Asia International Coffee Conference. Coffee Outlook. <http://www.asiainternationalcoffee.com/>

Topic 4. International organizations within regional integration groups

Lecture 4.1. International organizations as decision-taking and policy-making bodies of regional integration groups.

Summary:

History of regional economic integration;

Stages of regional economic integration;

European Union (EU): hybrid system of supranational and intergovernmental decision-making, seven principle decision-making bodies, agencies and other bodies of the European Union, reforms of the European Union institutional framework;

Eurasian Economic Union: history, key principles and objectives, institutional structure;

Institutional frameworks of such integration groups as North American Free Trade Agreement, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation;

Regionalism vs internationalization.

Seminar 4.1. Comparative analysis of regional integration groups' institutional frameworks.

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Keukeleire S., Delreux T. The Foreign Policy of the European Union. 2nd Edition. – London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. 408 p.
 - 2) The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy. Costas M. Constantinou, Pauline Kerr and Paul Sharp, eds. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 684 p.
 - 3) Pinder J., Usherwood S. The European Union: A Very Short Introduction. – Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013. 181 p.
 - 4) The European Union. Politics and Policies. 6th Edition. Jonathan Olsen and John McCormick. – Boulder: Westview Press, 2016. 380 p.
 - 5) Dinan D. Origins and Evolution of the European Union. 2nd Edition. – Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014. 440 p.
 - 6) Eurasian Economic Union Trade and Investment Agreements Handbook. Strategic Information and Basic Agreements. – Washington: International Business Publications, 2015. 300 p.
 - 7) Eurasian Economic Integration. Law, Policy and Politics. RilkaDragneva and KatarynaWolczuk eds. – Massachusetts: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2013. 256 p.
 - 8) Cora H. Regional Economic Integration and Globalization. – Washington: Createspace, 2016. 278 p.
 - 9)Batra A. Regional Economic Integration in South Asia. Trapped in Conflict? – New York: Routledge, 2012. 184 p.
 - 10) NAFTA at 20: The North American Free Trade Agreement's Achievements and Challenges. Edited by Michael J. Boskin. – Stanford: Hoover Institution Press, 2014. 184 p.
 - 11) Fredholm M. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Eurasian Geopolitics: New Directions, Perspectives, and Challenges (Asia Insights). – Copenhagen: NIAS Press, 2012. 304 p.
- Internet resources:
 - 1) European Commission. <http://ec.europa.eu/>
 - 2) European Parliament. <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/>
 - 3) European Council. <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/>
 - 4) Court of Justice of the European Union. <http://curia.europa.eu/>
 - 5) European Central Bank. <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/>
 - 6) European Court of Auditors. <http://www.eca.europa.eu/>
 - 7) European Union External Action. <https://eeas.europa.eu/>
 - 8) Eurasian Economic Union. <http://www.eaeunion.org/?lang=en>
 - 9) Eurasian Economic Commission. <http://www.eurasiancommission.org/en/>
 - 10) The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. http://www.mid.ru/en/main_en
 - 11) Russian International Affairs Council. <http://russiancouncil.ru/en/>
 - 12) North American Free Trade Agreement. <http://www.naftanow.org/>
 - 13) Association of Southeast Asian Nations. <http://asean.org/>

14) Info SCO. <http://infoshos.ru/en/>

Topic 5. Non-governmental and private international organizations

Lecture 5.1. Role of non-governmental international organizations on the world arena.

Summary:

Emergence of non-state actors and their role in world politics and economy;

Variety, typology and classification of non-governmental international organizations;

Rising influence of non-governmental international organizations on international policy issues.

Seminar 5.1. Case study of three different non-governmental international organizations.

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Lang S. NGOs, Civil Society, and the Public Sphere. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014. 288 p.
 - 2) International Organizations: The Politics and Processes of Global Governance. 3rd edition. Margaret P. Karns, Karen A. Mingst, and Kendall W. Stiles. – Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2015. 671 p.
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- Internet resources:
 - 1) UIA. Union of International Organizations. The Yearbook of International Organizations. <http://www.uia.org/yearbook>
 - 2) United States Institute for Peace. International Organizations. <http://www.usip.org/publications/international-organizations>
 - 3) Jean and Alexander Heard Library. Resources on International Organizations and NGOs: General Sites. <http://researchguides.library.vanderbilt.edu/GOVT/PSCI/internatlorgs>
 - 4) Amnesty International. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/>
 - 5) Médecins Sans Frontières. <http://www.msf.org/>

Topic 6. Professional dimension and human resources of international organizations

Lecture 6.1. Working in an international organization: who and how?

Summary:

Professional training of an international organization civil servant: competences, knowledge, soft skills;

Schools and study centers for future international organization workers;

Working conditions and careers prospects in different international organizations.

Seminar 6.1. Professiogramme of an international organization employee.

- Compulsory readings:
 - 1) Archer C. International Organizations. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
 - 2) Hurd I. International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.
- Further readings:
 - 1) Fasulo L. An Insider's Guide to the UN. 3rd Edition. – Yale: Yale University Press, 2015. 320 p.
 - 2) The Politics of Global Governance: International Organizations in an Interdependent World. 5th edition. Brian Frederking and Paul F. Diehl, eds. – Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2015. 431 p.

3) The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy. Costas M. Constantinou, Pauline Kerr and Paul Sharp, eds. – Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications Inc., 2016. 684 p.

- Internet resources:
 - 1) UN Job Finder. <http://unjobfinder.org/>
 - 2) International Organization Careers. <https://iocareers.state.gov/>
 - 3) Job opportunities in International Organizations.
http://europa.eu/youth/es/article/57/23665_en

2.3. Essay topics/Exam Questions

1. Definitions and different concepts of international organizations
2. Typology and classification of international organizations
3. Role and place of international organizations in modern international relations and multilateral diplomacy
4. Evolution of the idea of an international organization in political science
5. Prototypes of international organizations and their appearance *ad litteram*
6. Genesis of international organizations and their evolution with regard to changing geopolitical and economic reality
7. International organization in the Realist and Liberalist paradigms of international relations
8. International organization in the Neomarxist and Constructivist paradigms of international relations
9. Prerequisites of UN establishment and its brief history
10. UN Charter: overview and key points
11. UN principal organs: General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Secretariat, International Court of Justice, United Nations Trusteeship Council
12. UN System Agencies
13. Main objectives of the UN: peacekeeping and security, promoting human rights, sustaining economic development and humanitarian assistance, supplementary tasks
14. Negotiations within the UN
15. Estimations of UN capacities and its potential as mediator, peacekeeper and the world's chief intergovernmental organization
16. New challenges and role of the UN in contemporary crises management
17. International Monetary Fund
18. International Labour Organization
19. World Bank Group agencies: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation and International Development Association
20. World Bank Group agencies: International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency
21. Participation of Russia in the World Bank Group structures
22. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and World Intellectual Property Organization
23. Health, Food and Agricultural Issues: World Health Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization, World Food Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development
24. Transport and communication organizations: International Civil Aviation Organization, International Maritime Organization, International Telecommunication Union, Universal Postal Union
25. Specialized UN organizations: International Atomic Energy Agency, World Tourism Organization, World Meteorological Organization
26. Brief history of the WTO: General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, rounds and negotiations, founding, Marrakech agreement
27. Principles of the WTO trading system, functions and organizational structure;
28. Dispute settlement mechanisms of the WTO
29. Russia's accession and participation at the WTO
30. OECD: brief history, objectives, activities, organizational structure, membership

31. BIS: brief history, objectives, activities, organizational structure, membership
32. Regional banks of development
33. Typology and variety of sectoral and regional economic organizations and multilateral cooperation frameworks
34. Hybrid system of supranational and intergovernmental decision-making in the European Union
35. Key institutions of the European Union
36. Institutional framework of the Eurasian Economic Union, its executive bodies
37. Institutional frameworks of integration groups: North American Free Trade Agreement, Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
38. Variety, typology and classification of non-governmental international organizations
39. Professional training of an international organization civil servant: competences, knowledge, soft skills
40. Working conditions and careers prospects in different international organizations

2.4.Exam timing

- Fall semester tests – last week of December; exams January 10-25
- Spring semester tests – last week of May; exams June 1-25

2.5. Consolidated reading list (in alphabetic order)

Compulsory literature:

- 1) Archer C. *International Organizations*. 4th Edition. – London: Routledge, 2015. 185 p.
- 2) Hurd I. *International Organizations: Politics, Law, Practice*. 2nd Edition. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013. 306 p.

Supplementary literature:

- 1) Basic Facts about the United Nations. – New York: United Nations, 2014. 294 p.
- 2) Batra A. *Regional Economic Integration in South Asia. Trapped in Conflict?* – New York: Routledge, 2012. 184 p.
- 3) Ben-Artzi R. *Regional Development Banks in Comparison. Banking Strategies versus Development Goals*. – Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016. 294 p.
- 4) Birkbeck C.D. *The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO): A Reference Guide*. – Massachusetts: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2016. 313 p.
- 5) Browne S. *United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Industrial Solutions for a Sustainable Future*. – New York: Routledge, 2012. 151 p.
- 6) Carrol P., Kellow A. *The OECD. A Study of Organisational Adaptation*. – Massachusetts: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011. 320 p.
- 7) Chorafas D. *Basel III, the Devil and Global Banking*. – London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. 287 p.
- 8) Cora H. *Regional Economic Integration and Globalization*. – Washington: Createspace, 2016. 278 p.
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