

Kentucky State University
School of Professional Studies
School of Public Administration, Social Work and Criminal Justice
International Organizations Syllabus

Course: PUA 636-90 -Spring Semester 2014
3 academic credit hours

Course Title: "International Organizations: Focus on the United Nations and International Public Administration"

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Office Hours: By Appointment
Class Meets Mondays from 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Classroom: TBA

Mission Statements:

The Objectives and Learning Outcomes of the course support the Mission of the University, College and Division, and may be found at:
www.kysu.edu/about; www.kysu.edu/academics/collegesAndSchools/default.htm;
www.kysu.edu/academics/collegesAndSchools/collegeofartssocialsciencesandinterdisciplinarystudies/default.htm

Notice to Students with Disabilities:

Any student who requires an accommodation due to a documented disability may contact the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at 502-597-5076, or visit Hill Center, Suite 220C, to arrange for reasonable accommodations. **The student is required to obtain verification from the DRC and deliver the signed DRC document to the instructor specifying the accommodations.** The student is encouraged to complete this process at the beginning of the semester since an approval for accommodations is not retroactive. The accommodations become effective upon receipt of the DRC approval by the faculty member from the student.

Additional information concerning the DRC and accommodations can be found at:
www.kysu.edu/about/divisions/studentAffairsAndEnrollment/disabilityResourceCenter.htm.

Course Description: The main mission is to achieve KSU's mission to impart knowledge and skills in the area of public service. Although the course will discuss various international organizations, such as NATO, EU, African Union and the OAS, the main emphasis will focus upon the history, organization, administration and programs of the United Nations (UN), and its six organs, commissions and agencies. Special emphasis will be to highlight the major issues confronting the international organization

and the ability of its international public administrators (aka international civil servants) to effectively and efficiently identify and resolve various international problems that have local implications.

Course Learning Objectives:

Students will:

- 1) develop a knowledge of the major UN agencies, their programs and principal issues that they are confronting;
- 2) identify how economically developing and developed countries interact at the United Nations;
- 3) focus upon at least one UN agency and program that complements the student's professional area of public administration concentration and interest;
- 4) determine how the international public administrators at the UN are counterparts of public administrators at the local, state and federal levels in Kentucky and around the USA; and,
- 5) become familiar with a variety of international organizations.

Required Text

"Basic Facts About the United Nations: 2014," United Nations Department of Public Information, New York, NY, (2014)

Methodology: Course information will be presented through lectures, readings, class and critique participation, audio/visual presentations, and guest speakers.

Attendance: Any student that fails to attend a class will have the final grade reduced 3 points (for each class missed up to a maximum of 12 points), unless receiving prior permission and/or presenting a valid doctor's excuse. Arriving late or departing early, without valid documentation, will result in 1 point being deducted from the final grade.

Outside readings: Additional materials will be provided by professor.

Grading: The final grade will be based upon the following:

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| Attendance | 15 pts. | Grade Scale: |
| Critique/evaluation | 20 pts. | A 90-100 pts. |

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| Paper/Project | 15 pts. | B | 81-89 pts. |
| Mid-term | 20 pts. | C | 71-79 pts. |
| Final | <u>30 pts.</u> | D | 60-70 pts. |
| | 100 pts. | F | 59 and Below |

Course Schedule:

January 13- First class: Course Introduction.

January 20- No class. Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday

January 27- Basic Facts: Pages 3-28
- Present and discuss Critique #1

February 3 -Basic Facts: Pages 28-40
-Present and discuss Critique #2

February 10 -Basic Facts: Pages 40-57
- Present and discuss Critique #3

February 17 -Basic Facts: Pages 58-97
- Present and discuss Critique #4

February 24 -Basic Facts: Pages 97-118
-Present and discuss Critique #5
Class will be held in Paul Sawyer Public Library,
Community Room, 305 Wapping Street, Frankfort

March 3 Mid-Term Exam

March 10-15 SPRING BREAK-NO CLASS

March 17- Mid-term grades reported by 12:00 noon
Basic Facts: Pages 121-142
Present and discuss Critique #6

March 24- Basic Facts: Pages 142-169
Present and discuss Critique #7
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Community Room, 305 Wapping Street, Frankfort

March 31- Basic Facts: Pages 170-185
Present and discuss Critique #8

April 7 - Basic Facts: Pages 189-210
Present and discuss Critique #9

April 14 - Basic Facts: Pages 213-234
Present and discuss Critique #10

April 21 - Basic Facts: Pages 237-262

April 28 - Review course material

May 5 - FINAL EXAM

NOTE: The schedule is subject to revision at the discretion of the instructor.