

COURSE DESCRIPTION (Group C)

Course code	Course group	Volume in ECTS credits	Course valid from	Course valid to	Reg. No.
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Course level (study cycle)	Master
Semester the course is delivered	Autumn
Study form (face-to-face or distant)	Face-to-face

Course title in Lithuanian

Tarptautinės organizacijos

Course title in English

International Organizations

Short course annotation in Lithuanian

Kursas skirtas egzistuojančių tarptautinių organizacijų analizei, paremtai instituciniu požiūriu. Po istorinio įvado analizuojama Jungtinių Tautų sistema, Europos Sąjungos, Europos Tarybos, NATO instituciniai aspektai. Įtakingiausių organizacijų vaidmuo sprendžiant ginkluotus konfliktus pateikiami kaip atvejų studijos. Siekiant susipažinti su plačiu įvairių tipų organizacijų spektru, pateikiami jų atvejai.

Short course annotation in English

The course is aimed at comparative analysis of existing international organizations basing on institutional approach. After introduction to the historical development of international organization prior to World War II, system of United Nations is to be analyzed. Institutional aspects of functioning of European Union, Council of Europe, NATO, are to be studied. Activities of most influent organizations in solving particular armed conflicts are to be studied as cases. Then, cases of international organizations are to be presented and analyzed to get acquainted with broad spectrum of different types of them.

Prerequisites for entering the course

One of the courses on EU integration

Course aim

Enabling comparative analysis of international organizations, their roles and functions within international politics

Links between study programme outcomes, course outcomes and criteria of learning achievement evaluation

Study programme outcomes	Course outcomes	Criteria of learning achievement evaluation
To be prepared to perform practical work in the field of international relations and diplomacy using gained theoretical background.	To evaluate historic circumstances of emerging and developing international organizations	Analysis of historic context of emerging and developing international organizations
The ability to independently identify and analyse the main challenges in the practical sphere of international relations and diplomacy	To analyze and compare representation of the states and institutional influence in particular international organizations, their financial basis	Exhaustiveness of analysis of particular international organization
	To compare status, tasks, powers, and institutional design of international organizations such as European Union, Council of Europe, and NATO	Ability of comparing regional international organizations

	To evaluate exceptional position of the United Nations as global organization within international organizations context	Ability to explain universal nature of UN
	To evaluate developments and activities of international organizations	Evaluating developments and activities of international organizations
	To interpret role and functions of international organizations in the international politics	Through particular cases, interpreting role and functions of international organizations in the international politics

Link between course outcomes and content

Course outcomes	Content (topics)
To evaluate historic circumstances of emerging and developing international organizations	History of international organizations. League of Nations. United Nations. Growing number of international organizations.
To analyze and compare representation of the states and institutional influence in particular international organizations, their financial basis	Classification. Types of institutional structure. International organizations and problems of global economy: World Trade Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Labor Organization. International NGO's.
To compare status, tasks, powers, and institutional design of international organizations such as European Union, Council of Europe, and NATO	International organizations and security: NATO, OSCE. Activities within field of democracy and human rights: European Council, UN, European Union.
To evaluate exceptional position of the United Nations as global organization within international organizations context	UN. United Nations system.
To evaluate developments and activities of international organizations	UN. United Nations system. International organization and problems of global economic development: WTO, WB, IMF. ILO. International NGO's. International organizations and security: NATO, OSCE. International NGO's. International organizations and security: NATO, OSCE. Activities within field of democracy and human rights: European Council, UN, European Union. Representation of Lithuania in international organizations.
To interpret role and functions of international organizations in the international politics	Roles and functions of international organizations.

Study (teaching and learning) methods

Lectures, seminars, individual work

Methods of learning achievement assessment

Testing, observation of seminar discussion and evaluating

Distribution of workload for students (contact and independent work hours)

Lectures – 30 h.

Seminars – 15 h.

Independent work (incl. preparation to mid-term and final exams) – 100 h.

Structure of cumulative score and value of its constituent parts

Seminar results – 25 per cent, mid-term exam – 25 per cent, written exam – 50 per cent of final mark.

Recommended reference materials

No.	Publication year	Authors of publication and title	Publishing house	Number of copies in		
				University library	Self-study rooms	Other libraries
<i>Basic materials</i>						
1.	2011	Archer C. International Organizations	Routledge			
2.	1997	United Nations and Lithuania				
3.	2000	Ryan S. The United Nations and International Politics	Macmillan Press			
4.	1998	The Council of Europe. Activities and Achievements	Council of Europe			
<i>Supplementary materials</i>						
	2001	Žalimas D., Žaltauskaitė-Žalimienė S., Petrauskas Z., Saladžius J. Tarptautinės organizacijos.	Justitia			

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