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PSPA Dept.
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Course number: P.S.P.A 233

Course title: International and Regional Organizations

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Objectives:

- To provide the student with an adequate and detailed knowledge of the U.N.O principles, objectives, functions and achievement.
- To give them clear examples of some geographical and functional regional organizations.

Teaching Method:

- A. Lectures and class discussion
- B. Presentations.

Textbook:

Leroy Bennett, International Organizations.

Grading Policy:

First exam and/or presentation	20%
Midterm exam	30%
Class attendance and participation	15%
Final exam	35%

Syllabus

I. The descriptive part:

Week 1:

- Definition and historical development of an international organization

Week 2:

- The league of Nations : structure, functions and evaluation
- The UN.O : Historical development and the concept of membership

Week 3:

- The objectives and principles of the U.N
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Week 4:

- The General Assembly : structure and functions
- The security Council: structure and functions

Week 5:

- The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) : structure and functions
- The Trusteeship Council: structure and functions.

Week 6:

- The International Court of Justice: structure and functions
- The Secretary General

Week 7:

- Varieties of regionalism: structure and functions
- Varieties of regionalism

Midterm exam

II. The evaluative part:

Week 8:

- Pacific Settlement of disputes (Chap.6 resolutions)
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Week 9:

- Enforcement measures (Chap.7 resolutions).
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Week 10:

- Promotion of international social and economic cooperation
- Promotion of international law

Week 11:

- Decolonization.
- Respect for human rights.

Week 12:

- Regionalism and Universalism: relationship (art.51-54)
- Regionalism and Universalism: specialized agencies

Week 13:

- Reformation of the U.N.O : challenges and prospects
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Week 14:

- Revision (evaluative)
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Final exam