



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

PROGRAMME: B.A.LL.B.(Hons.) FYIC

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

EVEN SEMESTER (VIII) – ACADEMIC YEAR

SL. NO	COURSE CODE	COURSE TITLE	L	T	P	CR	CH
1	BL806.9 INTERNATIONAL LAW, SEMINAR PAPER-IV	LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS- II	4 PER WEEK		1 PER WEEK	4	

A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL806.9, INTERNATIONAL LAW, SEMINAR PAPER-IV, REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, IMF AND WORLD BANK

B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS 200)

C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH

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E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR. GITANJALI GHOSH

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Traditionally, international law was the law that governed the conduct of States in their relations with each other. Gradually, international law has also come to govern individuals, international organizations and even corporations. International organizations are playing a pivotal role in world politics and have developed to respond to the growing necessities of the international community and to govern the interrelationship between states. It is widely believed that international organizations are contributing to the maintenance of international peace and security and working towards bringing rule of law and democratic governance in international legal system.

In the light of the growing importance of international organizations in international law, it is not only desirable but also imperative for students to have a thorough knowledge of the subject. Hence, the primary objective of this course is to generate and sustain an interest to study this constituent of international law in the minds of the students.

As the students are already familiar with the basics of international law, this course will take their study one notch higher.

The objectives of the course, in particular, are as follows:

- Discuss all facets of regional organizations with students
- Elucidate on the Bretton Woods institutions
- Detailed understanding of the GATT and WTO regime

2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology shall aim at the generation of critical thinking among the students. The topic for a particular class shall be informed to the students beforehand and readings shall be assigned to them for the said topic. They are expected to have a basic idea about the topic prior to the class. Subsequent to a brief lecture on the topic, there shall be class discussion on the same as well as on the readings assigned. Pursuant to the class discussion, the teacher shall substantiate the issues raised and answer any questions posed or left unanswered. Debates shall also be organized at regular intervals.

3. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of the course, it is expected that the students shall:

- Comprehend the subject matter of the course
- Be able to analyze contemporary international organization related problems in the light of the concepts learnt
- Be able to articulate their ideas on the subject matter of the course
- Produce at least one research paper of publishable quality
- Desire to take up international law for further studies

4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD

The course shall be assessed for 200 marks. The examinations shall be closed book. Internal assessment shall carry 70% (140 marks) and external assessment shall carry 30% (60 marks).

2 Assignments of 20 marks each	40
Seminar	20
2 Class Tests of 35 marks each	70
Attendance	10
Semester End Examination	60

5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND SUB-MODULES)

MODULE-I

Regional Organizations – History, Constituent Instruments, Membership, Organs, Powers and Functions, Achievements and Challenges, Contemporary Issues

- European Union (EU)
- Council of Europe (CoE)
- Organization of American States (OAS)

MODULE-II

Regional Organizations – History, Constituent Instruments, Membership, Organs, Powers and Functions, Achievements and Challenges, Contemporary Issues

- Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- African Union (AU)
- Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
- League of Arab States

MODULE-III

Bretton Woods Institutions- World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- History
- Organizational structure
- Functions
- IMF Conditionality

- IMF Quotas
- Special Drawing Rights
- Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs)
- Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative
- Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP)
- Status, Privileges, and Immunities
- Criticism

MODULE-IV

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

- History
- Principles
- Rounds
- Dispute Settlement Mechanism

World Trade Organization (WTO)

- History
- Structure
- Agreements
- Dispute Settlement Body

6. PRESCRIBED READINGS

- Ademola Abass, *Regional Organisations and the Development of Collective Security* (Hart Publishing 2004) Chapter 1.
- Andreas Staab, *The European Union Explained* (Indiana University Press 2011) Parts One and Two.
- Martin J. Dedman, *The Origins and Development of the European Union 1945-95* (Routledge 1996).
- Diedre L. Badejo, *The African Union* (Chelsea House Publishers 2008) Chapters 1, 2 and 3.
- Cris E. Toffolo, *The Arab League* (Chelsea House Publishers 2008) Chapters 1, 2 and 3.
- Mark Beeson, *Institutions of the Asia-Pacific* (Routledge 2009) Chapters 1 and 2.
- Barbara Lee Bloom, *The Organization of American States* (Chelsea House Publishers 2008) Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.
- Autar Krishen Kaul, *Guide to the WTO and GATT* (3rd edn, Satyam Law International 2012) Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Richard Peet, *Unholy Trinity The IMF, World Bank and WTO* (2nd edn, Zed Books 2009) Chapters 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Peter Van den Bossche, *The Law and Policy of the World Trade Organization* (Cambridge University Press 2005).
- Douglas A. Irwin, Petros C. Mavroidis, Alan O. Sykes, *The Genesis of the GATT* (Cambridge University Press 2008).
- Christopher L. Gilbert and David Vines, *The World Bank* (Cambridge University

Press 2000).

INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS

European Union

- Treaty on European Union - Maastricht Treaty
- Treaty of Amsterdam
- Treaty of Nice
- Treaty of Lisbon
- Single European Act
- Merger Treaty - Brussels Treaty
- Treaties of Rome: EEC and EURATOM treaties
- Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community

Council of Europe

- Statute of the Council of Europe
- European Convention on Human Rights

Organization of American States

- Charter of the Organization of American States
- American Convention on Human Rights

African Union

- Constitutive Act of the African Union
- African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights
- Charter of the Organization of African Unity

Organization of Islamic Cooperation

- Charter of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation

Arab League

- Arab Charter on Human Rights
- Charter of Arab League

ASEAN

- Charter of the Association of SouthEast Asian Nations

SAARC

- SAARC Charter

IMF

- Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund

World Bank

- Articles of Agreement of the International Bank For Reconstruction And Development
- Articles of Agreement of the International Development Association
- Articles of Agreement of the International Finance Corporation
- Convention establishing the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

GATT and WTO

- The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- Marrakesh Declaration of 15 April 1994
- Agreement Establishing The World Trade Organization