



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM

PROGRAMME: LL.M.

DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED

ODD SEMESTER – ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

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1.	1.4 IL OP-I	LAW OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS	2			2	2

**A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: 1.4 IL OP-I LAW OF
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

B. COURSE CREDIT: 2 (TOTAL MARKS 100)

C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH

D. COURSE COMPILED BY: DR. GITANJALI GHOSH

E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR. GITANJALI GHOSH

1. OBJECTIVE OF STUDY

The objectives of the course are as follows:

- To provide students with an understanding of theoretical bases international organizations
- To discuss all facets of international and regional organizations with students
- To provide detailed understanding of international trade and financial institutions viz. Bretton Woods institutions, GATT and WTO regime
- To elucidate on the privileges and immunities of international organizations and to map their future

2. COURSE LEARNING OUTCOME

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 and produce at least one research paper of publishable quality
- Desire to take up international law for further studies

3. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

Module 1

Introduction to International Organizations

Definition, Characteristics and Classification
Historical Legacies and Influences of International Organizations
Legal Personality of International Organizations
Legitimacy of International Organizations
Their place in Contemporary World

Theories of International Organizations

Liberal Theory
Realist Theory
Neoliberalism and Neorealism Theory
Marxist Theory
Feminist Theory
Social Constructivism Theory
Critical Theory

Module 2

The League of Nations

History
Membership
Organs
Powers and Functions
Causes for failure

The UN System

History
Similarities and Dissimilarities with the League of Nations
Membership
Organs
Powers and Functions
Need for reform

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

Module 3

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

General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)

History
Principles
Rounds
Dispute Settlement Mechanism

World Trade Organization (WTO)

History
Structure
Agreements
Dispute Settlement Body

Non- Governmental Organizations (NGO's)

Historical Perspective of NGOs
Relationship between NGO's and IGO's
Status of NGOs
Influences of NGOs
Limits of NGOs

Module 4

International Organizations and the Law of Treaties

Definitions
Formation of Treaties
Reservations to Treaties
Invalidity of Treaties
Suspension and Termination of Treaties

Privileges and Immunities

Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations
Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies
Privileges and Immunities of Special Missions

Responsibility of International Organizations

Scope and Nature of Responsibility of International Organizations
Concept of Internationally Wrongful Act of International Organizations
Attribution of Conduct to International Organizations
Responsibility of International Organizations in connection with an Act of another State or International Organization
Breach of International Obligation
Consequences of Breach
Circumstances Precluding Wrongfulness
Reparations

4. PRESCRIBED READINGS

- JAN KLABBERS, AN INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL LAW (2d ed. Cambridge University Press 2009).
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