Syllabus
Fall 2014

International Institutions
Professor Hickey

Meeting time and place:

Room 205, 4:10-6PM Thursdays

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Office hours:

There are no set office hours. I will meet with you at your convenience. You can make an appointment by email, phone, or in person by seeing me before or after class. I ask that in making an appointment you have some idea how much time we will need for the meeting and some idea of the content of the meeting.

Course Description:

This is an upper level, international law, two credit, course that explores the legal role and status of international institutions. The course examines the history of international institutions, contrasts them with other international legal personalities (states, ngo’s, corporations, human beings etc.), and examines their creation and powers under international law. It also examines certain selected specific international organizations like the United Nations and its organs and the European Union. In light of the 2008 global financial crisis, the course will examine financial and economic international institutions like the WTO, the World Bank and the IMF.

Materials:

The class will use materials prepared especially for the course by the Professor. Volume One which will be used for the first third of the course will be available in time for assignments for the first day of class on August 21st. The other volumes will comprise be forthcoming soon thereafter. These are in the process of being updated and will be sent for binding and copying quite soon. Throughout the course there will be handouts as appropriate.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is required. A roll will be distributed at the beginning of each hour of class to be signed by the attending students. This roll will be the definitive evidence of your regular attendance. After 4 class hours of unexcused non-attendance, a student’s name will be forwarded to the Dean of
Students to deal with. At that point this becomes a matter between the administration and the student and not the professor. If a makeup class is needed because regular class was cancelled (bad weather etc.) no attendance will be taken in the makeup classes.

Computers:

Computer use in class is allowed. Computer use during class for any non-class related purposes – emails, facebook, twitter, games, surfing etc. – is not permitted.

Examination:

There will be an open book examination in this course of between 2 and 2 ½ hours. An old exam will be distributed later in the semester which will faithfully follow the format of your examination this semester.

Grades:

Your grade will be determined primarily by the examination. At the discretion of the Professor, your attendance and participation (or lack thereof) will also be taken into account in determining your final grade.

Assignments:

A Reading Assignment list will be distributed as soon as Volume One of the materials is ready to pick up from the photocopy room in the basement.