
Professor Helen V. Milner
Tuesdays, 1:30-4:20.

Prerequisite: Politics 551 or consent of the instructor.

This course will meet weekly as a seminar, with discussions initiated by students. Two students will be responsible at each class for introducing the readings and issues in them. In particular, they must also be ready to discuss one of the readings in detail, describing its methods and findings in critical perspective. Then we will have a general discussion. All students must do the readings.

The syllabus focuses first on concepts that are important for understanding international cooperation and later on several issue areas where cooperation is an issue. Each student will write four short discussion papers for circulation to the whole class, serve as a discussant on at least two occasions, and write a long research paper. It is expected that most of the papers will address a substantive puzzle involving cooperation in some field of international relations (security, environment, political economy, or human rights, for example), and will use concepts discussed in the course to analyze the relevant set of issues. Students are to consult with the instructor about a paper topic before spring break, and are to submit a one-page statement of topic by March 22.

The last session of the term will be devoted to discussions of the arguments that students propose to make in their papers. Again, brief papers will be circulated in advance and commentators will initiate the discussion.

Evaluations of student performance in the seminar will depend on the short papers, initial comments, and general participation in discussion, as well as on the long paper.

All required article readings are available on blackboard under weekly assignments. The book chapters are on reserve.

**Items are ones I assume you have already read (usually in POL551) so you should review them and use them as background.

Books to buy:


Week 1 (February 1): Research Design

Recommended:

** Week 2 (Feb 8): Anarchy and the Problem of International Cooperation **


Week 3 (Feb 15): Power and International Cooperation


Recommended:

Week 4 (Feb 22): International Institutions and Cooperation


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**Week 5 (March 1): Domestic Politics and International Cooperation**


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Week 6 (March 8): The (Rational) Design Of International Institutions for Cooperation


Recommended:
Week 7 (March 22):  Delegation and International Cooperation


Week 8 (March 29): Diffusion, Convergence and Contagion as Cooperation?


Recommended:

Week 9 (Apr 5): International Trade and Cooperation


Recommended:


**Week 10 (Apr 12): International Monetary Relations and Finance**


Recommended:

Week 11 (Apr 19): International Environmental Politics and Cooperation


Recommended:
Mitchell, Ronald B. (1994). "Regime Design Matters: Intentional Oil Pollution and


*Week 12 (April 26): Discussion of Students’ Papers.*