# Information sheet for the course International Organizations

University: Alexander Dubček University of Trenčín

**Faculty:** Department of Political Science

Course unit code: *PLTP27* Course unit title: *International Organizations* 

**Type of course unit:** compulsory

Planned types, learning activities and teaching methods:

Lecture: 2 hours weekly/26 hours per semester of study; face to face

Number of credits: 3

**Recommended semester:** the  $6^{th}$  semester in the  $3^{rd}$  year (full-time)

the 8<sup>th</sup> semester in the 4<sup>th</sup> year (part-time)

**Degree of study:** *I.* (Bachelor's)

**Course prerequisites:** none

#### **Assessment methods:**

Writing and handing in an assigned seminar work in a good quality, its presentation and subsequent participation in written exam. Credits are given only in case student meets all three criteria. If the student wants to improve his/her assessment after written exam, he/she can ask guarantor of the subject to be examined orally.

## **Learning outcomes of the course unit:**

By completing the course student has a basic knowledge about the international organizations as significant political actors in the development and stabilization of international relations and formation of international politics. He/she **is familiarized** with specific terminology, preconditions of IOs formation and basic criteria of classification, categorization and typologization of IOs. Student has knowledge about constituent phases of IOs historical development and about characteristics, goals, structure, functioning and activity of decisive IOs in the world.

On the basis of acquired knowledge student is **able** at the appropriate level **to understand**, **analyse and evaluate** functioning of crucial international organizations and also significance of their activities for the development and stabilization of conditions in international relations. Student has a complex picture of tasks and operations of the most significant organizations and their position in contemporary globalized world and in integrating regions. He/she have broadened knowledge about the significance of IOs 'activities within international politics and about their influence on real political processes at global scene.

## **Course contents:**

- 1. Introduction to the issue of international organizations
- 2. Characteristic of the IO.
- 3. Classification and typology of IOs according to UIA.
- 4. Another criteria of IOs´ classification.
- 5. Conditions of IOs' formation.
- 6. Characteristic of IOs' historical development.
- 7. Phases of IOs' development part 1.
- 8. Phases of IOs' development part 2.
- 9. International non-governmental organizations
- 10. International institutions and organizations according to public international law.
- 11. UN and its specialized agencies.
- 12. Presentation of selected crucial IOs.
- 13. Contemporary issues from relevant IOs´ activities.

### **Recommended of required reading:**

ARCHER, C.: International Organisations – Third Edition. London: Routledge, 2001.

BAŇOUCH, H. – FEDORKO, M.: Mezinárodní organizace. Brno : Masarykova univerzita,

2000.

JÍLEK, D.: Stručný nástin univerzálnich mezinárodních organizací. Brno : Masarykova univerzita, 1993.

KRIEGER, J.(ed.): The Oxford Companion to Politics of the World. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.

LYSÁK, L. – GREŠŠ M.: Medzinárodné organizácie. Bratislava : Ekonóm, 2005.

MRÁZ, S. – POREDOŠ, F. – VRŠANSKÝ, P.: Medzinárodné verejné právo. Bratislava : PF UK, 2003.

PEARSON F. S. – ROCHESTER, M. J.: Medzinárodné vzťahy. Bratislava: IRIS, 1992.

POTOČNÝ, M. – ŠIBAJEVOVÁ, A.: Právo medzinárodních organizací. Praha : Panoráma, 1984.

ŠÍBL, D.: Encyklopédia medzinárodných organizácií. Bratislava: Sprint, 1997.

UIA: The Yearbook of International Organizations. Brussels: Union of Intenational Associations, 2013.

WALLACE, M. – SINGER, P.: Intergovernmental Organization in the Global System, 1815 – 1964: A Quantitative Description. In: International Organization No. 2/1970. s. 239-287.

Web sites of UIA and significant international organizations.

**Language:** Slovak or Czech language

**Remarks:** The subject is compulsorily for all the students. Seminar group consists of 20-25 students.

**Evaluation history:** 

A	В	С	D	Е	FX
14,62	19,23	36,15	18,46	10,77	0,77

**Lecturers:** *doc. Ing. Pavol Hrivík, CSc.* 

Last modification: June 30, 2014

**Supervisor:** doc. PhDr. PaedDr. Karol Janas, PhD. – guarantor of the study program

"Political Science"