This course is intended to provide advanced undergraduate students with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of international cooperation. We examine problems inherent in international politics that hinder cooperation among countries and discuss how states can overcome those obstacles. Specifically, we explore when and how domestic regimes types, economic relations, and international organizations change the behavior of states and enhance cooperation among them. This course also includes case studies of the Concert of Europe, international and regional organizations, and military alliances.

1 Cooperation under Anarchy


Case: The Concert of Europe


2 Domestic Politics and International Cooperation


3 Economic Interdependence and International Cooperation


4 International Institutions and International Cooperation


Case: International Organizations


5 International Norms


6 Bargaining, Signaling, and Cooperation


7 Commitments to International Agreements


8 Compliance with International Agreements


9 The Effectiveness of International Agreements


Case: Alliances


