

Course Name/Code	: International Legal Order
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Aim of The Course

The main objective of the course is to present basic concepts of the international legal order to the students; and to help them develop skills necessary for an analysis of relationship between legal tools and international society. The course intends to create a link with the modern society and the quest for justice by meshing the history and the legal adventure of the world society.

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student should:

1. Be familiar with the basic concepts of international legal order and how it functions
2. Understand the difference as well as similarity between municipal and international law
3. Have an understanding about the interaction among the members of the international society
4. Be familiar with the concepts of international legitimacy as well as dynamism embedded in it
5. Have an understanding about what the functions that legality plays in international order and stability
6. Develop a sense about the 'state' as the principal actor of the modern system
7. Comprehends the concepts of state jurisdiction and overlapping jurisdiction
8. Understand the rationale of an act of state and how it relates to state behavior

Method

The course is mainly based on in-class lectures. The professor may make references to milestone cases. Questions and exercises from the textbook, Power Point presentations, as well as student experiences and responses will also be an integral part of teaching.

Textbooks

1. Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law, Peter Malanczuk, Routledge, 1998.

Attendance Procedure

Punctuality and regular attendance in classes is of prime importance for successful completion of this course, just as the same punctuality and attendance is important in the business world. Students will be expected to arrive for class on time and to remain in class until the end of the class session. Those failing to attend at least 70% of the classes will not qualify for the final exam regardless of their midterm performance.

Note: If you miss a class, it is **your** responsibility to e-mail your instructor, visit your instructor's office to find out what was covered in class and to find out your assignments for the following class. You also need to state how you will make up the missed work. If no contact is made, late assignments will **not** be accepted.

Reward for Good Attendance: The professor may ask questions during classes to encourage student attention. Good answers will be rewarded with bonus points (5 or more, depending on the question).

Schedule Changes:

The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course. The professor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus, including: assignments, case studies, time table, examinations, etc., in order to accommodate the needs of the class as a whole and fulfill the goals of the course.

Content of The Course

Period	Unit	Topic	Material	Assign ment	Assessment
Session 1	Course and Material Intro.	Introduction and Discussion	Chapter 1		
Session 2	Is International Law Really Law?	Basic concepts, misunderstandings about international legal order	Chapter 1		
Session 3	History and Background	Western roots of international law Naturalism – Positivism debate	Chapter 2		
Session 4	Sources of International Law	Sources of law according to ICJ and hierarch among them. Treaties and Custom	Chapter 3		
Session 5	Sources of International Law	General Principles, Court Decisions, Other sources	Chapter 3		
Session 6	States and Governments	Legal definition of state and some controversial issues about it	Chapter 4		
Session 7	States and Governments	Recognition and borderline cases. Secession, premature recognition.	Chapter 4		
Session 8	MIDTERM				
Session 9	Comparison with Municipal Law	Municipal law as source of IL. How to apply international law municipally.	Chapter 5		
Session 10	International Legal Personality	Legal personality according to IL. Individuals as persons? Corporations, IOs as persons.	Chapter 6		

Session 11	Treatment of Aliens	How to apply 'minimum international standards.' Human rights issues. Expropriation.	Chapter 7		
Session 12	State Jurisdiction International Treaties	Legal boundaries of state jurisdiction and controversial topics. Territoriality and its criticism. Extradition and thorny issues.	Chapter 8		
Session 13	Immunities from Jurisdiction	Sovereign and diplomatic immunity	Chapters 9		
Session 14	Case Presentations and Evaluation	Cases and summary	Chapters 1-9		

Evaluation Methods and Tools

Examinations will cover material presented in class and in the textbook. Unless announced otherwise, there will be a midterm examination and a final.

In addition, the professor will give bonuses during classes if student gives a good answer to a question. Unless it is not mentioned in advance, each answer is worth 5 extra points toward midterm or the final. There will be a 10 question online quiz after each chapter. Top ten students will be awarded 1-10 points that will be added on midterm or final scores.

A summary of the grading is below:

Midterm: 40% -Final Exam: 60%

Assignments

Assignments, if given by the professor, should not contain errors in spelling, punctuation, style, etc. Dictionaries, spellcheckers, and other methods of checking and proofreading are encouraged. Incorrect assignments may be returned to be rewritten. Most assignments submitted must be keyboarded. Due dates of assignments will be announced in advance.

Class Participation and Homework

Students are encouraged to ask questions to clarify understanding and to discuss and debate the theories, principles, and concepts from the text, case studies, and lectures. Students will be expected to participate in class and will be called upon on a regular basis.

To be successful in the course, the student should complete all homework assignments and should expect to spend a minimum of 3-4 hours per week on homework and other class projects.

Academic Dishonesty:

Academic dishonesty will NOT be tolerated. Any student found to be involved in any verifiable incident of academic dishonesty (copying, cheating, plagiarizing, etc.) will receive a grade of "F" for the class.