

Course Name/Code	: Public International Law
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Aim of The Course

This course is the continuation of the International Legal Order, and the topics covered are closely linked with the earlier course. The main objective of the course is to present basic concepts of public international law to the students and to help them in developing skills in analysis of relationship between law and international society. The topics related to the law of the sea will cover a significant portion of the second semester together with the law of warfare. Legal tools for a peaceful settlement of disputes will be another key focal point of the course.

Course Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student should:

1. Have an understanding about the interaction among the members of the international society
2. Be familiar with the concepts of international legitimacy as well as dynamism embedded in it
3. Have an understanding about what the functions that legality plays in international order and stability.
4. Develop a sense about the sea and how it differs from the law of the land
5. Be familiar with the concept of state acquisition and state succession
6. Understand the general rules about international treaties and how to terminate them
7. Devise different tools to solve international controversies in a peaceful manner
7. Develop a critical stance toward the issue of self-determination

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. Peter Malanczuk. *Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law* (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).

Course Changes:

The course syllabus provides a general plan for the course. The professor reserves the right to make periodic 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	Assignment	Assesment
Session 1	Summary of the Fall Topics	Overview	Previous chapters		
Session 2	Law of International Treaties	Signing, ratification, termination. Oral and written forms.	Chapter 10		
Session 3	Acquisition of Territory	Forms of change in sovereignty Problem of conquest	Chapter 11		
Session 4	State Succession	Legal Results of Change of Sovereignty	Chapter 12		
Session 5	The Law of the Sea	Internal waters, Territorial Waters, maritime definitions	Chapter 13		
Session 6	The Law of the Sea	Delimitation Contiguous Zone, EEZ, Continental Shelf	Chapter 13		
Session 7	The Law of the Sea	High Seas, Limits of Res Nullius, Landmark cases	Chapter 13		
Session 8	The UN System	UN Role in Making the Law	Chapter 15		
Session 9	MIDTERM				

Session 10	Peaceful Settlement of Disputes	Disputes bw States and Conflict Resolut.	Chapter 16		
Session 11	International Wars	Diff. bw Jus ad bellum and Jus in Bello	Chapter 17		
Session 12	Civil Wars	Civil Wars and Legal Conduct	Chapter 18		
Session 13	Self-Determination	Human Rights and Int. Law	Chapter 19		
Session 14	New Horizons	Environment, Solidarity Rights	Chapter 19		

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. The exams will not specifically refer to the details of International Legal Order topics. However, as the subjects complete each other, students are encouraged to make frequent references to the previous topics when they are answering the questions.

In addition to midterm and final exams, the professor may ask 'bonus' questions during the classes in order to raise student attention and reduce exam stress. 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 follows:

Midterm: 40% -Final Exam: 60%

Assignments

Assignments are given only a few students who are eager to receive higher grades. So, it will be competitive. Assignments, to be completed as short presentations, 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.

Grading is as follows: Ten points will be deducted for each major error; points of lesser value will be deducted for less critical errors.

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.

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.