



Course Code IREL-550	Course Title International Law	ECTS Credits 7.5
Department European Studies and International Relations	Semester Fall / Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course International Relations Major Requirement	Field International Relations	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 2 nd Cycle	Year of Study 1 st	Lecturer(s) Dr Tim Potier
Mode of Delivery face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course will examine International Law, firstly providing an introduction to the field of international law, followed by a detailed analysis of international organizations, such as the United Nations. It will provide an overview of the functions of organs of the United Nations and the basic principles concerning the creation of statehood and recognition of states. The course will provide, inter alia, a general outlook on the law of the sea.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Illustrate a comprehension of the historical development of international law prior to World War II and appreciate the contribution of legal theorists to the subject.
2. Evaluate the five traditional sources of international law and explain how they each serve the international community.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation of the effects of international law upon municipal law.
4. Evaluate the methods by which States and governments may be recognized.
5. Compare the significance of the separate international personalities enjoyed by States, international organizations and individuals.
6. Describe the workings of the law of treaties as conveyed in the Vienna Convention of 1969.
7. Assess how title over territory may be acquired and alienated.
8. Illustrate a comprehension of the influence the various systems of law, across the globe, have had on the law.
9. Assess the adjustment in the international law relating to sovereign immunity during recent decades.
10. Analyze critically the important immunities enjoyed by diplomatic missions and their agents.
11. Evaluate the impact of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982) and comprehend those areas where the law is still in process of germination.
12. Demonstrate an appreciation of the effects of technological development, during the 20th century, had on the emergence of a range of norms regarding the air space of a state and outer space more generally.
13. Demonstrate a comprehension of the possible consequences of a breach of an international legal obligation for a State.
14. Categorize the separate but parallel diplomatic and juridicial means of dispute settlement.
15. Assess the impact of the United Nations on the further development of international law.

16. Evaluate the internationalization of the law up to the present day.

Course Content:

During the course, the student will cover the following:

1. Introduction to Public International Law
2. History and Theory
3. Sources of International Law
4. International Law and Municipal Law
5. States, Governments, Recognition and International Personality
6. International Organisations and the Individual in the International Legal Order
7. Jurisdiction
8. Treaties
9. Acquisition of Territory
10. State Succession
11. Immunity from Jurisdiction
12. Law of the Sea
13. Air Space and Outer Space
14. International Responsibility
15. The Means of Dispute Settlement
16. The Use of Force
17. The United Nations

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures

Assessment Methods:

One written assignment and final exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Malcolm D. Evans (ed.)	International Law (second edition)	Oxford	2006

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Authors	Title	Publisher	Year
Peter Malanczuk (ed.)	Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law (seventh revised edition)	Routledge	1997
Malcolm N. Shaw	International Law (sixth edition)	Cambridge	2008
Ian Brownlie	Principles of Public International Law (seventh edition)	Oxford	2008
Martin Dixon	Textbook on International Law (sixth edition)	Blackstone's	2007
D.J. Harris	Cases and Materials on International Law (sixth edition)	Sweet & Maxwell	2004
Timothy Hillier	Sourcebook on Public International Law	Cavendish	1998
J.G. Starke and I.A. Shearer	Starke's International Law (eleventh edition)	Butterworths	1994
Rebecca M.M. Wallace	International Law (fifth edition)	Sweet & Maxwell	2005
Rosalyn Higgins	Problems & Process: International Law and How We Use It	Clarendon	1993
Antonio Cassese	International Law (second edition)	Oxford	2001