



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIR-631DE	International Law	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	International Relations	English/Greek
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Dr. Odysseas Christou, Dr. Nicholas Ioannides	2 nd
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Distance Learning	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

Provide students with basic skills and knowledge necessary for studying special aspects of International Law. Furthermore, the course aims to examine and critically analyse International Law as an effective and legitimate system which can promote the pursuit of universal goals, with particular attention on the issues of international peace and security.

The course examines several intertwined issues, such as:

1. What is International Law and why it matters?
2. Which are the subjects/users of International Law?
3. Which are the sources of International Law?

The course is organized in such a way as to promote critical thought in relation with the structure, the sources and the functioning of International Law, as well as the relation of these issues with International Relations.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Understand and make use of basic concepts related with International Law
2. Critically assess these basic concepts and principles, as well as broader issues of international legal order, from different perspectives
3. Implement these concepts and principles when asked to solve hypothetical problems

4. Study and comprehend legal documents (international treaties, case law etc.)
5. Undertake complex research in legal sources
6. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
7. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research

Course Content:

1. The sources of International Law
2. The subjects of International Law
3. Law of Treaties
4. The relationship between international and national law
5. The state as subject of International Law-state sovereignty
6. International responsibility of states-immunities
7. International organizations, the UN and International Law
8. Law of Armed Conflict-International Humanitarian Law
9. Sanctions-use of force
10. The means of dispute settlement
11. The Law of the Sea
12. International Human Rights Law

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, presentations, online discussion, individual guidance

Assessment Methods:

Research essay, mid-term exercise, final exam

Required Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
International Law (4 th edition)	Malcolm Evans	Oxford University Press	2014	978-0-199-65467-3

Recommended Textbooks / Reading:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
International Law (6 th edition)	Malcolm N. Shaw	Cambridge University Press	2008	978-0-521-89929-1
Principles of Public International Law (7 th edition)	Ian Brownlie	Oxford University Press	2008	978-0-199-21770-0
Textbook on International Law (7 th edition)	Martin Dixon	Oxford University Press	2013	978-0-199-57445-2