



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIREL-535	Law of the Sea and International Law	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall or Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Core	International Relations	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
2 nd Cycle	Dr. Nicholas A. Ioannides	1 st
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Conventional	N/A	N/A

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

Provide you with some of the foundational skills and knowledge required to study more specialised aspects of international law, such as the law of the sea. Another aim is to explore and critically analyse international law as both an effective and legitimate order by which collective global objectives can be achieved.

Furthermore, this course will enable you to perceive how the law of the sea legal apparatus functions and applies. A particular case study will be the Eastern Mediterranean Sea where maritime developments have been rapid owing to the hydrocarbon discoveries that have prompted a host of maritime activities.

The course considers a number of key interrelated questions: in particular, what is international law and why does it matter? To whom does it apply (subjects of international law)? Where are the rules of this legal order to be found (sources), and how are they enforced?

The course is designed to make students think critically about the structure, sources and function of international law and the law of the sea, as well as the relevance of these issues to contemporary international relations.

Learning Outcomes:

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

- Identify and understand the basic concepts and principles of International Law and the Law of the Sea.
- Critically analyse these basic concepts and principles from a variety of perspectives.
- Apply these basic concepts and principles to hypothetical problems.
- Understand legal texts (treaties, agreements, case law, etc.).

Course Content:

Introduction to international law
Sources of international law
Subjects of international law
International Personality - Statehood – Jurisdiction
Law of Treaties
Immunities - State Responsibility
Introduction to the Law of the Sea
Territorial Sea and Contiguous Zone
Continental Shelf and Exclusive Economic Zone
High Seas and the Area
Dispute settlement mechanisms
Maritime delimitation

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, presentations, discussions, problem questions

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Research essay, Final exam

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Malcolm D. Evans (ed), International Law (5th edn, Oxford University Press 2018) / Donald R. Rothwell and Tim Stephens, The International Law of the Sea (2nd edn, Hart Publishing 2016)