

**Course syllabus**

Subject name	Public International Law
Field of study	International Law and International Relations
ECTS credits	3
Studies	International Semester of the Faculty of Law
Semester	2 (Spring)
Language	English
Professor/s	
Department	Public Law
Contact details (E-mail, telephone)	
Tutorships	Monday and Thursday from 12 to 14 pm
Department	Public International Law

1. Description

This course promotes a broader understanding of Public International Law. It begins with the discussion of key concepts and the study of the functioning of the International Society. In a second part, we will study the international legal framework as such, analysing how international treaties are concluded, as well as the rest of sources of public international law. Finally, we will give a few notes about the subjects of international law such as the States, with their competences, and the international organizations.

2. Course learning objectives

Students should be able to:

1. Be familiar with the main theoretical approaches to the study of Public International Law
2. Acquire a basic knowledge of the Public International Law in contemporary world regarding different aspects, such as the formation of international norms and standards, and the functioning of the International Society.
3. Use the news to achieve a deeper understanding of how the international legal framework works.
4. Understand the most important decisions of the main international courts.



3. Contents / Programme

List of lessons:

LESSON 1: THE INTERNATIONAL LAW.

LESSON 2: THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY.

LESSON 3: THE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

LESSON 4: THE INTERNATIONAL TREATIES.

LESSON 5: THE INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM, GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW AND AUXILIARY MEANS.

LESSON 6: THE UNILATERAL ACTS OF THE STATES AND THE NORMATIVE ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

LESSON 7: RELATIONS BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNAL LAW.

4. Bibliography

Principal reference handbook:

Evans, Malcom D. *International Law*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2006.

Principal sources of information:

<http://www.un.org>

<http://untreaty.un.org/>

<http://www.un.org/law/ilc/index.htm>

<http://www.ila-hq.org/>

<http://www.sfdi.org/>

<http://www.idi-iil.org/>

<http://www.icj-cij.org/>

5. Workload distribution

Activities	Hours
Classroom-based activities (Lectures, seminars and practical sessions)	30
Online practical activities	15
Guided activities	10
Independent study	20
Total	75

**6. Assessment criteria****Ordinary Call:**

TOOLS	%	OBSERVATIONS
Ongoing assessment	50%	Class participation, practical exercises, case studies, online activities.
Final exam	50%	Written Exam. Note: it is mandatory to obtain a 3,5/10 in the exam to add the mark of the Practice.

Extraordinary Call:

TOOLS	%	OBSERVATIONS
Ongoing assessment	50%	Class participation, practical exercises, case studies, online activities. Grade saved from the ordinary call.
Final exam	50%	Written Exam. Note: it is mandatory to obtain a 3,5/10 in the exam to add the mark of the Practice.

Or alternatively:

TOOLS	%	OBSERVATIONS
Final Exam	100%	Written Exam.