

POLI 4041
International Law/section 002
Fall 2015
Wed. 5:00-8:00pm
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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to provide a helpful insight into International Law. This sub-discipline of Political Science is plagued by debate and controversy. We will examine both the Case Law and the Politics involved and show how International Law has evolved through time. Students should be able to grasp the necessary tools for explaining the continued value of international law in world affairs, by the end of the Intersession.

TEXTBOOK: There is one textbook required for the course:
Jan Klabbers: International Law
Cambridge University Press, 2013

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend *ALL* class sessions and do *ALL* assignments on time. Active participation in class discussion is also encouraged.

EXAMS AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS: There will be an early Take-Home Exam (which covers introductory material), a Midterm Exam (on Sources and Subjects), and a Final Exam on the last day of Intersession. There will also be a Research Assignment/or Journal Review.
(Graduate and Law School students enrolled in this course will be assigned extra work).

GRADES: Your final grade will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10 pts (daily)
Early Take-Home Exam	20 pts (Due Wed. Sept. 16)
Midterm Exam (in class)	20 pts (Wed. Oct 14)
Research Assignment/Journal Review	20 pts (Wed. Nov. 18)
Final Exam (take-home)	<u>30 pts</u> (Wed. Dec. 09)
	100 pts

A+= 100 - 95	B+= 86.9 - 85	C+= 76.9 - 75	D+= 66.9 - 65
A = 94.9 - 90	B = 84.9 - 80	C = 74.9 - 70	D = 64.9 - 60
A-= 89.9 - 87	B- = 79.9 - 77	C- = 69.9 - 67	D- = 59.9 - 57

Lecture Outline & Readings

Aug. 26 – Sept. 02

Course Introduction

- Nature and Function
- Peculiarities
- Role of the U.S.

Klabbers Chapter 1, 16 & 17

Sept. 09 - 16

Sources of International Law

- Where it comes from
- Art 38
- Other sources

Klabbers Chapter 2 & 3

Sept. 16

Return Take-Home Exam

Sept. 23 – 30

Subjects of International Law

- The Legal Personality Idea
- The State/International Orgs./Individuals

Klabbers Chapter 4, 6 & 7

Oct. 07

Review/Overview/Case Presentation

Oct. 14

Mid-term Exam (in class)

Oct. 21

Settlement of International Disputes

- Definition & Types
- Arbitration & Adjudication

Klabbers Chapter 8

Oct. 28

Case Presentation Dates

Nov. 04 – 11

Jurisdiction & Sovereignty

- Principles of Jurisdiction
- Extradition/Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
- Laws on
Territory/Maritime Areas/Airspace

Klabbers Chapter 5 & 13

Nov. 18 – Dec. 02

Laws of War

- Basis/Prohibition of the Use of Force
- Laws of Geneva

- Laws of the Hague
- Klabbers Chapter 10, 11 & 12

Nov. 18 – Dec. 02

Laws of Diplomacy

- Basis/Rules and Privileges in Pursuit of Peace
 - Law on Treaties
 - Laws on Diplomacy
- Klabbers Chapter 5 (pp 102-105)

Nov. 18 – Dec. 02

Laws of Commerce

- Treatment of Companies
 - Nationality
 - Nationalization
- Klabbers Chapter 15

Nov. 18

Research Assignment/Journal Review Due

Dec. 02

Review Session/Pre-Final grades

Wednesday Dec. 09

Return FINAL EXAM (take-home)
Due by Noon