

POLITICAL SCIENCE 4041
International Law
Fall 2014

10:30-11:20 MWF/218 Coates

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to provide a helpful insight into International Law. This is a sub-discipline of political science and it has much controversy and debate surrounding it. We will examine both the Case Law and the Politics involved and explain how International Law has evolved through time. By the end of this semester, students should have obtained the necessary tools for explaining the continued value of International Law in world affairs.

TEXTBOOKS: There is one textbook required for the course:

Jan Klabbers: International Law
Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2013

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

EXAMS & OTHER ASSIGNMENTS: There will be an early Take-Home Exam (that covers introductory material), a Mid-term In-Class Exam (on Sources and Subjects) and a Final. In addition, you will need a partner for your Case Report and Presentation but the Journal Review should be done independently.

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

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| Class Participation | 10 pts |
| Early Take-Home Exam | 10 pts (Due Wed. Sept. 10) |
| Mid-term Exam | 20 pts (Mon. Oct. 13) |
| Case Report & Presentation | 10 pts (Oct. 8, 22-24,31) |
| Journal Review | 20 pts (Due Mon. Nov. 24) |
| Final | <u>30 pts</u> (Dec. 09/Dec. 12) |
| | 100 pts |

A: 100-87

B: 86.9-78

C: 77.9-68

D: 67.9-60

F: Below 60

LECTURE OUTLINE & READINGS

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| Aug. 25 - Sept. 8 | <u>Course Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nature & Function- Peculiarities- Role of the U.S. Klabbers, Chapters 1, 16 & 17 |
| Sept. 10 - 24 | <u>Sources of International Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Where it comes from- Article 38- Other Sources Klabbers, Chapters 2 & 3 |
| Sept. 10 (FRIDAY) | Early Take-Home Exam Due |
| Sept. 24 - Oct. 6 | <u>Subjects of International Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Legal Personality Idea- The State/ International Organizations/ Individuals Klabbers, Chapters 4, 6 & 7 |
| Oct. 8 | Begin Presentations |
| Oct. 13 (MONDAY) | Mid-term Exam (In-Class) |
| Oct. 15 - 20 | <u>Settlement of International Disputes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Definition and Types- Arbitration in International Law- Adjudication: The ICJ and other Tribunals Klabbers, Chapter 8 |
| Oct. 22, 24, 31 | Continue Case Presentations |
| Oct. 27 - Nov. 12 | <u>Jurisdiction and Sovereignty</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Principles of Jurisdiction- Extradition/Extra-territorial Jurisdiction- Law on Territory/ Maritime Areas/ Airspace Klabbers, Chapters 5 & 13 |

Nov. 14 - 19

Laws of War

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

Klabbers, Chapters 10, 11 & 12

Nov. 19 - 21

Law of Diplomacy

- Basis/Rules and Privileges in Pursuit of Peace
- Law on Treaties
- Law on Diplomacy

Klabbers, Chapter 5 (pp 102-105)

Nov. 24 - Dec. 1

Laws of Commerce

- Treatment of Companies
- Nationality
- Nationalization

Klabbers, Chapter 15

Dec. 3 - 6

Give out Pre-Final Grades

Review Session/Course Evaluation

FINAL EXAM

Tues. Dec. 09 (5:30 – 7:30 pm)

EXPLAIN AND EVALUATE THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: (Select your Topic **EARLY** in order to begin sustained research on the subject).

Torture

Genocide

War Crimes

Human Rights

State Sovereignty

Nuclear Proliferation

Federal vs. State Immigration Laws

Conduct of War

Drones

Dual Nationality

International Space

Environmental Treaties

Border Conflicts

Trade Disputes

International Criminal Court

Nationality vs. Citizenship

European Union Court System

Refugee Standards

Recent Supreme Court Cases

Crimes Committed Abroad

Rights of Minorities in International Law

International Law for the Internet?

Nationalization

Resolutions of I.O.'s

Big Companies and International Law