

Course Profile - Department of International Relations

Course Number : POLS 301	Course Title : International Law I
Required / Elective : Required	Pre / Co-requisites : None
Catalog Description: The origins and nature of international law. The character of the modern state system and legal organization of international society.	Textbook / Required Material : Peter malanczuk, <i>Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law</i> , seventh revised edition (New York: Rotledge, 2006)
Course Structure / Schedule : (3+0+0) 3 / 5 ECTS	
Extended Description : The course is divided into three groups of arguments: The first group relates to introductory explanations on the meaning and the function of international law in its historical and theoretical framework. The second group to preliminary arguments on the subject-units (persons) of international law and the related issues of jurisdiction, immunity, treaties, territory, state responsibility and so on. The third group relates such specific issues as the law of sea and air space, human rights, environment and economic order. A due emphasis is also plead on the peaceful settlement of disputes between states- -war, self-determination, civil war processes- -in reference to United Nations Charter and the international order structured accordingly.	
Design content : None	Computer usage: Not required
<p>Course Outcomes:</p> <p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand theory and the sources of international law; and the relationship between municipal law and international law respective. • Define the meaning and the position of international organizations, companies and groups with the comprehensive domain of international law. • Explain the concepts- -and issues related to- - jurisdiction, immunity and treaty. • Exhibit his/her knowledge on the law of sea and air spaces, and on the related issues on economic and environmental order and state responsibility. 	
Teaching methods: Lectures, class discussion	
Course Outline	
Week	Topics
1	The Origins of the International Legal Order and Its Nature
2	The Sources of International Law
3	The Relation of International Law to Municipal Law
4	States and Statehood
5	International Organizations
6	Individuals and Private Corporations
7	Treaties

8	International Human Rights Law
9	International Responsibility and Remedies
10	Peaceful Settlement of disputes
11	Jurisdiction
12	Immunity from Jurisdiction
13	International Law and the Use of Force
14	International Criminal Law

Assessment methods:
Class participation: 10%
Midterm exam: 40%
Final exam: 50%

Contribution of Course Learning Outcomes to Program Outcomes

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
IR1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of International Relations and be able to apply them to historical and current events					x
IR2	Understand the historical processes of political structures and institutions					
IR3	Be able to follow the world political conjuncture				x	
IR4	Grasp the structures and functions of international/regional/intergovernmental organizations					x
IR5	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					
IR6	Understand the international legal framework					x
IR7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on international relations					
PS1	Understand the fundamental concepts and theories of the field of Political Science and be able to apply them to historical and current events					
PS2	Understand the historical processes, structures, and functions of political institutions					
PS3	Be able to analyze the dynamics that form the political substructure of various events and phenomena, as well as their effects					

PS4	Understand the mechanisms of political change (such as voting, lobbying, political movements, legal reforms, revolution, etc.)					
PS5	Possess knowledge about those fundamental issues that shape political and societal life (such as race, gender, class, environment, security, religion, identity, etc.)					
PS6	Acknowledge that political phenomena can be explained differently by different schools of thought					
PS7	Grasp and question the causes and consequences of economic developments and their impact on politics					
8	Think independently, creatively, and critically					X
9	Be an entrepreneur and take initiative					
10	Have self-confidence					X
11	Have the ability to carry out systematic comparisons and rightly differentiate similarities and differences					X
12	Be open-minded and prepared to work together with people from different cultures and groups					
13	Be aware and a follower of social responsibilities as well as political rights and freedoms					
14	Internalize work ethics and behave accordingly					
15	Be able to speak and deliver presentations in front of public				X	
16	Understand, read, and write in English					X
17	Have the ability to observe, analyze, and report					
18	Be able to implement the principles and methods of scientific research					
19	Understand and interpret statistical data					
20	Be prone to team work					
21	Possess computer and technological literacy					

*1 Lowest, 2 Low, 3 Average, 4 High, 5 Highest

Student workload:

Reading	57 hrs
Lectures	33 hrs
Class discussion	8 hrs
Case Studies	21 hrs
Examinations (Midterm and Final)	6 hrs

TOTAL 125 hrs (25X5) 5 ECTS	
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