

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2601 B - Public International Law
TERM:	Winter 2012
PREREQUISITES:	
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesday 14:30-17:30 Room: Please check Carleton Central for current room location
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Dutch jurist Hugo Grotius wrote of ``a common law of nations`` in the 17th century, but it was not until over two hundred years later that the first rules of how the nation states of the world should interact with one another in certain situations were codified. Since then, the scope of public international law has vastly expanded, both in terms of the areas of activity covered and with regard to who can be a subject of this legal domain. This course will introduce the student to the nature, sources, subjects, types and judicial operation of public international law, with an emphasis on how law and jurisprudence within Canada is increasingly applying and harmonizing with that evolving at the international level. The ultimate goal of the evaluation activities in this course is to help the student recognize the resonance between local and global legal issues.

REQUIRED TEXTS

Required readings will be accessible online. Some additional articles, as well as case study exercises, will be distributed in class. The readings are intended to reinforce or supplement lecture content.

EVALUATION

All four (4) components must be completed in order to obtain a passing grade

1. Term Essay - 25% of final grade

-essay due in class on 3 April 2012: please note that, as per departmental policy, any papers not submitted directly to the instructor or the TA may be considered late, even if they are submitted to the drop box on the same day and receive that day's date stamp. Papers placed in the drop box by **4:00 pm** will be date stamped the same day they are submitted. Papers received after 4:00 pm will be date stamped the following day. Papers submitted over the weekend that are received

before **8:30am** the first business day following a weekend, will be date stamped with Saturday's date.

- Length: 10 pages double-spaced, proper legal citation and bibliography required
- The task for the Term Essay is to take the everyday life issue selected at the first class and to analyze how it is dealt with in international law: what are the international law rules or norms that apply, what defect in those rules is causing, or failing to rectify, the problem and what is the most appropriate remedy in international law to fix it?

2. Audio-visual Presentation - 10% of final grade

- The task for the Presentation is to create a five (5)-minute video or skit that illustrates the everyday life issue selected. The video or skit must show why the issue is a problem (ie demonstrate its human impact), summarize how it is reflected in international law and propose solutions in international law.
- A sign-up sheet for presentation dates will be circulated at the first class.
- **You must sign up for your presentation date no later than the 17th of January**
- Presentations will commence on the 24th of January

3. Closed book weekly quiz – 15% of final grade

- A fifteen (15)-minute quiz will be held at each class on the preceding week's lecture material. The quiz will consist of 5 multiple choice or fill-in-the-blank questions and 1 essay question that you must answer in no more than the back of the page.

4. Open book final examination - 50% of final grade

- the goal of the final exam is to apply the course content to 1) solve a practical fact pattern and to 2) thoroughly discuss a thematic issue.

SCHEDULE

***prior to 24 January: class format will take the following order: 1) weekly quiz, 2) lecture and 3) case study *as of 24 January: class will consist of: 1) presentations (10 per class @ 5 minutes each), 2) weekly quiz, 3) lecture and 4) case study.**

PART 1: BASIC PRINCIPLES

10 Jan INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW; THE NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

17 Jan SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

24 Jan INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PERSONALITY

31 Jan RECEPTION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN NATIONAL LEGAL SYSTEMS

PART II: THE LAW APPLICABLE TO NATION STATES

7 Feb TERRITORY

14 Feb STATE RESPONSIBILITY, JURISDICTION AND IMMUNITY

21 Feb Reading week, no class

28 Feb THE LAW OF TREATIES

PART III: DIFFERENT AREAS AND SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

6 Mar HUMAN RIGHTS

13 Mar INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW

20 Mar INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND THE LAW OF THE SEA

PART IV: JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

27 Mar THE WORLD`S COURTS

PART V: THE LAST RESORT OF STATES

3 Apr THE LAW OF WAR AND THE USE OF FORCE