## **Carleton University**

# Department of Law and Legal Studies Course Outline

Course: LAWS 2601 A – Public International Law

TERM: Summer 2021

PREREQUISITES: 1.0 credit from LAWS 1001, LAWS 1002, PSCI 1100, PSCI

1200, or PAPM 1000 [1.0]

CLASS: Day & Live sessions: Wednesdays at 6:05 pm

Time:

Room: Online delivery. Two pre-recorded lectures will be posted

to Brightspace each week. Live discussions meant to answer questions and discuss issues arising from the lectures will take place weekly, every Wednesday at 6:05

pm (with one exception).

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#### **CALENDAR COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Examination of the role of law in contemporary international relations. Nature, history and sources of international law; international personality of states; status of international organizations and individuals; creation and effect of international obligations; importance and functions of law in the settlement of international disputes.

# **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course provides an introduction to public international law, and some of the key principles, theories and institutions associated with the international legal system. It addresses core topics such as the nature, sources and subjects of international law, and examines important contemporary legal challenges such as the use of force by states. Throughout the lectures, the role and limits of international law in international relations will be discussed from a legal, political, and historical perspective.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

At the end of the course, students should be able to:

1) Demonstrate an introductory level of knowledge of the key principles, theories, institutions and challenges;

- 2) Identify international legal issues and apply relevant ideas and rules;
- 3) Critically reflect on the political and historical context in which international law operates in world affairs; and
- 4) Construct arguments in support of particular positions in international law, and show an awareness of alternative views to these positions.

#### REQUIRED TEXTS

John H. Currie. Public International Law, 2nd ed. (Irwin Law, 2008).

Available for purchase from the Carleton University Bookstore (https://www.bkstr.com/carletonstore/home) and via the Carleton Library.

#### **EVALUATION**

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Department and the Dean.

Weekly Online Quiz	15% (5 x 3% each)  Only the 5 best quiz scores (out of 6) will be counted.	A short quiz on the week's lecture content will be posted on Brightspace. The quiz will open on a Monday and be due by the next Monday.
Case Brief	35%	Students must complete a short case brief on an International Court of Justice decision.  Detailed instructions will be
Final exam	50%	provided on Brightspace.  To be held in final exam
57.6	33,3	period.

All evaluation components must be completed in order to be eligible to receive a passing grade.

# LATE PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

The instructor who will confirm whether an extension is granted and the length of the extension determines the granting of extensions. For requests for extensions lasting less than 7 days, please complete the form at the following link and submit it to the instructor prior to the assignment due date: <a href="https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/self-declaration.pdf">https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/self-declaration.pdf</a>.

**Extensions for longer than 7 days will normally not be granted.** In those extraordinary cases where extensions lasting longer than 7 days are granted, the student will be required to provide additional information to justify the longer extension (up to a maximum of 14 days).

Late penalties will be indicated on each assignment.

# **SCHEDULE**

Please note that the following schedule may change as the term progresses. Any changes will be announced via Brightspace.

All chapter references refer to Currie textbook.

	Lectures	Readings	Live Discussion	Deadlines
Week 1	1. Introduction	Chapter 1	July 7, 2021	Quiz - July 12, 2021
	2. Introduction	Chapter 3		
	to Sources of International			
	Law			
Week 2	1. Treaties	Chapter 4	July 14, 2021	Quiz – July 19, 2021
	2. Customary International Law	Chapter 5		
Week 3	International Legal Personality	Chapter 2	July 21, 2021	Quiz – July 26, 2021
	2. States and Territory	Chapter 7		
Week 4	1. State Responsibility	Chapter 12	July 28, 2021	Quiz – Aug 2, 2021
				Brief – July 30, 2021
	2. Reception of International Law in	Chapter 6		
	Domestic Law			

Week 5	1. State Jurisdiction and Jurisdictional Immunities	Chapters 8 and 9	August 4, 2021	Quiz – Aug 9, 2021
Week 6	Human Rights Law      The Use of	Chapter 10 Chapter 11	August 11, 2021	Quiz – Aug 16, 2021
	Force			
Week 7	Review	N/A	August 16, 2021*	N/A
			* Exceptionally held on Monday.	

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS**

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows: <a href="https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf">https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf</a>

#### **Pregnancy obligation**

Please contact me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities (EIC): https://carleton.ca/equity/

#### Religious obligation

Write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details, visit the Department of Equity and Inclusive Communities (EIC): https://carleton.ca/equity/

#### **Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact The Paul Menton Centre (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or <a href="mailto:pmc@carleton.ca">pmc@carleton.ca</a> for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC Website for their deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) <a href="https://carleton.ca/pmc">https://carleton.ca/pmc</a>

#### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one's own. Plagiarism includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else's published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one's own without proper citation or reference to the original source. Examples of sources from which the ideas, expressions of ideas or works of others may be drawn from include but are not limited to: books, articles, papers, literary compositions and phrases, performance compositions, chemical compounds, art works, laboratory reports, research results, calculations and the results of calculations, diagrams, constructions, computer reports, computer code/software, and material on the Internet. Plagiarism is a serious offence. More information on the University's Academic Integrity Policy can be found at: <a href="https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/">https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/</a>

#### **Survivors of Sexual Violence**

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: <a href="https://carleton.ca/studentsupport/svpolicy/">https://carleton.ca/studentsupport/svpolicy/</a>

#### **Accommodation for Student Activities**

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. <a href="https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf">https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf</a>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: https://students.carleton.ca/services/accommodation/

#### **Department Policy**

The Department of Law and Legal Studies operates in association with certain policies and procedures. Please review these documents to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations: <a href="https://carleton.ca/law/current-students/">https://carleton.ca/law/current-students/</a>