

Course Outline

COURSE: LAWS 2601T – Public International Law

TERM: Summer 2017

PREREQUISITES: 1.0 credit from LAWS 1000, PAPM 1000, PSCI 1100, PSCI 1200

CLASS: Online

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to both traditional and critical understandings of the nature, history, and content of the field of public international law. Originally viewed as the branch of law that regulates the relations between independent, sovereign states, public international law has come to encompass much more than inter-state relations. The relationships regulated by public international law have been transformed significantly over time. This course seeks to make sense of this transformation: what it is about, why it has occurred, and where the discipline is headed in terms of its current developmental

trajectory. At the end of the course, students should be acquainted with orthodox understandings of the discipline as well as the basic features of contemporary critiques of these orthodox perspectives. Just as importantly, students will also be expected to appreciate the ways in which public international law has been shaped by, and has itself contributed to the shaping of, various social, economic, and political aspects of a world that is being transformed by the forces of 'globalization', the geo-political restructuring of the post-Cold War era, and the myriad challenges to core aspects of the post-Second World War international legal order arising from the fallout of 9/11.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The only compulsory text in this course is:

Shaw, Malcolm (2014) *International Law* (7th ed.) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

This text has been ordered through the university bookstore and should be available at the beginning of the summer term. You may also be able to locate copies at Octopus Books, 116 Third Avenue (in the Glebe).

SUPPLEMENTARY TEXTS

I also strongly recommend reading **Byers, Michael (2007) *War Law: Understanding International Law and Armed Conflict*. New York: Grove/Atlantic.** The text has also been ordered through the university bookstore, and it too should be available at the beginning of the summer term. Because of printing issues with the publisher, Octopus Books cannot order large numbers for the course. You can, however, find new copies through Amazon.ca, or, better yet, second-hand copies online at abebooks.com. It is not a required text, but is worthwhile as a supplement to the core course readings from Shaw.

EVALUATION

All other articles, cases and treaty materials can be found either on cuLearn or online.

COURSE EVALUATION:

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| 1. One case study—due by midnight on Friday, May 26, on cuLearn | 40% |
| (Roughly 3000 words before footnotes & bibliography) | |
| 2. Final exam—during the exam period | 60% |

A NOTE ON CASE STUDIES

These should take the form of a brief critical paper. The final product should demonstrate a thorough reading of the case and an ability to extract, contextualize, and evaluate its most crucial elements.

The purpose of this exercise is to give you (and you should demonstrate):

1. an understanding of the importance of the case to international law;
2. an understanding of the historical and theoretical backdrop against which the case emerged;
3. a grasp of the key concepts underpinning the case;
4. an appreciation of the possible future implications for international law in the principal areas touched on in the case.

There is NO winning formula for the case study. You are expected to read with care, and thoughtfully discuss the case, its foundations, and its implications. But you must always bear in mind that this is a

course in public international law. So whatever ‘approach’ you take to the paper must be able to significantly engage the principal concepts of international law at stake in the case.

You should be able to write an excellent paper with just the case assigned and the course text. A careful reading of each should offer you enough material to write a top-notch paper. That being said, this term’s assigned case has given rise to a very significant literature. Should students wish to incorporate other materials external to the required course readings, you are encouraged to do so. It is, however, not required. And note that long bibliographies are no substitute for serious engagement.

This year’s case study will focus on the International Court of Justice’s 2004 advisory opinion regarding Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Case studies should be submitted electronically on cuLearn. DO NOT submit them through the drop-off box at the main office of the Department of Law and Legal Studies. Under no circumstances should papers be left under my office door.

Note: Unless accompanied by medical documentation or documentation from the Paul Menton Centre, late papers will be penalized one grade point for each day they are submitted beyond the due date (e.g. a paper that would ordinarily receive a B- will be assigned a C+ if submitted one day late).

You are strongly advised to retain a copy of all papers submitted.

All submitted work must be original! Papers should be properly referenced. Either in-text or footnote citations are acceptable. Simply ensure that you use one and only one method of citation, and that you do so consistently. Each paper *must also include a complete bibliography* of all materials cited, regardless of whether bibliographic details are provided in footnotes. For guidance on these issues you may either refer to a style guide or use a book or an article as a guide. *Thoroughness and consistency* should be your aim. Students are also responsible for familiarizing themselves with the departmental policy and procedure, especially in relation to regulations regarding due dates and plagiarism, as well as the university’s general regulations regarding instructional offences.

Allegations of an instructional offence may be investigated by instructors and/or departmental chairs, and may also be reported to the faculty dean. Any student found to have committed an instructional offence may be:

- a. expelled;
- b. suspended from all studies at the university;
- c. suspended from full-time studies; and/or awarded a reprimand;
- d. refused permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program but subject to having met all academic requirements shall be permitted to register and continue in some other program;
- e. placed on academic probation;
- f. awarded an F or Abs in a course or examination.

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.

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## CLASS SCHEDULE

\* PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SESSIONS BELOW ARE VIDEOTAPED CLASSES TAUGHT BY PROF. TREVOR PURVIS IN THE FALL 2016 SEMESTER. THESE VIDEOTAPED CLASSES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON CULEARN ON A ROLLING BASIS.

**SESSION 1**  
**INTRODUCTION**

**SESSION 2**  
**HISTORY OF THE DISCIPLINE/INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE DOMESTIC ORDER**  
**REQUIRED READING:**  
Shaw, Chs. 1, 2 and 4

**SESSION 3**  
**THE SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**REQUIRED READING:**  
Shaw, Ch. 3

**SESSION 4**  
**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PERSONALITY/SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW**  
**REQUIRED READING:**  
Shaw, Ch. 5  
*Montevideo Convention on Rights and Duties of States*  
*Universal Declaration of Human Rights*

**SESSION 5**  
**[DUE TO THANKSGIVING, NO SESSION WAS HELD ON THIS DATE IN THE FALL 2016 SEMESTER.]**

**SESSION 6**  
**LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF FORCE I *jus ad bellum***  
**REQUIRED READING:**  
Shaw, Chs. 20 and 21  
**Supplementary:** Byers

**SESSION 7**  
**[DUE TO READING WEEK, NO SESSION WAS HELD ON THIS DATE IN THE FALL 2016 SEMESTER.]**

**SESSION 8**  
**LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF FORCE II *jus in bello***  
Shaw, Chs. 21 and 22  
**Supplementary:** Byers

**SESSION 9**  
**INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS/INTERNATIONAL CRIMES**  
**REQUIRED READING:**  
Shaw, Chs. 6 and 8  
*Universal Declaration of Human Rights*  
*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court*  
*Principles of the Nuremberg Tribunal*

**SESSION 10**  
**RECOGNITION & TERRITORY**  
Shaw, Chs. 9 and 10

**SESSION 11**

**JURISDICTION OVER TERRITORY AND PERSONS/IMMUNITY FROM JURISDICTION**

**REQUIRED READING:**

Shaw, Chs. 12 and 13

**SESSION 12**

**STATE RESPONSIBILITY/STATE SUCCESSION**

**REQUIRED READING:**

Shaw, Chs. 14 and 17

**SESSION 13**

**THE LAW OF TREATIES**

**REQUIRED READING:**

Shaw, Ch. 16

*Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties*