
Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2601A — Public International Law
TERM:	Summer 2023
PREREQUISITES:	1.0 credit from LAWS 1001, LAWS 1002, or PAPM 1001 and PSCI 2003
CLASS:	Day & Time: This class is entirely online. Recorded lectures will be posted on Brightspace twice weekly.
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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

Public international law has a complex history, one that lends itself to conflicting interpretations. It has also been the object of a variety of competing theoretical projects, most of which diverge radically on questions of form and substance. This course provides an historically and theoretically reinforced introduction to the basic rules, principles, and institutions of public international law.

You will be introduced to the basic doctrinal and theoretical architecture of the field: statehood and other modes of international legal personality; treaties, customs, and other sources of international law; the nature and assertion of jurisdiction; the relation between domestic and international law; and issues involving the threat or use of force.

Students will also be introduced to a number of rapidly developing sub-fields: international criminal law; state-building and humanitarian intervention; international human rights law; Indigenous peoples and international law; and international environmental law.

REQUIRED TEXTS

The principal required text for this course is Alexander Orakhelashvili, *Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law*, 9th ed. (London: Routledge, 2022) ("Akehurst"). ISBN: 9780367753467.

Paperback copies of the text and its accompanying supplement should be available at the university bookstore soon.

Electronic copies of all other required texts will be made available to students.

EVALUATION

Standing in a course is determined by me subject to the approval of the Department of Law and Legal Studies and the Dean of Faculty of Public Affairs. This means that grades submitted by me may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the department and dean.

There are three formal evaluation components to this course:

Mid-term exam: 30% (Thursday, May 25, 2023)

Essay: 35% (due by midnight on Thursday, June 1, 2023)

Final exam: 35% (during the formally scheduled exam period)

These evaluation components operate as follows:

1. Mid-term exam

We will hold an online mid-term exam on Thursday, May 25. It will consist of 40 multiple-choice questions. You will be responsible for all material covered in class (and on accompanying slides) until the date of the exam. You will have 90 minutes to complete the exam.

2. Essay

You are required to prepare an essay on one of three topics that I will provide to you at the beginning of the course. This essay must be approximately 1500 words in total (not including footnotes), with a maximum upper limit of 2000. It must have a clear thesis, be driven by a structured argument, and draw upon at least some of the cases, issues, theories, debates, and/or questions that we have examined in the course. Please do not include a bibliography. However, you do need to support your claims with foot-

notes.

Be sure to adhere to a consistent style of citation throughout the entirety of your paper. I do not care which style of citation you choose to employ. My own preference tends to be the system set out in the *Canadian Guide to Uniform Legal Citation*, 9th edition (Toronto: Carswell, 2018), known generally as the “McGill Guide”. But I am not sticky on your choice of citation style. Whichever style of citation you employ, be sure to do so correctly and consistently.

The essay is due by midnight on Thursday, June 1. It must be submitted electronically via Brightspace in advance of this deadline.

3. Final exam

We will hold a final exam during the formally scheduled exam period at the end of the course. The final exam will consist of anywhere between 50 and 75 multiple-choice questions. It will be a “cumulative” exam, which is to say that you will be responsible for all material covered in class. You will have two hours to complete the exam.

SUPPLEMENTARY NOTE

Please note that there will be no “make-up” or “grade booster” assignments under any circumstances. Deferrals are granted by the Registrar’s Office.

Please also note that standing in a course is determined by me, subject to the approval of the department chair and faculty dean. This means that grades I submit may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the department and faculty.

LATE PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

The granting of extensions is determined by me. For requests for extensions of less than two days, please send me an email. For requests for extensions of more than two days, please complete [this form](#) and send it to me with an accompanying email prior to the relevant deadline.

SCHEDULE

<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Topic and Reading Assignment</u>
Week of Monday, May 8, 2023	General introduction Treaties, Customs, and Other Sources of International Law (Akehurst, ch. 3) Statehood, Recognition, and International Legal Personality (Akehurst, ch. 5)
Week of Monday, May 15, 2023	Jurisdiction (Akehurst, ch. 10) Domestic Law and International Law (Akehurst, ch. 4)
Week of Monday, May 22, 2023	Use of Force (Akehurst, ch. 20) International Criminal Law (Akehurst, ch. 19)
Week of Monday, May 29, 2023	State-Building and Humanitarian Intervention (readings on Brightspace) International Human Rights Law (Akehurst, ch. 16)
Week of Monday, June 5, 2023	Indigenous Peoples and International Law (readings on Brightspace) International Environmental Law (Akehurst, ch. 17)
Week of Monday, June 12, 2023	Final exam preparation

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

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: <https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

Academic Accommodations: You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy 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 accommodation regarding a formally-scheduled final exam, you must complete the [Pregnancy Accommodation Form](#)

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 click [here](#).

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The [Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities](#) (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca 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 to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

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 where 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: <https://carleton.ca/equity/sexual-assault-support-services>

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. Read more here: <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>.

For more information on academic accommodation, please visit: <https://students.carleton.ca/services/accommodation/>.

Summer 2023 Sessional Dates and University Closures	
<i>Please find a full list of important academic dates on the calendar website: https://calendar-carleton.ca/academicyear/</i>	
May 4, 2023	Summer term begins.
May 10, 2023	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in early summer courses.
May 17, 2023	Last day for registration and course changes (including auditing) in full summer courses.
	Last day to withdraw from early summer courses with a full fee adjustment.
May 22, 2023	Statutory holiday. University closed.
May 31, 2023	Last day to withdraw from full summer courses with a full fee adjustment.
June 1, 2023	Last day for academic withdrawal from early summer courses.
June 16, 2023	Last day of early summer classes. (NOTE: full summer classes resume July 4.)
June 17-18, 2023	No classes or examinations take place.
June 19-25, 2023	Final examinations in early summer courses and mid-term examinations in full summer courses will be held.
July 3, 2023	Statutory holiday (July 1 observed). University closed.