

Course Outline

COURSE:	LAWS 2601 B – Public International Law
TERM:	Fall 2023
PREREQUISITES:	1.0 credit from LAWS 1001 and LAWS 1002, or PAPM 1001 and PSCI 2003
CLASS:	Day & Time: Tuesdays 6:05 – 8:55 pm Room: <i>Please check Carleton Central for current Class Schedule</i>
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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.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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.

Attendance	10%	Students who attend a minimum 10 lectures will receive full attendance marks.
Online Quizzes	15% (5 x 3% each) Only the 5 best quiz scores (out of 6) will be counted.	Short quizzes on the lecture content will be posted on Brightspace. The quizzes will open on a Tuesday and be due by the next Tuesday. Quizzes cover the lecture content since the last quiz.
Case Brief	35%	Students must complete a short case brief on an International Court of Justice decision. Detailed instructions will be provided on Brightspace.

Final Exam	40%	To be held in final exam period.

All components must be successfully completed in order to get a passing grade.

LATE PENALTIES AND REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS

Extensions on the weekly quiz will not typically be provided absent extenuating circumstances.

Requests for extensions on the Case Brief assignment are to be submitted to the instructor who will confirm whether an extension is granted and the length of the extension. 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: <https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/self-declaration.pdf>. **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.

	Date	Topic	Readings	Deadlines
1	September 12, 2023	Introduction	Chapter 1	
2	September 19, 2023	Introduction to Sources of International Law	Chapter 3	Weeks 1/2 Quiz due Sept 26
3	September 26, 2023	Treaties	Chapter 4	
4	October 3, 2023	Customary International Law	Chapter 5	Weeks 3/4 Quiz due Oct 10
5	October 10, 2023	International Legal Personality	Chapter 2	
6	October 17, 2023	States and Territory	Chapter 7	Weeks 5/6 Quiz due Oct 24
October 24 – No Class – Fall Break				

7	October 31, 2023	State Responsibility	Chapter 12	
8	November 7, 2023	Reception of International Law in Domestic Law	Chapter 6	Weeks 7/8 Quiz due Nov 14
9	November 14, 2023	State Jurisdiction and Jurisdictional Immunities	Chapters 8 and 9	Week 9 Quiz due Nov 21
10	November 21, 2023	Human Rights Law	Chapter 10	
11	November 28, 2023	The Use of Force	Chapter 11	Weeks 10/11 Quiz due Dec 5
12	December 5, 2023	Review	N/A	

University and Departmental Policies

DEPARTMENT POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

Please review the following webpage to ensure that your practices meet our Department's expectations, particularly regarding standard departmental protocols and academic integrity requirements: <https://carleton.ca/law/student-experience-resources/>.

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 that can be found at:

<https://carleton.ca/equity/contact/form-pregnancy-accommodation/>

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, please go to: <https://carleton.ca/equity/focus/discrimination-harassment/religious-spiritual-observances/>

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. You can find the Paul Menton Centre online at: <https://carleton.ca/pmc/>

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/>.