

POLI 4041
International Law
Spring Intersession 2014
MTWTFSS 9:00-12:30
116 Stubbs Hall

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to provide a helpful insight into International Law. This sub-discipline of international politics is plagued by debate and controversy. We will examine both the Case Law and the Politics involved and show how the discipline has evolved through time. Students should be able to grasp the necessary tools for explaining the continued value of international law in world affairs, by the end of the Intersession.

TEXTBOOK: There is one textbook required for the course:

Jan Klabbers: International Law
Cambridge University Press, 2013

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: You are required to attend ALL class sessions and do ALL assignments on time. Active participation in class discussion is also encouraged.

EXAMS AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS: There will be an early Take-Home Exam (which covers material from the first day of class), and In-Class Midterm Exam (on Sources and Subjects), and an In-Class Final Exam on the last day of Intersession.

For your Research Assignment, you will be offered a choice of Topics, or a Case Report, or a Journal Review early in the first week.

Graduate and Law School students enrolled in this course will be assigned extra work.

GRADES: Your final grade for the course will be determined according to the following formula:

Class Participation	10 pts
Early Take-Home	20 pts
Midterm (in class)	20 pts
Research Assignment	10 pts
Presentation	10 pts
Final (in class)	<u>30 pts</u>
	100 pts

A 100-87 B 86-78 C 77-68 D 67-60 F below 60

- Tues. May 20 Course Introduction
- Nature and Function
 - Peculiarities: Prometheus/U.S. vs. PLO
 - Role of the U.S.
- Klabbers Chapter 1, 16 & 17
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- Wed. May 21/Thurs. May 22 Sources of International Law
- Where it comes from
 - Art 38 VCLT; a to d
 - Other sources
- Klabbers Chapter 2 & 3
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- Fri. May 23 Subjects of International Law
- The Legal Personality Idea
 - The State/International Orgs./Individuals
- Klabbers Chapter 4, 6 & 7
- *Return Take-Home Exam
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- Mon. May 26 Review Session
- Midterm Exam 10-11am
- Dispute Settlement
- Definition & Types
 - Arbitration & Adjudication
- Klabbers Chapter 8
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- Tues. May 27/Wed. May 28 Jurisdiction & Sovereignty
- Complicated Idea
 - Basis of Jurisdiction
 - Extradition/Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
 - Laws on: land/Airspace/Sea
- Klabbers Chapter 5 & 13
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- Thurs. May29/Fri. May30 Laws of War/Diplomacy/Commerce
- Two key aspects of each will be examined
- Klabbers Chapter 10, 11 & 12
- Chapter 5
- Chapter 15

Sat. May 31	Paper Due/Case Report, Journal Review or any other topic of interest Presentation & Review Session
Mon. June 02	Review Session (cont.)/Brief class Return papers and Pre-Final grades
Tues. June 03	FINAL EXAM (in class) 9-11am