

Course information

The course will be taught in classroom (in person), subject to University and Law Faculty directives and guidelines.

Course Description

The course consists of an introductory study of Public International Law (PIL). It will focus on the examination of international law through the study of the sources and subjects of International Law and the consequences of violating the norms of International Law. Some branches of International Law will be introduced in the process, such as International Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, the law of the sea, and Environmental Law. Different perspectives on International Law will be discussed in class and current political issues at the international level will be the subject of legal analysis.

Course objectives

- Know the fundamental objectives and characteristics of PIL;
- Understand the basic rules governing the application of PIL in the domestic legal order of Canada and appreciate the importance of PIL at the domestic level;
- Identify the subjects of PIL and their characteristics;
- Distinguish the sources of PIL, and their application methods;
- Analyze current issues from a PIL perspective;
- Use case law to support clear, structured, relevant and persuasive arguments;
- Participate in the discussion forum.

Teaching and assessment methods

- Class lecture,
- Relevant decisions related to the course will be summarized and analyzed by the professor and presented by one or two students depending on the number of students,
- The professor will lead a discussion forum on Brightspace, in which the students will have to participate,
- The professor will hold a questions/answers session of approximately 15 minutes from time to time. These sessions will allow students to ask questions about the subject or the exercises.

Evaluation

- 1) In class presentation OR individual research paper (a list of topics will be proposed by the professor): 10%
- 2) Mid-term evaluation: (30%) – prejudicial
- 3) Final exam (60%)

Main working tools

- Mandatory: John H. Currie, *Public International Law* 2nd edition, Toronto: Irwin Law, 2008.
- Optional: James Crawford, *Principles of Public International Law*, 9th Edition, 2019.