

GOVT 446-001.
International Law and Organization.
Spring Semester 2019.
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Course Objectives: This course will examine issues in world politics from the perspective of international law. Besides analyzing the philosophical grounding of international law; role of multilateral institutions such as the UN in anchoring the international legal system and how international tribunals adjudicate international law, the course will look at how international law is applied to different issue-areas ranging from the use of force, diplomacy, human rights, environment and international trade issues. The objectives of such an exercise would be two fold: to ascertain how international law governs these areas and to identify the problems that hinder the operation of international law. This course will highlight the nexus between international law and international politics demonstrating how international politics shapes the operation of international law. During the course of the semester the students will learn to read legal cases, interpret treaty language and work on hypotheticals. Finally we would end by critically evaluating the future trajectory of international law in the coming decades.

Evaluations:

In class quizzes (2)	20% (TBA)
Midterm	30%
Final	30%
Paper	15%
Participation and Attendance	5%

Grading Scale:

A+ (100) B+ (86-89) C+ (75-79) D (60-69)

A (94-99) B (83-85) C (73-74) F (59 or less)

A- (90-93) B- (80-82) C- (70-72)

*Make-up exams will be given only on medical grounds for self and appropriate documentation is required. One make-up exam is allowed for the semester. The make-up exam will be more difficult than the class exam.

** Students are advised to keep up with the readings and consult me on any matter concerning the course.

*** Deadlines regarding submissions must be met. Delayed submissions will result in a reduced grade.

**** In class computer use is strictly restricted to class work.

***** Please use gmU email account for all communications.

Required Readings :

William R. Slomanson, Fundamental Perspectives on International Law, 6th ed. Belmont, CA: West Thomas Learning, 2011.

Reading Packet to be will be made available after the midterm exam on E-Reserves.

Important Dates:

Last Date to Add Classes: January 29, 2019. Please verify to ensure proper enrollment.

Paper Proposal Due: February 14, 2019.

Mid-term Exam: March 21, 2019.

Final Paper Due: May 2, 2019.

Final Exam: May 14, 2019. 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm.

Course Outline:

Week 1. January 22 and January 24. Text Chapter 1. What is International Law?

Week 2. January 29, 31 and Feb 5. Text Chapter 2. States in International Law.

Week 3. February 7 and February 12. Text Chapter 3. International Organizations.

Week 4. February 14 and February 19. Text Chapter 4. Individuals and Corporations.

Week 5. February 21 and February 26. Text Chapter 5. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Week 6. February 28 and March 5. Text Chapter 6. Range of Sovereignty.

Week 7. March 7. Text Chapter 7. Treaties.

Week 8 Spring Break. March 12-March 16.

Week 9 March 19 . Text Chapter 7. Treaties.

MIDTERM EXAM March 21.

Week 10. March 26 and March 28 Text Chapter 8. Arbitration and Adjudication.

Reading Packet: Should the US ratify the Rome Treaty? Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, from,” Statement Before Committee on International Relations”. In Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in World Politics, John T. Rourke ed. (11th). Guilford, CN: Dushkin/Macgraw Hills, 2004.

John R. Bolton , from “Statement Before Committee on International Relations,”. In Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in World Politics, ed.(11th) John T. Rourke. Guilford, CN: Dushkin/Macgraw Hills, 2004.

Week 11. April 2, and April 4. Text . Chapter 9. Use of Force.

Reading Packet: Michael J. Glennon, □New Interventionism: Search for a New International Law□ *Foreign Affairs* vol 78, no 3 May/June 1999: 2-7.

Reading Packet: Kofi Annan, □Two Concepts of Sovereignty□ *Economist* September 18-24, 1999: 49-50.

Week 12. April 9 and April 11. Text . Chapter 9. Use of Force.

Reading Packet: Would the Use of Nuclear Weapons Necessarily Violate the International Law of War? In Clashing Views on Controversial Issues in World Politics, John T. Rourke ed. (9th). Guilford, CN: Dushkin/Macgraw Hills, 2000.

Week 13. April 16 and April 18. Text Chapter 10. Human Rights.

Week 14. April 23 and April 25. Text Chapter 11. International Environment.

Week 15. April 30 and May 2. Chapter 12 Economic Relations.

PAPER DUE ON MAY 2 IN CLASS.

FINAL EXAM ON MAY 14 1:30 pm -3:30pm.

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GMU Honor Code: The Honor Code policy endorsed by the members of the Department of Public and International Affairs relative to the type of academic work indicated below is set out in the appropriate paragraphs:

1. Quizzes, test, and examination. No help may be given or received by students when taking quizzes, tests, or examinations, whatever the type or whenever taken, unless the instructor specifically permits deviation from this standard.
2. Course requirements. All work submitted to fulfill course requirements is to be solely the product of the individual(s) whose name(s) appears on it. Except with permission of the instructor, no recourse is to be had for projects, papers, lab reports, or any other written work previously prepared by another student, and except with permission of the instructor, no paper or work of any type submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements of another course may be used a second time to satisfy a requirement of any course in the Department of Public and International Affairs. No assistance is to be obtained from commercial organizations which sell or lease research help or written papers. With respect to all written work as appropriate, proper footnotes and attribution are required.