**Antalya Bilim University**

**Department of Political Science and International Relations, POLS 303**

**International Law**

**Fall 2019**

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**Course description**

The aim of this course is to provide students with a solid introduction to International Law (IL) as a field of study. In the two-hour lecture sessions each week, which will be the introductory sessions, the course will focus on historical development and sources of international law, subjects of international law, and relations between these subjects as well as different legal orders. The Introductory sessions include specific topics such as sovereignty and statehood; state responsibility, jurisdiction, and immunities; non-states and other international entities; law-making through treaties and other means; international adjudication; the use of force; the mechanisms for the protection of human rights. The third hour will be organized as discussion sessions to improve the students’ communication and analysis skills. Through expressing their understandings, thoughts and conclusions about IL both verbally in debates and in well-written scholarly essays in the exams, the students will become familiar with current debates in International Law, theoretical IL-perspectives, and their relevancy to real world matters.

**Learning Outcomes**

The major objective of this course is to provide the students a substantive knowledge on the foundations, nature and effect of public international law. The course aims to introduce students to the law making process, developments and different cases in contemporary international law. Upon succesful completion of this course, a student will be able to:

1. Describe the principles, sources and foundational concepts in public international law.
2. Demonstrate a firm knowledge of the relationship between domestic law and public international law.
3. Compare and contrast different theoretical and ideological positions in public international law.
4. Discuss contemporary developments in public international law and assess legal implications of current events at the international level.
5. Develop key skills of legal reasoning and argument.

**Course organization**

The two-hour “Introductory” session will consist primarily of conventional lecturing, while the third hour will consist primarily of class discussion on the topic of the week. The discussions will be organised around a landmark case in Public International Law, or a specific topic for the weeks that are not allocated to a case study.

The landmark cases selected for the corresponding weeks will illustrate the relevance of international law in context and the shift toward the transnational dimensions of legal processes and analyses. For the selected landmark cases, students are expected to look at:

* + - the background issues
    - parties involved
    - relevant law
    - judgments analysis
    - assessments/consequences

of the selected case(s) for the relevant week.

**Course Material**

**Course textbook:**

* Shaw, Malcolm N. 2008. *International Law*. Cambridge University Press, New York.

**Recommended textbooks:**

* Evans, Malcolm, ed., *International Law*. Oxford University Press, 2014.

***Note: All assigned readings are available at the Photocopy Centre at the Faculty Building.***

**Course grading**

Mid-term examination: 35% of final grade.

Final examination: 45% of final grade.

Other assignments and participations: 20% of final grade.

- in-class essay (10%) (details will be declared later)

- participation in class discussions (10%)

**Note:** Participation point is based on quality, not quantity, of in-class participation. More precisely, informed effort counts. It will be evident if you have not done the assigned reading in advance of class. Please do the reading. I leave open the possibility of including ‘pop quizzes’ as part of class participation.

**Plagiarism and Academic Standards**

Students should be familiar with what plagiarism is, and avoid it like the plague. Plagiarism—defined by the University as the act of presenting the work of others as one’s own work, without acknowledgement—is unacceptable under any circumstances. It is essential that the source for your material is always clear to the reader. This does not apply only to direct quotes from a book or article; it applies to any point taken directly from something that you have read. Paraphrasing the work of others and presenting it without attribution as your own is unacceptable—a citation must be given. You should be sure that (i) direct quotes are always enclosed in quotation marks so that it is clear that you are not claiming to have written the phrases yourself; (ii) you always give the source of ideas and facts, including the precise page reference; and (iii) you cite your sources, not your source’s sources. If you engage in cheating or plagiarism, you will receive an F (0.0) grade for the course and you will be reported to the Disciplinary Committee for academic dishonesty.

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| POLS 303- International Law |
| Week 1 (19 September): Introduction to Public International Law |
| Going over the Syllabus, Course Rules, Assignments  • Introduction to International Law. How do we conceptualize International Law? What is its purpose in past and present international relations? |
| Week 2 (26 September): Sources of International Law |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “Sources” In: *International Law*. pp. 69-128. |
| Week 3 (3 October): Sources of International Law |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “Sources” In: *International Law*. pp. 69-128. |
| Week 4 (10 October): Law of Treaties |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “The Law of Treaties” In: *International Law*. pp. 902-955. |
| Week 5 (17 October): Law of Treaties |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “The Law of Treaties” In: *International Law*. pp. 902-955. |
| Week 6 (24 October): International Law and the State |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “Jurisdiction” In: International Law. pp. 645-696. |
| Week 7 (31 October): State Responsibility |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “State Responsibility” In: *International Law*. pp. 778-843. |
| Week 8 (7 November): MID-TERM WEEK |
| IN-CLASS MID-TERM EXAMINATION |
| Week 9 (14 November): International Law and The Use of Force |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “International Law and the Use of Force by States” In: *International Law*. pp. 1118-1166. |
| Week 10 (21 November): Human Rights |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “The International Protection of Human Rights” In: *International Law*. pp. 265-344. |
| Week 11 (28 November): International Humanitarian Law |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “International Humanitarian Law” In: *International Law*. pp. 1167-1203. |
| Week 12 (5 December): International Criminal Law |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “Individual Criminal Responsibility in International Law” In: *International Law*. pp. 397-443. |
| Week 13 (12 December): Law of the Sea |
| Malcolm N. Shaw. 2008. “The Law of the Sea” In: *International Law*. pp. 553-644. |
| Week 14 (19 December): REVIEW WEEK |
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