

Course Name : Public International Law							
Course Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab. (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 414	B	Spring	3.00	1.00	0.00	3.50	6.00
Lecturer		Ferdinand Gjana, Prof. Dr					
Assistant							
Course language		Albanian					
Course level		Master					
Description		This course is an introduction to international public law, generally understood as the set of rules binding the international conduct of states and non state actors. Until the twentieth century, international law was largely the law of nations, but today it also encompasses the rights and duties of transnational organizations and individuals. Compared to most domestic legal systems, the international legal system is primitive; there is a close interplay between international law and international politics. The student of international law therefore confronts a host of normative and legal ambiguities frustrating perhaps, but this is what makes the subject so interesting. Here we have a legal system still in its early stages of development.					
Objectives		The general objective of this course is to develop the students' grasp of the foundations of international law, its evolution during the twentieth century, and its role in world affairs today. By the end of the term, the student should be able to: 1. demonstrate mastery of the main contours of international law; 2. identify key historical developments and practices that have shaped the current international legal system; and 3. provide a basic legal analysis of contemporary events and issues in world politics.					
Core Concepts							
Course Outline							
Week	Topic						
1	Introduction/ Law and society						
2	Norm-creation in international law						
3	Subjects of international law						
4	Recourse to force						
5	Terrorism						
6	Human rights and humanitarian law						
7	The environment. State and individual responsibility						
8	Provim Gjysmëfinal						
9	Peaceful settlement of disputes						
10	International law in action						
11	Interpreting International Law I: Dispute Settlement						
12	Interpreting International Law II: International Courts and Tribunals						
13	Self-Defense						
14	International Law and Domestic Law						

15	Internal conflicts and humanitarian intervention			
16	Final Exam			
Prerequisites		The student must attend the course at a minimum rate of 75%.		
Literature		• Antonio Cassese, • Malcolm D. Evans (ed.), • Patricia Birnie, Alan Boyle and Catherine Redgwell,		
References		• James Crawford, • Shirley V. Scott,		
Course Outcome				
1	Develop skills in critical, logical and structured reasoning generally and within the context of public international law in particular;			
2	Understand social phenomena and their regulation from a legal perspective;			
3	Appreciate the interplay between legal rules and underlying social values;			
4	Become familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of law generally and Public International Law in particular as an instrument of social organization and control.			
Course Evaluation				
In-term Studies		Quantity	Percentage	
Midterms		1	30	
Quizzes		0	0	
Projects		0	0	
Term Projects		1	20	
Laboratory		0	0	
Class Participation		1	10	
Total in-term evaluation percent			60	
Final exam percent			40	
Total			100	
ECTS Workload (Based on Student Workload)				
Activities		Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total (hours)
Course duration (Including the exam week: 16x Total hours of the course)		16	4	64
Study hours outside the classroom (Preparation, Practice, etc.)		14	4	56
Duties		1	10	10
Midterms		1	10	10
Final Exam		1	10	10
Other		0	0	0
Total Work Load				150
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)				6.00
ECTS				6.00