

POLITICAL SCIENCE 4041  
International Law  
Fall 2016

10:30-11:20 MWF/116 Stubbs

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to provide a helpful insight into International Law. This is a sub-discipline of political science and it has much controversy and debate surrounding it. We will examine both the Case Law and the Politics involved and explain how International Law has evolved through time. By the end of this semester, students should have obtained the necessary tools for explaining the continued value of International Law in world affairs.

TEXTBOOKS: There is one textbook required for the course:

Bederman/Keitner: *International Law Frameworks*  
St. Paul, MN: Foundation Press, 2016.

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

EXAMS & OTHER ASSIGNMENTS: There will be an early Take-Home Exam (that covers introductory material), a Mid-term In-Class Exam (on Sources and Subjects) and a Final. In addition, you will need a partner for your Case Report and Presentation but the Journal Review should be done independently.

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

Class Participation	10 pts
Early Take-Home Exam	10 pts (Due Fri. Sept. 09)
Mid-term Exam	20 pts (Wed. Oct. 12)
Case Report & Presentation	10 pts (Sept. 30, Oct. 07, 21, 24, Nov. 04)
Journal Review	20 pts (Due Fri. Nov. 18)
Final Exam	<u>30 pts</u> (Tues. Dec. 06, 7:30am)
	100 pts

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 86.9 - 85	C+ 76.9 - 75	D+ 66.9 - 65	F below 57
A 94.9 - 90	B 84.9 - 80	C 74.9 - 70	D 64.9 - 60	
A- 89.9 - 87	B- 79.9 - 77	C- 69.9 - 67	D- 59.9 - 57	

## LECTURE OUTLINE & READINGS

Aug. 22 - Sept. 07	<u>Course Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Nature &amp; Function</li><li>- Peculiarities</li><li>- Role of the U.S.</li></ul> Chapters 1 & 17
Sept. 09 (FRI.)	Early Take-Home Exam Due
Sept. 09 - 21	<u>Sources of International Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Where it comes from</li><li>- Article 38</li><li>- Other Sources</li></ul> Chapters 2, 3 & 4
Sept. 23 - Oct. 05	<u>Subjects of International Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Legal Personality Idea</li><li>- The State/ International Organizations/ Individuals</li></ul> Chapters 6, 8 & 9
Oct. 07	Begin Presentations
Oct. 13 (WED.)	Mid-term Exam (In-Class)
Oct. 14 - 19	<u>Settlement of International Disputes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Definition and Types</li><li>- Arbitration in International Law</li><li>- Adjudication: The ICJ and other Tribunals</li></ul> Chapter 5
Oct. 21, 24, Nov. 04	Continue Case Presentations
Oct. 26 - Nov. 09	<u>Jurisdiction and Sovereignty</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Principles of Jurisdiction</li><li>- Extradition/Extra-territorial Jurisdiction</li><li>- Law on Territory/ Maritime Areas/ Airspace</li></ul> Chapters 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12

- Nov. 11 - 16            Laws of War
- Basis/Prohibition of the Use of Force
  - Laws of Geneva
  - Laws of the Hague
- Chapters 15 & 16
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- Nov. 18 - 21            Law of Diplomacy
- Basis/Rules and Privileges in Pursuit of Peace
  - Law on Treaties
  - Law on Diplomacy
- Chapters 18 & 20
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- Nov. 28 - 30            Laws of Commerce
- Treatment of Companies
  - Nationality
  - Nationalization
- Chapters 7c & 14
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- Dec. 02                    Give out Pre-Final Grades  
Review Session/Course Evaluation
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- Dec. 06 (Tues.)        Final Exam / 7:30 - 9:30 am