IR 140 A

INTERNATIONAL LAW
AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Summer Session
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Class Meetings: Monday and Wednesday: 10:30 am – 12:20 pm

THE COURSE:

What is the character of international legal rules? Do they matter in international politics, and if so, to what degree? What should we expect from international law and international organizations in shaping international relations? This class will provide introductory knowledge of the foundational principles and sources of public international law and organizations. We will also consider a set of practical problems, where international law and international organizations meet their biggest enforcement challenges. Some of them are: intervention by force, ascertaining universal human rights, and prosecuting war crimes and crimes against humanity.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Assuming that the students complete all assignments, read all the materials, come to class on a regular basis and participate actively in our discussions, by the end of this course they will:

• Demonstrate nuanced knowledge of fundamental principles of international law and its interaction with international politics.
• Be familiar with the central issues of and challenges to global governance, such as human rights, intervention by force, and legitimacy of international sanctions.
• Demonstrate working knowledge of the United Nations, its organizational structure, and subsidiary organizations.
• Be able to characterize the dynamics of international politics and international law.
• Analyze, contrast, and evaluate different approaches to the theories of international relations and international law.
• Evaluate the relevance and effectiveness of such central documents of international law as the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

REQUIRED TEXTS:


OPTIONAL READING:


To keep abreast with current affairs read major newspapers and frequently consult journals such as: *The Economist; Wall Street Journal; The New York Times; Foreign Affairs; Foreign Policy; The Washington Quarterly; Current History; The National Interest; International Security; World Policy Journal*, among others. Also make a point to watch the News Hour on PBS.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Attendance and Participation – 30%
- News Log – 5%
- Reaction papers – 10% each. 3 written presentations, each consisting of a 1 single-spaced reaction/commentary paper. The reaction papers have to be emailed to the instructor 24 hours ahead of the given class. At times, they will be incorporated into our seminar discussions.
- Take-Home Final Essays (12-pages) – 35%.

Plagiarism will result in an “F” for the course.

**Attendance is mandatory!** It is not possible to do well in this course if you miss classes: missed classes mean missed opportunities to learn, participate, and teach each other.

More than 1 missed class - for whatever reason - will have a serious impact on your final grade. Should that nevertheless happen, I would appreciate being notified ahead that you will not be coming to the given class.
TENTATIVE
Assignment Schedule:
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND ADJUSTMENT, DEPENDING ON THE PACE OF OUR CLASS.)

(THE READINGS WITH THE AUTHORS’ NAMES IN **BOLD** ARE REQUIRED TO BE PURCHASED BY YOU, THE REST OF THE READINGS WILL BE POSTED ON COURSEWORK OR DISTRIBUTED IN CLASS OR VIA EMAIL.)

JUNE:

**Monday 20:**

- Introduction to the course, its syllabus, goals, and policies.
- Where Do We Begin? Shared trans-boundary problems and international law (IL).

**Wednesday 22:**

- T. Snyder, “One World, Rival Theories.” (TBD.)
- **Recommended:** Perspectives on international law (IL) in international relations (IR), Cali, pp. 25—45.

**Monday 27:**


**Wednesday 29**

- **Recommended:** Identifying International Law I: Cali, pp. 93—140.

**JULY:**

**Monday 4:** No class. National holiday.
Wednesday 6


Monday 11:

- Recommended: Identifying International Law II: Cali, pp. 165—186.

Wednesday 13:


Monday 18:


Wednesday 20:

- The United Nations Charter (TBD.)
- Use of force in IL, Cali, pp. 213—233.

Monday 25:


Wednesday 27:

- International Criminal Court, *Hurd*, pp. 217—244.
- Current cases on the docket of the ICC: a selection. (TBD.)

Monday 27:

- International criminal law, Cali, pp. 258—280.

Wednesday 29:

- *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry*, *Ignatieff*, pp. 3—5
AUGUST:

Monday 1

- *Human Rights as Politics and Idolatry, Ignatieff*, pp. 53--98.

Wednesday 3:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Analysis and Discussion. (TBD.)

Monday 8:


Wednesday 10:

LAST DAY OF CLASS

- Review of the course material.
- Announcement of the essay topics for the Final Take-Home Exam

**Submission deadline:**

Your papers have to be emailed to me by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, or at any time before the deadline. Late submissions will be penalized by a grade reduction.