POLITICAL SCIENCE 4041
International Law
Fall 2013
8:30-9:20 MWF/218 Coates
10:30-11:20 MWF/218 Coates

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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:

Jan Klabbers: International Law

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:

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A: 100-87    B: 86.9-78    C: 77.9-68    D: 67.9-60    F: Below 60
LECTURE OUTLINE & READINGS

Aug. 26 - Sept. 11  Course Introduction
- Nature & Function
- Peculiarities
- Role of the U.S.
  Klabbers, Chapters 1, 16 & 17

Sept. 13-25  Sources of International Law
- Where it comes from
- Article 38
- Other Sources
  Klabbers, Chapters 2 & 3

Sept. 13 (FRIDAY)  Early Take-Home Exam Due

Sept. 28 - Oct. 11  Subjects of International Law
- The Legal Personality Idea
- The State/ International Organizations/ Individuals
  Klabbers, Chapters 4, 6 & 7

Oct. 14 (MONDAY)  Mid-term Exam (In-Class)

Oct. 16-21  Settlement of International Disputes
- Definition and Types
- Arbitration in International Law
- Adjudication: The ICJ and other Tribunals
  Klabbers, Chapter 8

Oct. 23 - Nov. 6  Jurisdiction and Sovereignty
- Principles of Jurisdiction
- Extradition/Extra-territorial Jurisdiction
- Law on Territory/ Maritime Areas/ Airspace
  Klabbers, Chapters 5 & 13

Nov. 11-15  Laws of War
- Basis/Prohibition of the Use of Force
- Laws of Geneva
- Laws of the Hague
  Klabbers, Chapters 10, 11 & 12
Nov. 18-22  Law of Diplomacy
           - Basis
           - Law on Treaties
           - Law on Diplomacy
           Klabbers, Chapter 5 (pp 102-105)

Nov. 25 - Dec. 02  Laws of Commerce
           - Treatment of Companies
           - Nationality
           - Nationalization
           Klabbers, Chapter 15

Dec. 04  Give out Pre-Final Grades
           Review Session

FINAL EXAM  8:30 class: Mon. Dec. 09 (10-12 Noon)
           10:30 class: Thurs. Dec. 12 (3-5 pm)