POLI 4041 Section 1 & 2
International Law
FALL 2009
114 Audubon

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OBJECTIVE: The course is designed to provide an introductory insight into international law. As a sub-discipline of political science, International Law has been a subject of intense debate and controversy. In our study, we will examine both the case-law and politics involved in the discipline as it has evolved through time.

By the end of the semester, students should have obtained the necessary tools for explaining the role of international law in world affairs.

TEXTBOOK: There are two textbooks required.

Antonio Cassese: International Law
New York: Oxford, 2005

David J. Bederman: International Law Frameworks
New York: Foundation Press, 2006

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES: Attendance in all class sessions is required and active participation in class discussion helps. Endeavor to hand in all assignments on time.

EXAMS & PAPERS: There will be a small early take-home exam, a mid-term exam in class, a case-presentation and a final. Your research assignment of a Journal Review is due before the Thanksgiving break.

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

Class Participation 10 pts. (Daily)
Early take home 20 pts. (Sept. 14)
Mid-term Exam 20 pts. (Oct. 12)
Research Paper 10 pts. (Nov. 20)
Case Presentation 10 pts. (Sept. 30)
FINAL (Take Home) 30 pts. (Return Dec. 09; by Noon 209 Stubbs)
100 pts.

A: 88-100  B: 87.9-78  C: 77.9-69  D: 68.9-60  F: Below 60
LECTURE OUTLINE AND ASSIGNED READINGS

Aug. 24 - Aug. 28
Course Introduction I
B.) Chapter 1 & 14
C.) Chapter 1, 2, 3, 12

Aug. 31 - Sept. 07
Course Introduction II
B.) Chapter 1 & 14

Sept. 11 - 25
Sources of International Law
B.) Chapter 2, 3, 4
C.) Chapter 8, 9, 10, & 11

Sept. 28 - Oct. 9
Subjects of International Law
B.) Chapter 5, 6, 7 & 9
C.) Chapter 4, 6, 7, 19, & 21

Mon. Oct. 12
Midterm Exam

Oct. 14 - 21
Settlement of International Disputes
B.) Chapter 21
C.) Chapter 14

Oct. 23-Nov. 09
Jurisdiction and Sovereignty
B.) Chapter 10, 11, & 16
C.) Chapter 5, 18, 20 & 22

Nov. 11 - 16
The Law of War
B.) Chapter 13, 18, 19, 20
C.) Chapter 15, 18, 20, 22

Nov. 18-23
The Law of Diplomacy
B.) Chapter 5, 17, & 13
C.) Chapter 6 & 9

Nov. 30 - Dec. 04
The Law of Commerce
C.) Chapter 24

Dec. 09
FINAL EXAM (TAKE HOME; Return by 12:00 NOON)