POLI 4041 International Law
Fall 2011
8:40am 116 Stubbs Hall
10:40am 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 reflect on how International Law has evolved through
time. By the end of the semester, students should have obtained the necessary tools for explaining
the continued value of International Law in world affairs.

TEXTBOOKS: There are two textbooks required for the course.
Conway Henderson: Understanding International Law

Basak Cali: International Law for International Relations
Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010

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

EXAMS & OTHER ASSIGNMENTS: There will be an early TAKE HOME EXAM (that covers introductory
material); a midterm In-Class Exam (on Sources and Subjects) and an In-Class final that covers the rest of
the material for the semester. 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 (Mon. Sept 12)
Midterm Exam 20 pts. (Mon. Oct 03)
Case Report & Presentation 10 pts. (Begins Oct 05)
Journal Review 20 pts. (Nov. 21)
Final 30 pts. (Wed. Dec. 07; 12:30/5:30pm)
100 pts.

A = 100-87  B = 86.9-78  C = 76.9-68  D = 66.9-60  F = Below 60
LECTURE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENT

Aug. 22-Sept. 7  
Course Introductions:  
* Nature & Function: Municipal vrs. International Law  
* The Peculiarities – Dualism/History/Politics and Precedents  
  Reading: Henderson: Chapter 1 & 4  
  Cali Part 1; Chapter 16

Sept. 12  
Return Take Home Exam

Sept. 09-19  
The Sources of International Law  
* Role of Art 38  
* Other Sources  
  Reading: Henderson: Chapter 3  
  Cali; Part 2; Chapter 5 & 6

Sept 21-30  
The Subjects of International Law  
* Legal personality idea  
* The state/international Organizations/Individuals  
  Reading: Henderson: chapter 2 & 5; chapter 10  
  Cali: Chapter 7, 9, & 13

Oct. 03  
In Class Midterm Exam

Oct. 05-07  
Begin Case Presentation with Partner

Oct. 10-17  
Settlement of international Disputes  
* Arbitration in International Law  
* Adjudication in International Law  
  Reading: Henderson Chapter 6  
  Cali: Chapter 8

Oct. 19-31  
Jurisdiction and Sovereignty  
May 24-25  
* Principles of Jurisdiction  
* Extradition/Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction  
* Law on Territory/Maritime Areas/Airspace  
  Reading: Henderson: Chapter 5

Nov. 02-11  
Laws of War  
  Basis/Prohibition of the use of force  
  Laws of Geneva/Laws of the Hague  
  Readings: Henderson
Cali: Chapter 10, 11, & 12

Nov. 14-18  The Laws of diplomacy
  * Basis
  * Law on Treaties/Law on Diplomacy
    Reading: Henderson; Chapter

Nov. 21  Journal Review: Due Date

Nov. 21-28  Law of Commerce: Treatment of companies
  * Nationality/Nationalization
    Reading: Henderson; chapter 12
    Cali; Chapter 15

Nov. 30-Dec. 02  Course Evaluation
  Review Session
  Return Pre-Final Grades

Dec. 07 (Wed.)  Final Exam
  8:30 Class 12:30pm
  10:40 Class 5:30pm