POLL 4041 International Law
FALL 2010
8:40am/12:40pm; 114 Audubon

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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 is only one textbook required for the course and should be purchased by everyone.

Conway Henderson: Understanding International Law

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 (that covers the lectures on Sources and Subjects) and an In-Class final (that will consist of the material covered in the last part of the semester). In addition, you will need a partner for your Case Report and Presentation as well as a Journal Review by the end of the semester.

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

- Class Participation: 10 pts
- Early Take-Home Exam: 10 pts (Due Sept. 10)
- Midterm Exam: 20 pts. (Oct. 11)
- Case Report & Presentation: 10 pts. (Begin Oct. 01)
- Journal Review: 20 pts. (Due Nov. 19)
- Final (In-Class): 30 pts. (Dec. 7 at 10 and Dec. 9 at 12:30)
  100 pts.

A = 100-88  B = 87.9-78  C = 77.9-68  D = 67.9-60  F = Below 60
LECTURE OUTLINE & READING ASSIGNMENT

Aug. 23-Sept. 03  
Course Introductions:  
*Nature & Function: Municipal vrs. International Law  
*The Peculiarities – Dualism/History/Politics and Precedents  
Reading: Henderson: Chapter 1 & 4

Sept. 08-24  
The Sources of International Law  
*Where does this law come from?  
*Role of Art 38  
*Other Sources  
Reading: Henderson: Chapter 3

Sept. 27-Oct. 08  
The Subjects of International Law  
*Legal personality idea  
*The state/international Organizations/Individuals  
Reading: Henderson: chapter 2, & 5; pp 132-139; chapter 10

Oct. 11  
Mid-Term Exam

Oct 13-22  
Settlement of International Disputes  
*Definition & Types  
*Arbitration in International Law  
*Adjudication: The role of the I.C.J. and other Tribunals  
Reading: Henderson Chapter 6; pp 163-174

Oct 25-Nov. 08  
Jurisdiction and Sovereignty  
*Principles of Jurisdiction  
*Extradition/Extra Territorial Jurisdiction  
*Law on Territory/Maritime Areas/Airspace  
Reading: Henderson: Chapter 5

Nov 10-Dec. 01  
Laws of War, Diplomacy and Commerce  
*Prohibition of the Use of Force  
*Laws of Geneva and Laws of The Hague  
*Law on Treaties/Law on Diplomacy  
*Law on Nationality/Nationalization  
Reading: Chapter 7, 8, 9, & 12

Nov. 19  
Journal Review Due

Dec. 01  
Course Evaluation

Dec. 07  
In-Class Final  10:00am for 8:40 class

Dec. 09  
In-Class Final  12:30pm for 10:40 class