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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Lecture Outline & Readings

Aug. 25 - Sept. 8  
**Course Introduction**  
- Nature & Function  
- Peculiarities  
- Role of the U.S.  
Klabbers, Chapters 1, 16 & 17

Sept. 10 - 24  
**Sources of International Law**  
- Where it comes from  
- Article 38  
- Other Sources  
Klabbers, Chapters 2 & 3

Sept. 10 (FRIDAY)  
Enter Take-Home Exam Due

Sept. 24 - Oct. 6  
**Subjects of International Law**  
- The Legal Personality Idea  
- The State/ International Organizations/ Individuals  
Klabbers, Chapters 4, 6 & 7

Oct. 8  
Begin Presentations

Oct. 13 (MONDAY)  
Mid-term Exam (In-Class)

Oct. 15 - 20  
**Settlement of International Disputes**  
- Definition and Types  
- Arbitration in International Law  
- Adjudication: The ICJ and other Tribunals  
Klabbers, Chapter 8

Oct. 22, 24, 31  
Continue Case Presentations

Oct. 27 - Nov. 12  
**Jurisdiction and Sovereignty**  
- Principles of Jurisdiction  
- Extradition/Extra-territorial Jurisdiction  
- Law on Territory/ Maritime Areas/ Airspace  
Klabbers, Chapters 5 & 13
Nov. 14 - 19  
**Laws of War**
- Basis/Prohibition of the Use of Force
- Laws of Geneva
- Laws of the Hague
Klabbers, Chapters 10, 11 & 12

Nov. 19 - 21  
**Law of Diplomacy**
- Basis/Rules and Privileges in Pursuit of Peace
- Law on Treaties
- Law on Diplomacy
Klabbers, Chapter 5 (pp 102-105)

Nov. 24 - Dec. 1  
**Laws of Commerce**
- Treatment of Companies
- Nationality
- Nationalization
Klabbers, Chapter 15

Dec. 3 - 6  
Give out Pre-Final Grades
Review Session/Course Evaluation

FINAL EXAM  
Tues. Dec. 09 (5:30 – 7:30 pm)
EXPLAIN AND EVALUATE THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS: (Select your Topic EARLY in order to begin sustained research on the subject).

- Torture
- Genocide
- War Crimes
- Human Rights
- State Sovereignty
- Nuclear Proliferation
- Federal vs. State Immigration Laws
- Conduct of War
- Drones
- Dual Nationality
- International Space
- Environmental Treaties
- Border Conflicts
- Trade Disputes
- International Criminal Court
- Nationality vs. Citizenship
- European Union Court System
- Refugee Standards
- Recent Supreme Court Cases
- Crimes Committed Abroad
- Rights of Minorities in International Law
- International Law for the Internet?
- Nationalization
- Resolutions of I.O.’s
- Big Companies and International Law