

POLI 4041 International Law
Fall 2011
8:40am 116 Stubbs Hall
10:40am 218 Coates

Instructor: Dr. Harry Mokeba
Office: 209 Stubbs Hall
Tel: 225-578-2143

Office Hours: 9:30-10:30 MWF
11:30-12:30MWF
3:00-5:00 MW

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
Edison, N.J.: Wiley Blackwell, 2010

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 in 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	<u>30 pts.</u> (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