On-Line Moodle
Fall Semester 2020
International Law
Mon/Wed/Fri 10:30-11:20 AM

COURSE INTRODUCTION:
      We will be examining the global legal process in the world today; its evolution, the changes, the controversies, and recent developments. Focus will be on the critical cases that have influenced International Law of the years. You are expected to gain the knowledge for case law and apply it to your research assignments.

COVID-19 Statement
We remain under pandemic conditions and expect to be in this state for the entire semester. In order to consistently provide the highest quality LSU education, all students should follow current LSU guidelines. These include the following:

1. If you have any signs of illness, do not come to class.
2. In order to protect all campus community members, the University requires everyone to wear facemasks/cloths on campus. Failure to do so is a violation of the code of student conduct.
3. Wash hands with soap and water or clean with sanitizer frequently, and refrain from touching your face.
4. If you have to cough or sneeze unexpectedly, please be mindful of others nearby and cough or sneeze into your elbow or shield yourself the best you can.
5. If you have been exposed to others who have tested positive for COVID-19, self-quarantine consistent with current CDC guidelines.

Daily Symptom Checker:
You are required to respond to a daily symptom check request sent via email or text message each morning. Completing the symptom checker will take approximately one to two minutes. Once you have provided information about your symptoms, you will be given feedback on whether or not you are certified to return to campus and attend your classes. Additionally, if you test positive for COVID-19, you are required to report it in your daily symptom checker application.

Resources for Students: Your health and safety are LSU's top priority. If you are feeling ill or overwhelmed with anxiety, please contact the LSU Student Health Center for medical advice and mental health support. General health care and mental health support are available for all enrolled students through telehealth appointments.

Unexpected Changes to Courses: Due to the unpredictable nature of the situation, the format of the course and/or requirements may be forced to change, and if this is the case that students will be given appropriate notification.

TEXTBOOK: Bederman, David J: *International Law Frameworks*. St. Paul MN: Foundation Press, 2016

GRADES, PAPERS & EXAMS:
There will be a Take-Home, Midterm, Research Assignment Question, and Final. Grades will be distributed as follows:

Class Participation	10
Take-Home Exam – Sept. 11	20
Midterm – Oct. 9	20
Research Assignment Question	20
Final – Dec. 8	30
	100

A+ 100 - 95	B+ 87.9 - 86	C+ 77.9 - 76
A 94.9 - 90	B 85.9 - 80	C 75.9 - 70
A- 89.9 - 88	B- 79.9 - 78	C- 69.9 – 68
	D: Below 68	
	F: Below 60	

Lecture Schedule

August 24-September 4	<u>Course Introduction</u>: Relevance of International Law; Peculiarities and Areas of Controversy and Debate; the Prometheus Case/US vs PLO case. Outstanding issues in recent international law including COVID-19 Disputes.
September 7-23	<u>The Sources of International Law</u>: Art 38 of ICJ Statute: Treaties; Customs; General Principle; Judicial Rulings/Scholarly Writings; Other Sources. **First Exam** Due September 11
September 25-October7	<u>SUBJECTS of International Law</u>: Legal Personality Idea: The Nation State; International Organizations; Individuals
October 9	**Midterm Exam Due @ 11:55 pm**
October 12-21	<u>Dispute Settlement</u>: Role of ICJ and ICC

October 23-November 6	<u>Jurisdiction and Sovereignty</u>: Principles; Extradition; Extraterritorial Jurisdiction; Land, Sea, Airspace
November 9-16	<u>The Laws of War:</u> Laws of Methods and Humanitarian Laws
November 17-21	<u>Laws of Diplomacy</u>: Law on Treaty/Laws on Diplomacy
November 23	**US/China Case Report Due**
November 28-December 2	<u>Laws of Commerce</u>: Nationality and Nationalizations
December 4	Review Session
December 8 (Tuesday)	**Final Exam**