

LAWS 7030 PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 200964

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Description This unit explores the nature, role and characteristics of international law; the concepts of statehood; sovereignty and jurisdiction; the relationships between domestic and international law; the role of law and treaties; and the role of international organisations such as the United Nations and International Court of Justice. The unit also examines contemporaneous and contentious issues of international law.

School Law

Discipline International Law

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Restrictions

Students must be enrolled in programs 8083 Bachelor of Research Studies/Master of Research, 8084/8085 Master of Research, 2824 Master of Laws, 2784 or 2810 Master of Laws (International Governance).

Assumed Knowledge

Bachelor of Laws or equivalent qualification.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Analyse the fundamental norms of public international law, significant customary international law principles and jurisprudence of relevant international Courts;
2. Evaluate the principal institutions of the international legal system and the principle 'sources' of law that they apply in resolving disputes;
3. Critically assess the major challenges to, and weaknesses and effectiveness of, public international law;
4. Apply fundamental principles of public international law to contemporary issues and in problem solving;
5. Produce clear, well structured, appropriately referenced, critical analysed arguments about salient points of international law.

Subject Content

The Nature and Development of International Law
 The Structure of the International Legal System
 Sources of International Law and The Law of Treaties
 International Law and Municipal Law
 Personality, Statehood and Recognition
 Title to Territory and State Jurisdiction
 Immunity from Jurisdiction and State Responsibility
 Legal Regulation of the Use of Force by States

Specific Areas of International Law
 Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task
Participation		10	N	Individual
Essay	3,000 words	45	N	Individual
Essay	4,000 words	45	N	Individual

Prescribed Texts

- Rothwell, DR et al, International Law: Cases and Materials with Australian Perspectives (Cambridge University Press, 3rd ed, 2018).

Teaching Periods

Autumn

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

Evening

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