
INTERNATIONAL LAW in Fall 2018 (LW3061)

Course Code	LW3061	Professor(s)	Sharon Weill
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	G-L18
Class Schedule	F: 15:20-18:15 in C-102	Office Hours	upon appointment
Credits	4	Email	sweill@aup.edu
Semester	Fall 2018	Office Tel. Ext.	588

Course Description

The course introduces students with the general principles of public international law and its various branches of law, such as international humanitarian law, human rights law and international criminal law. During the course we will examine different case studies, focusing each lecture on a topic/situation, in which we will critically examine the law and the role of States, non-states armed groups, international organizations, NGOs and international and domestic tribunals. We will discuss the political role played by those different actors and the relevant enforcement mechanisms, in order to reflect on the future of international law.

Course Learning Outcomes

Understanding of key concepts, relevant actors and main institutions of the international legal order of global governance.

Development of a critical analysis of global challenges from an international law perspective.

Ability to build a rigorous and coherent argumentation using a combination of oral presentation and writing skills.

Fluency in legal reasoning; ability to apply the relevant rules of international law and examine their socio-political impact into specific case studies ('The Global War on Terror', drones, targeted killings, torture, foreign fighters, counter-terrorism, detention, international crimes, military occupation...).

General Education

The general education program at AUP consists of four requirements: Speaking the World, Modeling the World, Mapping the World, and Comparing Worlds Past and Present.

STUDENT LEARNING GOALS

- Understanding of key concepts, relevant actors and main institutions of the international legal order; be able to apply the relevant rules of international law into specific cases.
- Demonstrating fluency in legal reasoning; developing a critical analysis of international law and its socio-political impact through case studies.
- Be able to do an independent research and a well-structured written work.

Course Outline

1. Introduction: Sources, actors and institutions
2. The Right to asylum (Guest lecturer: Adv Omer Shatz, legal advisor Doctor Without borders).
3. Human Rights Law and state of emergency
4. The prohibition of torture
5. International Humanitarian Law : The war on terror
6. Targeted Killings and the right to life
7. Conduct of hostilities
8. Military occupation
9. Self defense
8. International crimes and courts
9. Global justice and domestic courts
- 10-11 : Moot court
- 12-13: presentations

Textbooks

This course doesn't have any textbook.

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

1. Class participation (20%)
2. Presentation (20%)
3. Moot court (20%)

4. Final paper (40%)

Other
