
INTERNATIONAL LAW in Fall 2020 (PO3061)

Course Code	PO3061	Professor(s)	Sharon Weill
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	Grenelle
Class Schedule	F: 09:00-10:35 in G-009 T: 14:30-16:05 in G-009	Office Hours	
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Semester	Fall 2020	Office Tel. Ext.	

Course Description

This is an introductory course to international law. It introduces students to the structure of the international legal order and explores global challenges such as the use of force, human rights, international crimes and migration. The course is based on case studies and aims at reflecting in a critical manner on the role of international law through the practices of the different actors involved such as States, NGOs and International organizations. The course develops an empirical approach to address the gap between the international law doctrine and its practice, while thinking of 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

Course Outline

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| 1. Introduction (international rule of law; sources, courts) | (week 1) |
| 2. Human rights law I (treaties and mechanism) | (week 2) |
| 3. Human rights law II (times of emergency: COVID 19) | (week 3) |
| 4. Intl Humanitarian Law I - Conduct of hostilities | (week 4-5) |
| 5. Intl Humanitarian Law II - Humanitarian aid | (week 6) |
| 6. The UN Convention for the protection of refugees | (week 7-8) |
| 7. Asylum courts | (week 9) |
| 8. International Criminal Law | (week 10) |
| 9. International Criminal Courts (ICC, Hybrid Court, and UJ) | (week 11-12) |

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.

Covid-19:

Students studying at The American University of Paris are still expected to attend ALL scheduled classes. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students will have the option of attending classes remotely when special circumstances apply. For example when students are placed under quarantine by the French authorities or by their doctor, or when students present symptoms of Covid-19 and are directed, by their doctor or the AUP Health Office, to remain home. It is still the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that their professor might have set in the course syllabus. In particular, Students attending remotely

from distant Time Zones should check with their professors about the specific attendance policy for remote learners.

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 and class preparation (20%)
2. Mid-term paper (20%)
3. Presentation (10%)
4. Final exam (50%)

Other
