

Syllabus – Public International Law- winter semester 2016/2017- mgr Marta Klimas

Topics:

1. The main features of the international community.
2. The nature of international law: role, enforcement and effectiveness.
3. The fundamental principles governing international relations.
4. Sources of International Law.

Classes	date	Topic	Materials
Classes 1:	USOS	organizational classes, introduction to public international law, basic terminology and concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Materials sent by the lecturer via e-mail</li> </ul>
Classes 2:	USOS	the main features of the international community; the nature of international law: role, enforcement and effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook: Features of international community</li> <li>• Articles: Is International Law Really "Law"? 79 Northwestern Law Review 1293 (1985) by Anthony D'Amato; available: <a href="http://anthonydamato.law.northwestern.edu/Papers-1/A853-really%20law.html">http://anthonydamato.law.northwestern.edu/Papers-1/A853-really%20law.html</a></li> </ul>
Classes 3:	USOS	the fundamental principles governing international relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook: fundamental principles governing international relations</li> </ul>
Classes 4:	USOS	the fundamental principles governing international relations; Sources of Public International Law-the Law of Treaties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook: fundamental principles governing international relations</li> <li>• Treaties: Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969.</li> <li>• Textbook: the law of treaties</li> </ul>
Classes 5:	USOS	Sources of Public International Law- the Law of Treaties; international custom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treaties: Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties concluded at Vienna on 23 May 1969.</li> <li>• Textbook: the law of treaties, international custom and other sources of Public International Law</li> </ul>
Classes 6:	USOS	Sources of Public International Law- other sources of Public International Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Textbook: the law of treaties , international custom and other sources of Public International Law</li> </ul>
Classes 7:	USOS	Test	-

Grading policy:

- Active participation in the classes- rewarded with a “plus” (one plus possible for each classes)
- Three pluses in the semester boost the semester grade half a grade up
- Final test- open-ended questions; one must take the test on a due date- failing to write the test on a due date without any justification (eg. sick leave) will result in lowering the grade from the test half a mark down
- 3 to 5 short questions and 1 or 2 longer- essay questions

Absences:

- one absence per semester is permitted without producing any excuse note
- any additional absences require justification and “make up work” for the missed class during the office hours- student is expected to have knowledge of the material discussed during the missed classes