



ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY
LAW SCHOOL

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Title:	Public International Law	Instructor:	
No. of Units:	2		Glenn T. Tuazon
Semester/ SY:	Second Semester, 2017-2018		
Department/Track			
:	International Law		

THE COURSE

This is an introductory course on public international law, the rules and processes governing relations between States and, increasingly, individuals, civil society, international institutions, non-governmental institutions, and corporations. It introduces the international legal system, its fundamental principles, key institutions, and other concepts.

The course will focus on the sources, subjects, and objects of international law, and the related concepts of sovereignty, Statehood, and State responsibility. It will also include the relationship between international and domestic law, with a focus on the Philippines. Finally, it will introduce certain specific areas of international law: the law on the use of force, human rights law, humanitarian law, the law on the environment and national resources, the law of the sea, and international economic law.

This is intended to serve as a foundational course for students interested in pursuing an international law track. It is expected to cover topics necessary for preparation for the bar examinations.

MATERIALS

The main texts selected for this course are *Cases and Materials on International Law (8th Edition, 2015)* by David Harris and Sandesh Sivakumaran and for Philippines-specific contextualization *Introduction to Public International Law (2009 ed.)* by Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.

When reading HARRIS, unless explicitly stated below, you may skip any material specific to the United Kingdom.

COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1: Introduction to International Law

Session 1 – Nature of International Law

1. International Law as “Law”
2. The Development of International Law

Sessions 2 and 3 – Sources of International Law

1. Generally
2. Custom

3. Treaties
4. General Principles of Law
5. Judicial Decisions and Writings
6. Unilateral Acts of States
7. "Soft Law"
8. Codification and progressive development of International Law

Session 4 – International Law and Municipal Law

1. Monism and Dualism
2. Other Considerations

Module 2: Personality and Recognition

Session 5 – Subjects and Objects of International Law

Session 6 – Statehood

1. Legal Criteria
2. Secession and Self-Determination
3. Recognition of States and Governments

Session 7 – International Organizations and other Non-State Parties

1. The United Nations and its organs
2. Other international organizations
3. Individuals and corporations

Module 3: Sovereignty and Jurisdiction

Session 8 – Territory

1. Title
2. Areas covered:
 - a. Land
 - b. Airspace
 - c. Adjacent Maritime Areas
 - d. Outer Space
3. Acquisition and transfer of territorial sovereignty

Session 8 – The Law of the Sea

Session 9 – Jurisdiction

1. Criminal and civil jurisdiction
2. Immunity
 - a. State Immunity
 - b. Diplomatic Immunity
 - c. Immunities of International Organizations
3. Areas outside jurisdiction

Session 10 – Nationality

1. Of persons

2. Of corporations and assets

Module 4: Responsibility / Settlement of Disputes

Session 11 – Responsibility

1. International responsibility
2. Consequences of internationally wrongful acts
3. Key issues

Session 12 – Settlement of disputes

1. The use of threat of force
 - a. Prohibition on threat or use of force
 - b. Unilateral use of force
 - c. Collective action through the United Nations
 - d. The Laws of War
2. Peaceful settlement of disputes
 - a. Claims
 - b. Arbitration and judicial settlement of international disputes

Module 5: Special Topics

Sessions 13 and 14 – Protection of Individuals

- a. Human rights
 - b. International Criminal Justice
2. Terrorism
3. Environmental Law
4. International Economic Law

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Attendance, recitations, and quizzes – 40%

Mid-term Exam – 30%

Final Exam – 30%

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The lecturer reserves the option of amending the reading list and assignments as exigencies warrant.