

**Course Outline**

Course: LAWS 2601-A  
Public International Law

Term: Fall 2014

Prerequisites: 1.0 credit from LAWS 1000 [1.0], PAPM 1000 [1.0], PSCI 1100 and PSCI 1200.

Class Information: Day & Time: Fridays, 2:35 – 5:25 AM  
Room: **Please check with Carleton Central for current time and room location**

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T.A. Information: TBA

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Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your ***Letter of Accommodation*** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

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### **Course Description**

This course provides an introduction to public international law, its fundamental principles, concepts, and select institutions. We will begin with an overview of the international legal system, its nature, history and sources, before undertaking a study of how it relates to national legal systems (with a focus on Canada), a closer look at the International Court of Justice, followed by an examination of the ways in which public international law seeks to address select contemporary issues of global concern.

## **Learning Objectives**

A student who successfully completes this course will demonstrate:

- an understanding of the basic structure of the international legal system
- a working knowledge of a number of core doctrines, customary rules and emerging principles
- familiarity with some of the major theoretical debates in the field
- basic understanding of important international law documents and cases covered in the course
- ability to reflect on the promise and limits of international law

## **Required Texts**

John H. Currie, *Public International Law*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. (Toronto: Irwin Law, 2008)

Additional required texts available on CU Learn/ in the library

NOTE: Required texts for each week must be brought to class.

## **Supplementary Text for Reference** (available in the library)

Hugh Kindred, et. al., *International Law: Chiefly as Interpreted and Applied in Canada* (EMP, 2007)

## **Evaluation**

**(All components must be completed in order to get a passing grade)**

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Department and of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Attendance & Participation	15%	Ongoing
Response Paper	15%	Due on October 3
Case Brief	15%	Due on November 14
Final Exam	55%	TBA (during exam period)

Note: Details of evaluation components, assignments, and readings assigned for each week are available on CULearn.

## **Class Schedule**

- 1. September 5**                      **Introductions & Overview**
- 2. September 12**                    **What is Public International Law?**
- 3. September 19**                    **International Legal Persons**
- 4. September 26**                    **Sources of International Law**

5. **October 3**            **The Law of Treaties**
6. **October 10**        **International Law & Canada**
7. **October 17**        **States and Territory**
8. **October 24**        **Jurisdiction and Immunities**
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| <b>October 31</b> | <b>No Class – Fall Break</b> |
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9. **November 7**        **Use of Force**
10. **November 14**     **International Court of Justice**
11. **November 21**     **Protection of Human Rights**
12. **November 28**     **International Law and Indigenous Peoples**
13. **December 5**        **Review Class**