

Course Title	Public International Law				
Course Code	LAW203				
Course Type	Compulsory				
Level	Undergraduate				
Year / Semester	2 nd / C' (Fall)				
Teacher's Name	Dr Andreas Mavrogiannis / Dr Eleni Micha				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	3	Laboratories / week	
Course Purpose and Objectives	<p>The aim of this course is to introduce the students to the key principles of Public International Law as well as to the principles and values of the international legal order in general. The conclusion and implementation of both bilateral and multilateral treaties will be examined in the light of the respective obligations for the state parties; at the same time emphasis will be upon the process for an international treaty to be incorporated within the domestic legal order of a state. Moreover, it is the aim of the course to study the formation of international custom, as a basic source of international law, and the contribution of customary international law in the evolution of international law in general; special focus will be upon the establishment and function of international judicial bodies, namely courts and tribunals and their respective jurisprudence.</p>				
Learning Outcomes	<p>By the end of the series of lectures, the students will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the development and evolution of International Law, both before and after the Second World War and analyse the main theories on the subject. • Describe the key traditional sources of international law and explain how international law is incorporated within the domestic legal order of states. • Recognize the impact of international legal personality on the subjects of international law, along with the rights and obligations that states and international organizations acquire, being subjects of international law • Explain the content of the prohibition of intervention against the internal affairs of another state, as well as the protective scope of the principle of State immunity. 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the key principles of the United Nations' operation mode and specifically that of the Security Council. 		
Prerequisites	LAW 112 – Constitutional Law	Required	none
Course Content	<p>The following subjects will be examined during the winter semester:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the origins and foundations of International Law. Current developments. • Concept of public international law, the respective areas and the distinction between PIL and other branches of the law of international character. The deficits of International Law as a legal system and the contemporary challenges with regard to the lack of enforcement of its rules. • The subjects of International Law and the position of the individual in the contemporary PIL. • The sources of International Law (primary and secondary). Customary International Law and its respective elements (state practice and opinio juris). The general principles of international law. • The Law of International Treaties. The incorporation of International Law within the domestic legal order. The examples of the Greek and Cypriot Constitutional systems. • The creation and dissolution of states. Recognition of a state and the respective theories. The concept of state sovereignty, its elements and characteristics. State succession. • Territorial sovereignty - sovereign equality of states as one of the fundamental principles of international law that govern the friendly relations between states. Introduction to the law of the sea, the air and outer space. • Prohibition of use or of threat to use armed force to solve state disputes and the exceptions from this principle. • The right of self-determination of peoples. Prohibition of one state to intervene in the internal affairs of another state. • The principle of state immunity, the diplomatic relations between states and the rights and privileges of diplomatic missions. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The responsibility of states due to an international wrongful act. • Introduction to the legal order of the United Nations: The main bodies of the United Nations and their role, particularly that of the UN Security Council. The system of collective security according to the UN Charter. The peaceful settlement of disputes (diplomatic means and International Courts).
Teaching Methodology	<p>Lecture:20 hours</p> <p>Discussion: 12 hours</p>
Bibliography	Emm. Roukounas, Public International Law, Nomiki Vivliothiki, 3 rd edition, 2019
Assessment	<p>Exam(s): 60%</p> <p>Assignment(s): 30%</p> <p>Attendance / Participation: 10%</p>
Language	Greek