

Faculty of Law



INT2210 Public International Law I

[30h+18h exercises] 4.5 credits

This course is taught in the 1st semester

Teacher(s): Pierre d'Argent
Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

To teach the basic rules of the international community, which is primarily composed of states, and to analyse various difficulties resulting from the application of these rules in domestic legal systems, mainly Belgian law.

Main themes

The course must present a synthetic view of the main themes usually regarded as basic requirements for the study of public international law, or the Law of Nations. It must stress the close relationship between public and private international law.

The main themes are:

- general features;
- international law subjects (states, international organisations, etc.)
- sources of international law (customary law, treaties, etc.)
- international responsibility of states
- sanctions (counter-measures, etc.).

For each one of these main themes, the focus is on the study of general rules. This does not preclude some attention being paid to specific rules which are of more concern in Belgium (treaty law, rivers#). Special attention is paid to the multilateral treaties that are said to be codifying international law, as well as to the relevant law-making UN General Assembly resolutions.

Content and teaching methods

The subject of the course is the study and analysis of the main characteristics of the international legal system, understood as the legal system which governs relations within the international community, primarily made up of states. Public international law I is dedicated to the study of international law subjects (states, international organisations, peoples, individuals), sources (treaties, customary law, general principles, etc.), and functions (international responsibility, counter-measures).

The course is taught to a large class of students and is based on a published book which serves as the main reading material, as well as on various documents (treaties, conventions, resolutions, etc.).

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Oral examination.

Material : Joe Verhoeven, Droit international public, Larcier, 2000

Other credits in programs

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