

INTL 4210 INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW
 SPRING 2020

GENERAL INFORMATION				
INSTRUCTOR	Dr. Leah Carmichael			
CLASS DETAILS	INTL 4210 #49026	Tues & Thurs	11 am to 12:15 pm	MLC 147
	INTL 4210 #49311	Tues & Thurs	12:30 to 1:45 pm	MLC 147
EMAIL	If you have any questions throughout the course, please contact your instructor at leahlang@uga.edu . She will check email daily and will typically return your email within two business days. Before contacting her directly, please review this syllabus and the instructor's personal webpage https://sites.google.com/view/leahcarmichael .			
OFFICE HOURS	If you have any questions throughout the course, feel free to address them before or after class or during, when the class first begins, or during scheduled office hours in the MLC. Office hours are by appointment and will occur on Tues or Thurs mornings. To schedule an appointment, please do so at https://leah-carmichael-office-hours.appointlet.com/b/leah .			
PRE-REQ.	INTL 3200 or INTL 3300 or permission of department			
COURSE DESCRIPTION & STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES				
<p>What is international law? Is it really law? Do treaties, customs, general principles, international court rulings, the declarations and resolutions of international organizations, scholarly writing, and international norms really matter to rational, self-interested states and individuals in the absence of an overarching governing authority? Can international law limit state jurisdiction? Why do states comply with international law?</p> <p>The first part of this course will explore the foundations of international law. By providing students with a comprehensive understanding of the theories, history, sources, actors, and processes of creating international law, they will be able to begin to answer these questions above.</p> <p>The second part of the course will apply these foundations to key issue areas: territoriality, the use of force, humanitarian, criminal, and human rights regimes.</p> <p>In doing so, students will begin to apply legal precedent in international law to significant international events to construct, debate, and interpret original legal arguments. As international law is also offered in many law schools, it should be noted that this course will focus exclusively on public international law and will be presented from an international political, more than a legal, perspective.</p>				
ACTIVE LEARNING FOCUS OF COURSE				
<p>The course will focus on providing an atmosphere for active learning. Such a course encourages students to both engage with the material in a class by internalizing the roles and problems facing those roles of applicants, respondents, and justices in courts of law.</p> <p>Throughout this semester, students will work together in small groups to understand the sources of international law, seek to effectively interpret these sources from different perspectives, and apply these sources to argue, defend, and/or judge famous debated cases in international law.</p>				
REQUIRED MATERIALS				
<p>The instructor has created original course materials for this semester. These materials, as well as access to quizzes, group project assignments, and exams, can be found on the course's eLC homepage. It is essential that students monitor this page's content regularly.</p>				

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SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS

The assignments in this course will vary considerably, but they each serve one of two purposes: to encourage students to identify the key terms and basic assumptions of intl law and to allow students the opportunity to apply sources of international law to significant international legal issues for the purpose of constructing, debating, and interpreting original legal arguments.

- **Quizzes (30%):** Students will take open-book quizzes through eLC. Each of these quizzes will be graded automatically. All quizzes are due before 8 a.m. on the day scheduled (see below). Late submissions will not be accepted. Thus it is strongly advised to work ahead of the deadlines.
- **Participation in Cases (40%):** Students will participate in ten cases as either a member of the applicant team, the respondent team, or a member of a dispute resolution mechanism (e.g. court, tribunal, or arbitration panel). These cases will take place during class in weeks three through seven and then weeks eleven through fifteen. Included in the grade for participation in cases is active engagement in the acquisition of knowledge about the area of law and the facts of the case, preparation before the hearing, participation in the hearing, and engagement in the post-hearing reflection process (including group submissions of a case brief via eLC by the deadlines mentioned in the schedule below). Late submissions of briefs will not be accepted. Thus it is strongly advised to work ahead of each deadline. More details will be given in class the first week about how overall participation in cases will be assessed.
- **Midterm Exam (10%):** The purpose of the midterm (and final) exam will be to encourage students to recall important sources and facts related to international law and to apply legal precedent in international law to significant international events for the purpose of constructing original written legal arguments. The midterm exam will be administered in two parts. In the first portion, students will be able to identify the key sources and relevant facts of international law addressed throughout the semester. In the second portion, students will be able to recall the key issue(s) sources, facts, arguments, and decision(s) of real-world legal scenarios tried in class during Weeks One through Seven.
- **Final Exam (15%):** The final exam will be similar to the midterm, but it will take place during one three-hour final exam session. Both the sections on sources and facts and the essay will only be from the second part of the semester. See the schedule below for more details.
- **Attendance (5%):** Attendance and active participation while in attendance together count five percent toward your overall grade. To be counted for attendance, students will need to sign in at the beginning of class each day using a survey. More details will be given the first week of class on how to do so. Please come early to ensure enough time for you to sign in and be in your seat before class starts, as the survey will close at the time the class begins. Students will also use this survey if they arrive late or did not attend due to one of the following excuses: University-sanctioned event (proper letterhead will be needed as documentation), illness (with documentation), or a compelling life event (e.g. religious holiday, wedding or funeral). Once you have submitted an excusal request, the instructor will either approve or decline your request. Only unexcused absences will be counted off.

GRADING SCALE

92 to 100 = A	78 to 79.99 = C+
90 to 91.99 = A-	72 to 77.99 = C
88 to 89.99 = B+	70 to 71.99 = C-
82 to 87.99 = B	60 to 69.99 = D
80 to 81.99 = B-	There is no rounding of your grade.

ADDITIONAL POLICIES

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GENERAL RESPECT & PARTICIPATION

We will all work to be great citizens in this course. Here are just a few ways in which this will be achieved (and more may be added as we evolve in our expectations of each other:

- We will be respectful and actively engaged with each other and the ideas presented by others. Both personally and professionally, I value open discourses across the political spectrum. If at any time, you feel that myself or others are not encouraging you to express your well-informed political opinions, please feel free to approach me so we can make sure to allow for this.
- We will all work to ensure that our contributions to the class discussion work to improve (rather than detract from) the quality of the course. Active engagement is prized, but we will not tolerate discourse that means to quiet, rather than encourage, others to contribute as well.
- Feedback on work is important for student growth. The instructor will return graded assignments within five days of submission or students will receive a five-point award to the assignment.
- Students will be encouraged to use technology in the classroom *for the explicit purpose of engaging more fully with the course materials.*
- All students must demonstrate academic integrity in all parts of the course. Any cases of academic dishonesty will be dealt with according to the University's guidelines. Being unfamiliar with the academic honesty policy is not a reasonable explanation for a violation. The University's policy and procedures for handling cases of suspected dishonesty can be found at www.uga.edu/ovpi.



LEARNING ACCOMMODATION POLICY

UGA is committed to the success of all learners and strives to create an inclusive and accessible course environment to ensure such success. In collaboration with the Disability Resource Center, the instructor will work with students to access the accommodations and academic supports they need to excel. Feel free to contact the instructor either in person or via email (leahlang@uga.edu). In addition, the DRC will provide the instructor with relevant resources needed. For more information or to speak with the Center's faculty and staff, please call the Disability Resource Center at (706) 542-8719, TTY only phone (706) 542-8778, or visit their website at www.drc.uga.edu.



FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS & PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) grants students certain information privacy rights. For more detail, please visit the registrar's relevant webpage: www.apps.reg.uga.edu/FERPA/.



CAMPUS CARRY

For questions about the new campus carry policy (implemented 7.1.18), please refer to the University System of Georgia's implementation guide [here](#).

I. FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Students will be able to identify the key terms and basic assumptions of intl law

WEEK ONE: INTRODUCTIONS

Tuesday 1.7.20	Introductions	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week One: ✓ Read: Syllabus ✓ Submit (Before 1.21 at 8 am): Test Quiz
Thursday 1.9.20	Legal Arguments	

WEEK TWO: WHAT IS INTERNATIONAL LAW?

Tuesday 1.14.20	History of Intl Law	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Two: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter One: "Is International Law Even Law?" ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am): Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter One: "Is International Law Even Law?"
Thursday 1.16.20	Theories of Intl Relations & Intl Law	
1.21.20	<p style="text-align: center;">No Case Brief Due for This Week</p> <p>Though there is no case brief due this week, most are due Tuesdays at 8 am the week after a week in which the topic is covered. Please work ahead of the deadline, as no late submissions will be accepted.</p>	

WEEK THREE: ACTORS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

Tuesday 1.21.20	Actors in Intl Law	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage> Table of Content>Table of Content > Week Three: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Two: "Actors in International Law: Palestinians & Israelis" ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am): Quiz on Intl Law Text, Ch. Two: "Actors in International Law: Palestinians & Israelis"
Thursday 1.23.20	<i>Israeli Wall Advisory Opinion</i>	
1.28.20	<p style="text-align: center;">Case Brief for Week Three Due</p>	

WEEK FOUR: SOURCES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW PART I (TREATIES)

Tuesday 1.28.20	Treaties	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Four: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Three: "Sources of International Law" Part I ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Sources of Intl Law Part I
Thursday 1.30.20	<i>The U.S. & the Rome Statute</i>	
2.4.20	<p style="text-align: center;">Case Brief for Week Four Due</p>	

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WEEK FIVE: SOURCES OF INTL LAW PART II (CUSTOMARY LAW)		
Tuesday 2.4.20	Customary Law	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Five: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Four: “Sources of International Law” Part II ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Sources of Intl Law Part II
Thursday 2.6.20	<i>The Caroline</i>	
2.11.20	Case Brief for Week Five Due	

WEEK SIX: RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF ACTORS		
Tuesday 2.11.20	Rights & Responsibilities of States	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Six: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Six: “Rights & Responsibilities of Actors” ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Four: “Rights & Responsibilities of Actors”
Thursday 2.13.20	<i>The Corfu Channel</i>	
2.18.20	Case Brief for Week Six Due	

WEEK SEVEN: DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS		
Tuesday 2.18.20	Dispute Resolution Mechanisms	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Seven: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Seven: “Dispute Resolutions” ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am): Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Five: “Dispute Resolutions”
Thursday 2.20.20	The South China Sea	
2.25.20	Case Brief for Week Seven Due	

WEEKS EIGHT & NINE: MIDTERM EXAM		
Tuesday 2.25.20	Review Cases	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Weeks One through Seven: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review: Intl Law Text, Chapters One through Seven (excluding Five) ✓ Submit: Study Guide
Thursday 2.27.20	Review Legal Arguments	
Tuesday 3.3.20	Office Hours By Appointment	No Assignments Due
Thursday 3.5.20	Midterm Exam	Bring a laptop. If you need to check one out, you made do so from the third floor of the MLC.

WEEK TEN: SPRING BREAK

II. INTERNATIONAL LAW REGIMES

Students apply sources of international law to significant international legal issues for the purpose of constructing, debating, and interpreting original legal arguments.

WEEK ELEVEN: TERRITORIAL CLAIMS

Tuesday 3.17.20	For All of Humankind	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Eleven: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Eight: "Territorial Claims" ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Eight: "Territorial Claims"
Thursday 3.19.20	Outer Space Law	
3.24.20	Case Brief for Week Eleven Due	

WEEK TWELVE: USE OF FORCE

Tuesday 3.24.20	Justifications for the Use of Force	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Twelve: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Nine: "The Use of Force" ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Nine: "The Use of Force"
Thursday 3.26.20	NATO in the Balkans	
3.31.20	Case Brief for Week Twelve Due	

WEEK THIRTEEN: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Tuesday 3.31.20	International Humanitarian Law	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Thirteen: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Ch. Ten: "Humanitarian Law" ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Ten: "International Humanitarian Law"
Thursday 4.2.20	Guantanamo Bay	
4.7.20	Case Brief for Week Thirteen Due	

WEEK FOURTEEN: INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Tuesday 4.7.20	Criminal Law	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Fourteen: ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Eleven: "International Criminal Law" ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Eleven: "International Criminal Law"
Thursday 4.9.20	Augusto Pinochet	
4.14.20	Case Brief for Week Fourteen Due	

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WEEK FIFTEEN: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW		
Tuesday 4.14.20	Intl Human Rights Law & Asylum Seekers	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Week Fifteen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Read: Intl Law Text, Chapter Twelve “Intl Human Rights Law” ✓ Submit (Before Tuesday 8 am) Quiz on Intl Law Text, Chapter Twelve “Intl Human Rights Law”
Thursday 4.16.20	Kenya’s Choice to Close Borders & Refugee Camp	
4.21.20	Case Brief for Week Fifteen Due	

WEEK SIXTEEN & SEVENTEEN: FINAL EXAM		
Tuesday 4.21.20	Review Cases	Before class on Tuesday, please complete the following via our eLC Course Homepage > Table of Content > Weeks Eight through Twelve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review: Intl Law Text, Chapters Eight through Twelve
Thursday 4.23.20	Review Legal Arguments	
Tuesday 4.28.20	Office Hours By Appointment	No Assignments Due
Thursday, 5.5.20 12 to 3 pm	FINAL EXAM: CRN 49026	Bring a laptop. If you need to check one out, you made do so from the third floor of the MLC.
Thursday, 4.30.20 12 to 3 pm	FINAL EXAM: CRN 49311	Bring a laptop. If you need to check one out, you made do so from the third floor of the MLC.