UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Public International Law - A-L

2425-2-A5810007-AL

Learning objectives

The course aims at providing a knowledge of the basic aspects of the international legal order. It intends to offer to students the legal skills for a critical understanding the dynamics governing the evolution of the international community.

Contents

The course deals with the general aspects of the international legal order and its evolution, by paying attention to the structural characters of the international community, to its subjects and actors, as well as to the basic aims to which international law is intended to respond (such as the maintenance of peace and security and the prohibition of the use of force, the protection of fundamental human rights, the repression of international crimes). The course considers the way in which the features of the international community and of its main players, i.e. States, may affect the procedures of international law-making, the settlement of international disputes and the implementation of responsibility in cases of violation of international law. In particular, the conclusion and effects of international treaties, the formation of customary international law, the general rules on international responsibility as well as the problem of implementation of international law in domestic legal orders will be explored.

Detailed program

The course will deal in particular with the following topics: 1) The basic features of the international legal order; 2) The key actors and players of the international community (States, International Organizations, Peoples and the principle of self-determination, Insurgents and National Liberation Movements, Individuals); 3) The protection of fundamental human rights; 4) The repression of international crimes; 5) The prohibition of the use of force and the maintenance of peace and security; 6) The making of international treaties and their effects 7) The formation of

international customary law; 8) The law governing international responsibility; 9) The means and methods for the settlement of international disputes; 10) The relationship between international law and domestic law.

Prerequisites

The course requires the knowledge of the foundational concepts and institutes of private law and constitutional law

Teaching methods

Taught class/lectures in erogative mode, with discussion of basic texts and documents illustrating the basic legal concepts and institutes of international law.

Assessment methods

Oral exam. There are no intermediate written assessments. The oral assessment is based on two general questions concerning the topics considered during the course and covered by the recommended textboks. The passing of the exam requires an adequate knowledge of both the questions submitted to the candidate.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

T. Scovazzi (a cura di), Corso di diritto internazionale, Part I, Fourth edition, Milano, Giuffré Editore, 2024.

T. Scovazzi (a cura di), Corso di diritto internazionale, Part II, Third edition, Milano, Giuffré Editore, 2022

Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS