UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Public International Law

2627-2-E1402A013

Learning objectives

The course aims at providing a knowledge of the basic aspects of the international legal order, also in an historical perspective; it intends to offer to students the legal skills for a critical understanding of the dynamics governing the evolution of the international community.

Knowledge and understanding: to know and understand the concepts and elements of international law; to understand the different sources of international law, the subjects of international law and their interaction, the relationship between international law and domestic law.

Contents

The course deals with the historical evolution and the general aspects of the international legal order, 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 historical evolution of the international community;
3) 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);
4) The protection of fundamental human rights;
5) The repression of international crimes;
6) The prohibition of the use of force and the maintenance of peace and security;
7) The making of international treaties and their effects
8) The formation of international customary law;
9) The law governing international responsibility;
10) The relationship between international law and domestic law.

Prerequisites

Teaching methods

Taught class/lectures

Assessment methods

Oral exam.
The oral test consists of an interview on the topics covered in the programme and indicated in the recommended texts; the aim is to test the ability to understand and clearly explain all the key topics and aspects of the subject.
The criteria for assessing the competences indicated are based on knowledge and understanding of the contents of the discipline and on the ability to apply the acquired knowledge with a personal reworking.

Textbooks and Reading Materials

T. Scovazzi (a cura di), Corso di diritto internazionale, Parte I, Milano, Giuffré Editore, ultima edizione;
T. Scovazzi (a cura di), Corso di diritto internazionale, Parte II, Milano, Giuffré Editore, ultima edizione

Sustainable Development Goals

PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS