
INTERNATIONAL LAW in Fall 2018 (PO3061)

Course Code	PO3061	Professor(s)	Sharon Weill
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	
Class Schedule	F: 15:20-18:15 in C-102	Office Hours	upon appointment
Credits	4	Email	sweill@aup.edu
Semester	Fall 2018	Office Tel. Ext.	

Course Description

This course is an introduction to international law. It presents students with the structure of the international legal order and explores global challenges such as the use of force, human rights, international criminal law and transitional justice. The course is based on case studies and aims at reflecting in a critical manner on the role of international law through the practices of the different actors involved such as states, NGOs, International organizations, judges, armed groups, etc. Students will be equipped to build a critical argument on the gap between theory and practice, while discussing future directions of international law.

Course Learning Outcomes

Understanding of key concepts, relevant actors and main institutions of the international legal order of global governance.

Development of a critical analysis of global challenges from an international law perspective.

Ability to build a rigorous and coherent argumentation using a combination of oral presentation and writing skills.

Fluency in legal reasoning; ability to apply the relevant rules of international law and examine their socio-political impact into specific case studies ('The Global War on Terror', drones, targeted killings, torture, foreign fighters, counter-terrorism, detention, international crimes, military occupation...).

General Education

The general education program at AUP consists of four requirements: Speaking the World, Modeling the World, Mapping the World, and Comparing Worlds Past and Present.

Course Outline

1. Introduction: The international rule of law?
2. Human Rights Law and its enforcement mechanism
3. International Humanitarian Law : basic definitions
4. Torture and fair trial; Case study: Guantanamo
5. Conduct of hostilities
6. Targeted Killings and the right to life
7. Military occupation
8. International crimes and courts
9. Universal Jurisdiction
- 10-11 : Moot court
- 12-13: Conclusion of the course

Textbooks

This course doesn't have any textbook.

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own

attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

1. Class participation and preparation (20%)
2. Mid term paper (25%)
3. Moot court (25%)
4. Final exam (30%)

Other
