

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
POLS-3640 International Law  
3 CREDIT HOURS, Fall 2021

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HOURS: MWF 1 - 2 p

components of this body of law such as jurisdiction, the law of the sea, law of treaties, settlement of disputes and the laws of war.

## II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the course are as follows:

- A. To explain how international law has developed over time
- B. To examine the conflicts between theory and practice in the enforcement of international law
- C. To understand the role of power relations in the formation, application and enforcement of international rules
- D. To understand the position of the developing world in the formation, application and enforcement of international law, and
- E. To provide students with the intellectual capability to understand the utility of international law in the conduct of international relations

## 111. LEARNING OUTCOMES

After taking this course, students will be able to:

- A. Recognize and apply major concepts and theories in the study of international law
- B. Demonstrate an understanding of the role of power relations in the development and application of international law
- C. Develop critical thinking, including respect and tolerance of different perspectives in an argument
- D. Evaluate evidence to test theories and to make persuasive arguments
- E. Students will be able to identify

**Additional reading assignments will be placed in the reserve collection of the University library.**

**IV. CLASS ATTENDANCE**

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## OFFICE VISITS

Students are encouraged to visit the instructor during office hours in connection with their work in this class, or to discuss any career-related problems. If unable to visit during posted hours, an appointment will be made convenient to both the student and the instructor.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET TO KNOW YOUR TEACHERS AND TO MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO THEM. IT IS THE ONLY WAY TEACHERS CAN BE OF HELP TO YOU OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

## **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES POLICY ON ACADEMIC HONESTY**

### **Academic Integrity and Honesty**

**Aug. 26**

**Course**

Case: Asakura v. City of Seattle,

- Oct. 14**      **Is International Law Really Law, or a Charade?**  
The breaking of international law: How is the law enforced?  
The adjudicating of international law: Who are the judges?  
Rochester, 1-48
- Oct. 19**      **Mid Term Review and Writing Literature Review contød**
- Oct. 21**      **Mid Term EXAMINATION**
- Oct. 26**      **Writing Literature Review Contød**
- Oct. 28**      **Fall BREAK**
- Nov. 2 & 4**

- Dec. 7**      **Review of Second Unit Examination (Take-Home) and Final Issues on Literature Review**
- Dec. 9**      **SUBMIT LITERATURE REVIEW**
- Dec. 17**     **Submit Second Unit Examination**