

SYLLABUS INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Title	International Law
Credit	6 ECTS
Lecturer	René Värk, <i>dr iur</i> Associate Professor of International Law, University of Tartu Associate Professor of Constitutional and International Law, Estonian National Defence College
Language	English
Classroom work	32 academic hours
Independent work	128 academic hours
Mode of examination	written exam (open questions)
Annotation	International law is traditionally concerned with inter-State relations, but nowadays it involves likewise international organisations and to lesser extent also natural and legal persons. The course gives the students general knowledge of the basic principles and main branches of international law (jurisdiction and immunity, responsibility, peaceful settlement of disputes, law of treaties, human rights, use of armed force and law of armed conflict). The issues connected to the United Nations are addressed throughout the course. In addition to the theoretical basis, relevant practice of states, courts and international organizations is examined in connection with discussed topics.

LIST OF LECTURED TOPICS

- Nature
- Sources
- Subjects
- Relation between National and International Law
- Jurisdiction and Immunity
- State Responsibility
- Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
- Law of Treaties
- Human Rights
- Use of Armed Force

- International Humanitarian Law
- International Criminal Law

STUDY MATERIALS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY

Literature

- Rudolf Bernhardt (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Public International Law* (4 vols, Amsterdam: North-Holland, 1992–2000)
- James Crawford, *Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law* (8th edn, Oxford University Press, 2012)
- Martin Dixon, *Textbook on International Law* (7th edn, Oxford University Press, 2013)
- Michael Evans (ed.), *International Law* (3rd edn, Oxford University Press, 2009)
- D. J. Harris, *Cases and Materials on International Law* (7th edn, London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2010)
- Merilin Kiviorg, Kristi Land, Kärt Miil & Hannes Vallikivi, *Rahvusvaheline õigus* (4. täiendatud ja muuduudetud tr, Tallinn: Juura, 2010)
- Peter Malanczuk, *Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law* (7th rev edn, London: Routledge, 1997)
- John O'Brien, *International Law* (London: Cavendish, 2001)
- Malcolm N. Shaw, *International Law* (6th edn, Cambridge University Press, 2008)
- René Värk, *Sissejuhatus rahvusvahelisse õigusse* (Tartu Ülikooli Kirjastus, 2005)
- Rebecca M. M. Wallace, *International Law* (7th edn, London: Sweet & Maxwell, 2013)

Treaties

- Charter of the United Nations (1945)
- Statute of the International Court of Justice (1945)
- Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations (1946)
- Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948)
- Convention (III) relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War (1949)
- Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (1949)
- Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (1950)
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
- Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties (1969)
- Protocol Additional (I) to the Geneva Conventions and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (1977)
- Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (1998)

Documents

- Draft Articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts (2001)