

LS 157

**LEGAL STUDIES 157: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND
INTERNATIONAL LAW**

Syllabus

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This course examines the rules and institutions that govern and influence the international legal system. In a world without one authoritative legislature, executive, or judiciary, law must be viewed as a complex process of decision-making by numerous actors. Their decisions reflect both their expectations about appropriate behavior as well as the real power relationships among them. In this course we will study how international law comes to be, how it affects state behavior, and how it is used by individuals and states. We will cover the basic features of international law, including the sources of law and the parties involved in its creation. We will consider how international law and domestic law interact and the relevance of each for the other. We will then examine a series of central substantive topics in international law, including several that are relevant to the major problems of the world today. Throughout the course we will consider the most basic of questions for international law – does it matter? If so, how? When is it likely to matter more rather than less? This inquiry will raise fundamental questions about how states behave and interact in the world today.

Readings

The required readings for the course are taken from Dunoff, Ratner, Wippman, *International Law: Norms, Actors, Process (DRW)*.

The book is accompanied by an important website:

<http://teaching.law.cornell.edu/faculty/drwcasebook/>. This website also includes documents relevant to the book.

Evaluation

Grades will be assigned based on: (i) a mid-term exam (25%); (ii) a 5 page reaction paper written in response to one or more of the readings (20%); and (iii) a final exam (45%); (iv) class participation (10%).

I. INTRODUCTION

1. International Law Making and Dispute Resolution
 DRW: 3-33
 Charter of the United Nations, Chapters III, IV, V

II. MAKING INTERNATIONAL LAW

2. Treaties
 35-52
3. Interpreting Treaties
 53-69
4. Customary International Law
 74-92
5. Soft Law
 92-97

III. PARTICIPANTS IN IL

6. International Organizations
 171-194
7. Non-State Actors (NGOs)
 201-216

IV. THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC INTERFACE

8. Constitutional Limits on International Commitments
 267-292

V. USE OF FORCE

9. Gulf War I
 875-897
10. The Invasion of Iraq
 897-915
11. Terrorism and Afghanistan
 Charter of the United Nations, Chapter 1 -- *Purposes and Principles* (available at casebook website)
 983-999

12. Humanitarian Intervention
937-957

VI. HUMAN RIGHTS

13. Torture and the Geneva Conventions I
437-454

14. Torture and the Geneva Conventions II
454-472

15. United States, Reservations, and the ICCPR
472-487
Vienna Convention, arts. 19-22 (available at casebook
website)

16. Women's Rights
500-526

VII. INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

17. Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity & Darfur
607-625

18. War Crimes and Treatment of Detainees
625-646

19. Prosecution of War Crimes
646-667

VIII. EFFECTIVENESS

20. 1031-1044

JSP/Legal Studies Faculty Teaching Schedule, Spring 2009

01/12/09

Monday.....	8:30-10:00.....	Law209.3.....	McCrary.....	2240 Piedmont
Monday.....	8:35-9:50.....	Law251.31.....	Cooter.....	12 Boalt
Monday.....	10:10-11:40.....	Law209.32.....	Rubinfeld/McCrary.....	2240 Piedmont
Monday.....	12:00-1:00.....	LS154.....	Boyd.....	3 LeConte
Monday.....	12:30-1:50.....	Law216.....	Cooter.....	145 Boalt
Monday.....	4:00-5:30.....	LS145.....	McCrary.....	277 Cory
Tuesday.....	8:00-9:30.....	LS163.....	Krisberg.....	106 Stanley
Tuesday.....	9:30-11:00.....	LS161.....	Berring.....	390 Hearst Mining
Tuesday.....	10:00-12:40.....	Law225.2.....	Kagan.....	2240 Piedmont
Tuesday.....	11:00-12:30.....	LS140.....	Brown.....	106 Stanley
Tuesday.....	2:00-3:30.....	LS168.....	Hollinger.....	155 Donner Lab
Tuesday.....	2:00-3:30.....	LS181.....	MacCoun.....	110 Barrows
Tuesday.....	2:20-5:10.....	Law215.11.....	Luker.....	2240 Piedmont
Tuesday.....	3:30-5:00.....	LS176.....	Scheiber.....	166 Barrows
Tuesday.....	5:00-7:00.....	LS190.2.....	Dan-Cohen.....	204 Wheeler
Wednesday.....	8:30-10:00.....	Law209.3.....	McCrary.....	2240 Piedmont
Wednesday.....	8:35-9:50.....	Law251.31.....	Cooter.....	12 Boalt
Wednesday.....	10:10-12:50.....	Law208.8.....	Simon.....	2240 Piedmont
Wednesday.....	12:00-1:00.....	LS154.....	Boyd.....	3 LeConte
Wednesday.....	2:00-4:00.....	LS39B.....	Berring.....	203 Wheeler
Wednesday.....	2:00-4:00.....	LS178.....	McClain.....	122 Latimer
Wednesday.....	3:00-6:00.....	LS190.1.....	M.Shapiro.....	145 McCone
Wednesday.....	4:00-5:30.....	LS145.....	McCrary.....	277 Cory
Thursday.....	8:00-9:30.....	LS163.....	Krisberg.....	106 Stanley
Thursday.....	9:30-11:00.....	LS161.....	Berring.....	390 Hearst Mining
Thursday.....	10:00-12:40.....	Law215.42.....	Kutz.....	2240 Piedmont
Thursday.....	11:00-12:30.....	LS140.....	Brown.....	106 Stanley
Thursday.....	2:00-3:30.....	LS168.....	Hollinger.....	155 Donner Lab
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