

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Law 330 - SPRING 2011

Monday and Wednesday 9:00-10:30, Room 157

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed as a basic course to introduce students to Public International Law. Public International Law is the legal system that States have created to provide order in state-to-state relationships. Public International Law involves disputes between Canada and the United States as opposed to disputes involving individuals from Canada in the United States.

This course will deal with the fundamental aspects of Public International Law including its sources, the interaction of Public International Law and Canadian domestic law, and international legal dispute resolution. The goal of the course is to provide students with some understanding of the Public International Law that they may meet while practising law in Canada.

COURSE STRUCTURE/EVALUATION/MATERIALS

The course will be lecture driven.

The evaluation involves a final exam (open book) scheduled for the April exam period. All students will be required to write the full exam.

Students have an option to complete a modest research paper (20 pages) for 35% of the final grade with the final exam worth 65%. The research paper must be:

- (a) agreed upon between the Faculty member and student on/by 2 February; and
- (b) the paper handed in on/by 25 March.

These dates, subject to direction from the Associate Dean, are not negotiable.

The primary course materials are McDorman, ed. *Public International Law*, Volumes I and II available from the Course Distribution Center.

RELATIONSHIP OF MATERIALS/LECTURES

It is important to recognize the relationship between the materials and the lectures in this course. Most of the time, the lectures are extensions from the materials rather than directly tied to the materials. The goal is to provide an understanding of the concepts and this is best accomplished by the combination of materials and lectures.