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Introduction to International Law

Educational subject description sheet

Basic information

Study programme European Legal Studies		Didactic cycle 2025/26
Speciality -		Subject code 10ELSS.11N.04819.25
Organizational unit Faculty of Law and Administration		Lecture languages English
Study level First-cycle programme		Course type Obligatory
Study form Full-time		Block Subjects not assigned
Education profile General academic		
Subject coordinator	Katarzyna Woźniak-Boińska, Agata Hauser	
Lecturer	Agata Hauser	
Period Semester 1	Activities and hours • Lecture: 30, Exam	Number of ECTS points 4

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	Providing the students with basic knowledge necessary to understand the process of the making, validity, performance, interpretation and application of international law

Subject learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Learning outcomes	Examination methods
Knowledge - Student:			
W1	is able to explain the concept of the nature and function of public international law	ELS_K1_W01	Written exam, Oral exam
W2	is able to explain the key concept of public international law, international law science and characterize the international institutions with reference to the current views of the doctrine and jurisprudence of international tribunals and courts	ELS_K1_W01	Written exam, Oral exam
W3	is able to describe the basis of international law and explain the principles and methods of its regulation	ELS_K1_W01	Written exam, Oral exam
W4	is able to find a legal provision needed in the existing international law system	ELS_K1_W01	Written exam, Oral exam
W5	is able to communicate in the language of international law and the science of international law	ELS_K1_W01	Written exam, Oral exam
Skills - Student:			
U1	is able to explain the concept of the nature and function of public international law	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U04	Written exam, Oral exam
U2	is able to explain the key concept of public international law, international law science and characterize the international institutions with reference to the current views of the doctrine and jurisprudence of international tribunals and courts	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U04	Written exam, Oral exam
U3	is able to describe the basis of international law and explain the principles and methods of its regulation	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U03, ELS_K1_U04	Written exam, Oral exam
U4	is able to find a legal provision needed in the existing international law system	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U04	Written exam, Oral exam
U5	is able to communicate in the language of international law and the science of international law	ELS_K1_U01, ELS_K1_U02, ELS_K1_U04	Written exam, Oral exam
Social competences - Student:			
K1	is able to explain the concept of the nature and function of public international law	ELS_K1_K01	Written exam, Oral exam
K2	is able to explain the key concept of public international law, international law science and characterize the international institutions with reference to the current views of the doctrine and jurisprudence of international tribunals and courts	ELS_K1_K01	Written exam, Oral exam
K3	is able to describe the basis of international law and explain the principles and methods of its regulation	ELS_K1_K01	Written exam, Oral exam
K4	is able to find a legal provision needed in the existing international law system	ELS_K1_K01	Written exam, Oral exam
K5	is able to communicate in the language of international law and the science of international law	ELS_K1_K01	Written exam, Oral exam

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject learning outcomes	Activities
1.	The definition, nature and development of international law	W1, U1, K1	Lecture
2.	Sources of international Law: custom, treaties, equity, judicial decisions, unilateral acts, resolutions and decisions of international organizations, writers and other possible sources of International Law	W2, W3, W4, U2, U3, U4, K2, K3, K4	Lecture
3.	The subjects of international law: Legal personality, States (creation of statehood, self determination and the criteria of statehood, recognition, extinction of statehood, the fundamental rights of states, independence, condominium and international territories, state responsibility), Special cases (the Holy See and the Vatican City, National liberation movement, Transnational corporations), International organisations (the acquisition, nature and consequences of legal personality)	W2, W3, W4, W5, U2, U3, U4, U5, K2, K3, K4, K5	Lecture
4.	Territory, the law of the sea, air and space law	W2, W3, W4, W5, U2, U3, U4, U5, K2, K3, K4, K5	Lecture
5.	Peaceful settlement of disputes between States: Diplomatic means, inter-state courts and tribunals	W2, W3, W4, W5, U2, U3, U4, U5, K2, K3, K4, K5	Lecture
6.	Diplomatic law: the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961, Consular privileges and immunities: the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963	W2, W3, W4, W5, U2, U3, U4, U5, K2, K3, K4, K5	Lecture

Additional information

Activities	Teaching and learning methods and activities
Lecture	Lecture with a multimedia presentation of selected issues, Problem-based lecture, Discussion, Work with text, Case study

Activities	Credit conditions
Lecture	<p>excellent (A ; 5,0):</p> <p>a) excellent knowledge of the provisions of international law and the relevant jurisprudence</p> <p>b) very good background for formulating assessment of international cases and providing proper argumentation</p> <p>very good (B+; 4,5):</p> <p>a) very good knowledge of the provisions of international law and the relevant jurisprudence</p> <p>b) very good background for formulating assessment of international cases and providing proper argumentation</p> <p>good (B ; 4,0):</p> <p>a) good knowledge of the provisions of international law and the relevant jurisprudence</p> <p>b) good background for formulating assessment of international cases and providing proper argumentation</p> <p>average (C+, 3,5):</p> <p>a) average knowledge of the provisions of international law and the relevant jurisprudence</p> <p>b) average background for formulating assessment of international cases and providing proper argumentation</p> <p>satisfactory (C; 3,0):</p> <p>a) satisfactory knowledge of the provisions of international law and the relevant jurisprudence</p> <p>b) satisfactory background for formulating assessment of international cases and providing proper argumentation</p> <p>unsatisfactory (D ; 2,0):</p> <p>c) unsatisfactory knowledge of the provisions of international law and the relevant jurisprudence</p> <p>d) unsatisfactory background for formulating assessment of international cases and providing proper argumentation</p>

Literature

Obligatory

- M.N. Shaw, International law, 9th edition, Cambridge, 2021 • A. Kaczorowska-Ireland, Public International Law, 5th edition Taylor & Francis Ltd, 2015 • C.F. Amerasinghe, Principle of the Institutional Law of International Organisations, Cambridge, 1996 • M. Akehurst, Custom as a source of International Law, 47 BYIL, 1974 • B. Cheng, General Principles of Law as Applied by International Courts and Tribunals, London, 1953

Calculation of ECTS points

Activities	Activity hours*
Lecture	30
Preparation for classes	30
Reading the indicated literature	30
Preparation for the exam	30
Student workload	Hours 120
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 4

* academic hour = 45 minutes

Efekty uczenia się dla kierunku

Kod	Treść
ELS_K1_K01	The graduate is ready to critically appraise his or her knowledge, particularly in the context of the changing acquis on the regulation and critical assessment of the acquired knowledge, especially in view of the changing acquis on the regulation and application of law
ELS_K1_U01	The graduate can interpret social phenomena (cultural, political, legal, economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U02	The graduate can use the basic theoretical knowledge and independently procure data to analyse individual processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal and economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U03	The graduate can analyse the causes and course of individual processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal and economic) within legal science
ELS_K1_U04	The graduate can predict basic social processes and social phenomena (cultural, political, legal, economic) using standard research methods and tools within legal science
ELS_K1_W01	The graduate knows and understands the foundations of the science of law and its relation to other sciences, including the processes of internalisation and regionalisation