

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: IREL-550 International Law

Department: International Relations

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
IREL-550	International Law	3.7
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	Graduate standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
International Relations	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

History and Theory; Sources of International Law; International Law and Municipal Law; States and Governments; International Organizations, Individuals, Companies & Groups; Jurisdiction; Immunity from Jurisdiction; Treaties; Acquisition of Territory; Legal consequences of changes of sovereignty over territory (State Succession); Law of the Sea; Air Space and Outer Space; Human Rights; Economy and the Environment; State Responsibility; Peaceful Settlement of Disputes between States; International Wars, Civil Wars and the Right to Self-Determination; Means of waging war and criminal responsibility; The Charter and the organs of the United Nations; The United Nations and peace and security

### Instructor

Tim Potier, Ph.D.

### Course Aims and Objectives

This course will examine International Law, firstly providing an introduction to the field of international law, followed by a detailed analysis of International Organizations, both governmental and non-governmental. It will provide an overview of the functions of institutions of the United Nations and the basic principles concerning the creation of statehood and recognition of states. This will be followed by an examination of important International Organizations such as the EU and the Council of Europe, along with the functioning of the International Court of Justice and of the International Court of Human Rights of the Council of Europe. Finally the course will provide a general outlook on the law of the sea.

### Teaching Methods

Lectures and discussions.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Fall semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

## Evaluation and Grading

Final Exam:	50%
Assignment:	40%
Class Participation:	10%

## Readings and Resources

### Required Textbooks

Akehurst's Modern Introduction to International Law (seventh revised edition) (ed.) Peter Malanczuk (Routledge, London, 1997)