

# Global Learning Semesters

## Course Syllabus

Course: LAW-231 International Law I

Department: Law

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LAW-231	International Law I	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Please contact us	42-45	Sophomore Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Law	Lower Division	English

### Course Description

The course aims at introducing the students to the basic principles and themes of International Law, the functions of international governmental and non governmental organizations, the United Nations and the formation of International Treaties.

### Prerequisites

Sophomore Standing

### Topic Areas

1. Foundations of International Law: Historical, sociological and ethical background. Characteristics. Law creating processes and law determining agencies. International law and municipal law.
2. The principle of sovereignty: Independence and equality of states. Forms of sovereignty especially territorial and personal jurisdiction. Acquisition and loss of territorial sovereignty. Jurisdiction over individuals, corporations, ships and aircraft. Limitations of territorial and personal jurisdiction; state and diplomatic immunities, human rights.
3. The principle of recognition: Meaning and functions of recognition, especially international personality - types of recognition. Non recognition.
4. The principle of consent: Treaties. Other types of consensual engagements. Unilateral acts.

### Readings and Resources

#### Required Textbook

- D. Harris, Cases and Materials on International Law, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., Sweet and Maxwell, 1997 (ISBN: 0-421-53480X).

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- I Brownlie, Principles of Public International Law, 5<sup>th</sup> ed, Oxford University Press, 1998 (ISBN: 0198762992).
- M Dixon, Textbook on International Law, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Blackstone Press, 1996 (ISBN: 1 85431 444 0).