

Descriptor for Module

Module Title:	Public International Law
Module Team:	C.H.Spurin
Credits:	20M
Code:	LI4S12
Pre-requisite(s):	None
Co-requisite(s):	None
Award(s) for which module is a core requirement: None	
Aims of the module: To analyse the nature and function of Public International Law and the international institutional and convention rules and regulations of dispute resolution.	
Synopsis of module content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The nature and functions of Public International Law. ▪ Public International Legal Personality and principal institutions. ▪ General review of substantive Public International Law – Customary Law and Treaty Obligations. ▪ The Laws of War and Peace. ▪ International Human Rights Law and the peace and reconciliation movement. ▪ International Boundary Dispute Settlement on land and in the maritime zones. ▪ International environmental control and dispute resolution on land and at sea, 	
Teaching Methods: 2 hours per week involving directed reading, lectures, case studies and workshops. Lectures will reinforce substantive institutional and legal knowledge. Workshops will facilitate critical analysis and application of substantive and procedural law.	
Learning Outcomes: Students will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A1, A2, B1 - display critical understanding of the respective merits of institutional and convention rules and regulations for public international dispute settlement 2. A3, C1 - advise on procedural and substantive aspects of public international disputes. 	
Key Common Transferable Skills delivered by this module: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D1 Interactive and Group Skills . Workshop Problem Solving Exercises. ▪ D2 Communication and Presentation Skills : Communicate the above in a confident professional manner. ▪ D3 Psycho-Motor Skills : Discuss, devise and implement strategies and tactics for the conduct of public international dispute settlement processes. Isolate, clarify, assess and manage public international law claims / indictments / defences based on hypothetical problem situations. 	

Descriptor for Module

Assessment requirements:

Coursework : 25% - 2,500 – 3,000 words – involving critical analysis of or application to hypothetical situations of appropriate forums and methodologies for the settlement of public international disputes.

Examination : 75% - Two hours, requiring candidates to engage in critical analysis of various aspects of public international law and the respective merits of global dispute settlement laws, institutional dispute settlement rules and regulations and the provisions of International Conventions governing dispute settlement and the solving of hypothetical problems.

Concise Indicative Reading List:

Reading Lists will be updated annually.

Textbooks Current editions of

- **Brown E & Churchill C.** *UN Convention on Law of the Sea*. Law of Sea Institute.
- **Brownlie I.** *Principles of Public International Law*. Oxford University Press
- **David R.** *Major Legal Systems in the World Today*. Stevens.
- **Harris D.** *Cases & Materials on International Law*. Sweet & Maxwell.
- **Lay, Churchill & Nordquist.** *The Law of the Sea*. Oceana.
- **Merkin.R.** *Arbitration Law*. LLP. Ltd
- **Merriles.J.** *International Dispute Settlement*. Grotius.
- **O'Brien J.** *International Law*, Cavendish

Journals

- *Arbitration*. Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- *Arbitration and Dispute Resolution Law*. LLP Ltd
- *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*. OUP
- *International Journal of Constitutional Law*. OUP
- *International Journal of Refugee Law*. OUP
- *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*. OUP
- *Journal of International Criminal Justice*. OUP
- *Oxford Journal of Legal Studies*. OUP

Websites

- **Current Legal Issues** -www.ucl.ac.uk
- **Nationwide Academy of Dispute Resolution** - www.nadr.co.uk

Electronic Databases

- **All case law data-bases**

Validation Details: