Course Objectives: The objectives of this course are to help you learn a) the basic concepts and rules of International Law and b) how they affect the actors of world politics.

This course is designed to introduce you to the studies of international law. One definition of International law is that it is a body of principles, customs, and rules recognized as effectively binding obligations by sovereign states and such other entities as have been granted international personality—i.e., individuals in their relations with states and international organizations. Enforcing compliance with international law by states and other international political entities is a difficult task because of their insistence on sovereignty. Furthermore, the development of the system of international law is still at its beginning stage and the community of nations has a long way to go before it may have a complete set of rules and regulations governing the behavior of international political entities. Consequently, in this course, you will learn many exceptions as well as the rules of international law in use today.

Learning Outcome: As a result of taking this course, successful students will 1) understand the fundamental concepts and issues of international law and their applications to world politics, 2) demonstrate understanding of the leading approaches to the issues of international law and world politics, and 3) demonstrate competence in formulating effective argumentation on issues of international law in writing and presentation.

Required Textbook:

Grading:
The course grade is determined based on the following scheme:

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Notice that 40% of your course grade depends on your active participation (not just
Take participation seriously. If you miss three classes without a legitimate excuse,—i.e., sickness (which the campus health center would be able to verify) or an accident that prevents you from coming to class,—your course grade will go down by one letter grade. That is, after you skipped the class twice without any legitimate excuse, the third time you skip the class (again without a legitimate excuse), your course grade will automatically go down by one letter grade. If you are late for class for three times, that will be an equivalent of one un-excused absence.

Schedule:
1/11 Introduction

1/13 ~15 What is International Law?
   Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.1 - 64

1/18~22 States in International Law
   Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.65-115

1/25~27 International Organizations
   Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.117-190

1/29 No Class {I will be out of town for a Model U.N. conference.}

2/1 Debate #1: “Should Sweatshops Be Regulated By International Law?”

2/3 Catch-Up Day/ Review

2/5 First Midterm Exam

2/8~12 Individuals and Corporations
   Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.191-232

2/12&15 Extraterritorial Jurisdiction
   Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.233-266

2/17&19 No Class (I will be out of town for a professional conference.)

2/22-26 MID-TERM BREAK

3/1&3 Range of Sovereignty
   Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.267-322
5/5~10  Diplomatic Relations  
Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.323-354

3/12  Debate #2: “Should Government-backed Assassination Be Legal Under International Law?”

3/15  Catch-Up Day/ Review

3/17  
**Second Midterm Exam**

3/19~24  Treaty System  
Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.355-387

3/26&29  Arbitration and Adjudication  
Assigned Reading: Slomanson, pp.389-443

3/31&4/2  No Class (I will be out of town for a professional conference.)

4/5  Arbitration and Adjudication (Continued)

4/7  Debate #3: “Should the United States Ratify the International Criminal Court Treaty?”

4/9  Catch-Up Day/ Review

Final Exam. during the exam. week.