Méthodologie de la recherche et de la rédaction en droit international

Lecturers
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Course mnemonic
DROI-C4016

ECTS credits
5 credits

Language(s) of instruction
French

Course period
First and second terms

Course content
The course consists of four sessions that present and discuss methodology in international law:
The diversity of scientific methods in international law
The construction and treatment of the subject
Methodological problems related to formal sources
The methodological problems relating to the application of international law
These four sessions are followed by seminars that address the practical and active implementation of the principles discussed during the course.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)
At the end of this course, the student will be able to conceive a scientifically valid post-graduate work topic and will have mastered the methodological tools enabling him/her to elaborate a problem of international law and correctly apply the sources of international law to this problem.

Teaching method and learning activities
The course will take place in three phases:
Initially, four sequences will be organized during which the main principles of the methodology of international law will be presented and texts analysed.
Second, once the methodological principles are known, they will be gradually applied in the context of practical exercises, by analysing and criticizing articles of doctrine, judicial decisions, or by carrying out interpretative work based on personal research.
In a third step, each student will be asked to write a note outlining a draft subject of EFT, which should testify to a statement of the methodological principles learned. This work will be the crowning achievement of teaching, since it will show that the same methodology can be implemented in the perspective of the redirection of a personal work.

Contribution to the teaching profile
To enable the carrying out of research work, in particular final year work, within the public and international law section of the Master's degree in law. Master the methodological approach specific to international law for students who want to specialize in this subject.

References, bibliography and recommended reading
Readings indicated each year on the "université virtuelle".

Other information

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Evaluation method(s)

Other

Evaluation method(s) (additional information)
Students will be assessed on the basis of the following elements:
▷ participation in the course and practical exercises, in particular the submission of written notes (/10)
▷ Note de TFE (/10)

Points awarded for participation in courses and practical exercises are earned only if the student has obtained at least 5/10 for the TFE note.

Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)
Active participation in courses and TP: 50% (if the "Note de TFE" is succeeded)
Note de TFE: 50%.

Main language(s) of evaluation
French

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the faculty of Law and Criminology
MA-DROI | Master in Law | finalité Public and International law/unit 1