

# Public international law

## Titulaires

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## Mnémonique du cours

DROI-C4020

## Crédits ECTS

10 crédits

## Langue(s) d'enseignement

Anglais

## Période du cours

Premier quadrimestre

## Campus

Solbosch

## Contenu du cours

- 1) Presentation of the international legal order and its links to history and the evolution of international relations;
- 2) Subjects of international law: States (creation, boundaries, sovereignty), international organisations (definition, personality) and individuals (rights and obligations);
- 3) Sources of international law : custom, treaty and other sources;
- 4) Implementation of international law : coercive and non coercive measures, settlement of disputes, responsibility.

Emphasis is given to the underlying tensions of the international legal order (between an ethical and a political pole) and how they characterize and influence the creation, interpretation and application of the rules of public international law.

## Objectifs (et/ou acquis d'apprentissages spécifiques)

- 1) Ensure an understanding of the international legal order, its scope and its limits, with a particular emphasis on the tensions that caractérise it.
- 2) Enable mastery of the fundamental concepts, principles and rules of international law, so as to be able to apply them to practical cases, particularly current issues.

## Pré-requis et co-requis

### Cours ayant celui-ci comme pré-requis

POLI-D546 | Mobilité internationale | 15 crédits

### Cours ayant celui-ci comme co-requis

DROI-0605 | Droit de la paix et de la sécurité internationale | 5 crédits

## Méthodes d'enseignement et activités d'apprentissages

Flipped classroom teaching based on a book (reference below) and on interaction.

Participation to the course is not mandatory, except for the practical exercises (which require the submission of written assignments). Preparation of the sessions is essential.

The lectures of the course consist essentially in discussion and Q&A sessions. The participation in this sessions presupposes that students:

- (i) will have read the relevant chapters of the syllabus;
- (ii) will have seen the videos bearing on those chapters;
- (iii) will have prepared the answers to a list of questions available to students in advance that will be discussed in class.

Further details are provided in the presentation note of the course, available on Virtual University.

### Contribution au profil d'enseignement

Ensure autonomy in legal reasoning by providing students with adequate conceptual and methodological tools.

### Références, bibliographie et lectures recommandées

Compulsory reading : Olivier Corten, François Dubuisson, Vaios Koutroulis et Anne Lagerwall, A Critical Introduction to International Law, Brussels, Editions de l'ULB, 2019.

International instruments (treaties, IOs' resolutions,...) listed on Virtual University.

### Support(s) de cours

Podcast, Syllabus et Université virtuelle

## Autres renseignements

### Lieu(x) d'enseignement

Solbosch

### Contact(s)

Faculty of Law Secretariat : 02.650.39.36, 39.37, 39.40, 39.41

The professors of the course can be contacted during the designated office hours, according to what is indicated in the presentation note of the course available on Virtual University.

## Méthode(s) d'évaluation

Examen écrit

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Examen à livre ouvert

### Méthode(s) d'évaluation (complément)

Continuous evaluation on the basis of students' preparation and participation in practical exercises.

The written exam is composed of a case study and a more theoretical question about the tensions underlying the international legal order.

The book and a series of international instruments' texts are available to students during the written exam.

### Construction de la note (en ce compris, la pondération des notes partielles)

**During the first exam session (January)**, the evaluation will be based:

- on the participation in the practical exercises (25% of the final mark);
- on a written exam (75% of the final mark). **During the second exam session (August)**, for students that have obtained a note on practical

*exercises which is equal or superior to 10/20, the evaluation will be similar to the one of the first exam session (75% of the note based on the exam + 25% of the note based on the practical exercises). For students whose practical exercises note is inferior to 10/20, the evaluation will be based exclusively on the written exam (100% of the note).*

### Langue(s) d'évaluation principale(s)

Anglais

## Programmes

### Programmes proposant ce cours à la faculté de Droit et de Criminologie

MA-DROI | **Master en droit** | finalité Droit public et international/bloc 1, finalité Droit économique et social/bloc 1 et finalité Droit civil et pénal/bloc 1

### Programmes proposant ce cours à la faculté de Philosophie et Sciences sociales

MA-PINT | **Master en sciences politiques, orientation relations internationales** | finalité Sécurité, paix, conflits/bloc 1, finalité Monde/bloc 1 et finalité Mondialisation et politiques publiques/bloc 1

