UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW

FALL SEMESTER 2015

SYLLABUS

INTERNATIONAL LAW

LAW 729-512

Professor Mortimer Sellers

Monday / Wednesday
7:45pm – 9:00pm
AL803
INTERNATIONAL LAW – COURSE DETAILS

Professor: Mortimer Sellers

Time: Monday and Wednesday, 7:45pm – 9:00 pm (See Class Schedule)

Course Category: J.D. Course - 3 credit hours

Classroom: Angelos Law Center 603

Office Hours: Monday, 2:00-3:00pm, Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm (or by appointment)

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Textbook:

The Course:
This course will examine the nature, sources, and operation of international law, with special emphasis on the authority, validity, and legitimacy of international legal norms and institutions.

Grades:
Grades will be based on the final examination, but class participation may affect a student’s grade by up to one grade level. Participation will be valued for knowledge, lucidity and preparation.

Class Schedule:
The class schedule may be modified to reflect contemporary international issues, and the availability of visiting speakers. Specific assignments will be given at the beginning of each class meeting.
This course deals with the nature, sources and operation of international law, with some of the major modern challenges to the international legal system, and with the international community’s ongoing responses to those challenges. It includes an introductory survey of a wide range of topics such as the law governing treaties and other international agreements; the recognition of states and governments; litigation in the International Court of Justice and other methods of resolving international disputes; the United Nations and other international and regional entities; human rights; the role of international law in the U.S. legal system and the allocation of foreign affairs powers between the President, the Congress, and the Judiciary. The course also includes a more detailed examination of a few of the most pressing illustrations of the operation – or failure to operate – of the international legal system, such as the law of the sea and the use of military force.
# INTERNATIONAL LAW/ SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

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INTERNATIONAL LAW/ SCHEDULE OF CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS:


**Week 1**  
The Nature and Origins of International Law  
Class 1: Casebook, pp. xvii-xxix, 1-13  
Class 2: Casebook, pp. 17-42

**Week 2**  
Sources and Evidence of International Law  
Class 3: Casebook, pp. 57-84  
Class 4: Casebook, pp. 85-111

**Week 3**  
Treaties and Agreements  
Class 5: Casebook, pp. 117-141  
Class 6: Casebook, pp. 281-284, 217-226, 238-246

**Week 4**  
States and Territory  
Class 7: Casebook, pp. 288-304,359-371

**Week 5**  
International Organizations  
Class 8: Casebook, pp. 387-411  
Class 9: Casebook, pp. 413-432

**Week 6**  
Individuals and Corporations  
Class 10: pp. 433-459  
Class 11: pp. 468-490

**Week 7**  
International Peace and Security  
Class 12: Casebook, pp. 1087-1111  
Class 13: Casebook, pp. 1121-1143

**Week 8**  
Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms  
Class 14: Casebook, pp. 915-941  
Class 15: Casebook, pp. 942-969

**Week 9**  
The Self-Determination of Peoples  
Class 16: Casebook, pp. 307-329  
Class 17: Casebook, pp. 1152-1174

**Week 10**  
The Domestic Jurisdiction of States  
Class 18: Casebook, pp. 621-645  
Class 19: Casebook, pp. 647-679
Week 11  The Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
Class 20: Casebook, pp. 531-556
Class 21: Casebook, pp. 559-583

Week 12  International Criminal Law
Class 22: Casebook, pp. 1295-1320
Class 23: Casebook, pp. 1328-1351

Week 13  The Law of the Sea
Class 24: Casebook, pp. 1353-1378
Class 25: Casebook, pp. 1383-1406

Week 14  International Environmental Law
Class 26: Casebook, pp. 1467-1491
Class 27: Casebook, pp. 1493-1508

Week 15  The Future of International Law
Class 28: No assignment