

## 730-322 United Nations Law and Practice

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	4 (Undergraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	This subject is not offered in 2009. To be taught intensively over the summer semester
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: To be taught intensively over the summer semester Total Time Commitment: 144 hours
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Principles of Public Law or equivalent
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt; <p>&lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p> </p>
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>The United Nations is probably the boldest experiment in international relations in the modern era. It is a body of critical importance in the international political and legal arena, particularly with respect to its primary purposes of maintaining international peace and security; maintaining friendly relations among nations; facilitating international cooperation and providing a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in achieving these common ends. This subject aims to give students an understanding of the UN's role, structure and operation, from both a legal and a practical standpoint. To this end, the subject will examine the law and operation of the UN with reference to relevant case studies, using these examples to illustrate the successes and failures of the UN since its inception, and as a basis for examining the challenges that the UN may face in the future.</p>
<b>Objectives:</b>	<p>On completion of the subject, students should have a clear understanding of the following specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The history and evolution of the United Nations;</li> <li>- The structure of the United Nations;</li> <li>- The United Nations Charter;</li> <li>- The inter-relationship between the major United Nations organs and committees;</li> <li>- The law and practice of the General Assembly;</li> <li>- The law and practice of the Security Council.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	<p>Students can choose to be assessed by ONE of the following two options: OPTION 1A 3-hour written open-book examination worth 100% of the final mark for the subject. OPTION 2A 5,000 word research essay worth 100% of the final mark for the subject, and due at the end of the Summer Semester. IN ADDITIONAll students must satisfy a hurdle requirement of attending at least 80% of the seminars.</p>
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Printed materials will be issued by Melbourne Law School
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>

**Generic Skills:**

On completion of this subject, students should have further developed the following generic skills:

- # Interpretation and analysis of international legal instruments;
- # Interpretation and analysis of international legal decisions;