

730-665 State-Building and the United Nations

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Graduate/Postgraduate
Dates & Locations:	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 - 26 contact hours per subject. Total Time Commitment: The time commitment for this subject depends on the candidate's background and experience.
Prerequisites:	N.A.
Corequisites:	N.A.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	N.A.
Coordinator:	Dr Simon Chesterman
Subject Overview:	<p>Objectives: A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Have a thorough knowledge of the range of processes and actors involved in international administration and post-conflict reconstruction # Be aware of the history and range of trusteeship and administration projects conducted under international auspices # Have a comprehensive understanding of the role of international organisations, foreign states and private actors in the processes of administration and reconstruction # Be able to determine whether the conduct of administration and reconstruction complies with other norms of international law # Be familiar with the range of theoretical approaches used to understand and critique these initiatives # Have the capacity to articulate their knowledge and understanding in oral and written presentations. <p>Syllabus: Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # The history of international administration, including the mandate system of the League of Nations after WWI and the conduct of trusteeships under Chapter XII of the UN Charter # The evolving role of the United Nations in providing peace and security in non-traditional conflicts that involve the collapse of state institutions # The roles played by international and regional organisations in proposing and implementing law reform and institutional design projects as part of administration and reconstruction processes # The exercise of legislative and executive authority by international administrators # The reception of institutional designs and rule of law initiatives in postconflict situations # The extent to which administrators are limited or constrained in the implementation of legal change in such situations by norms of international law, including human rights, self-determination and laws relating to occupying powers # Judicial reform and the establishment of war crimes tribunals or truth commissions # Electoral and constitutional mechanisms that are intended to prevent the recurrence of conflict and provide an exit strategy for international actors.
Assessment:	Take-home examination (100%) (30 January-2 February 2009) or Research paper 10,000 words (100%) (12 March 2009) (topic approved by the subject coordinator)

Prescribed Texts:	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Please visit the subject homepage on the Melbourne Law Masters website by following the link at the bottom of this subject entry.
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Generic Skills:	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
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