

## 730-801 Principles of International Law

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.500
<b>Level:</b>	Graduate/Postgraduate
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2008, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	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.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Note Candidates who have completed 'Principles of Public and International Law' cannot undertake this subject.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	N.A.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	N.A.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Mr Bruce Oswald, Dr Helen Durham
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <p>A candidate who has successfully completed the subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Be familiar with the process, structures and language of international law</li> <li># Understand the principal sources of international law and the manner in which these sources are applied</li> <li># Be conversant with the legal status of international institutions and have a basic knowledge of the structure and workings of the UN</li> <li># Understand who the subjects of international legal rights and duties are</li> <li># Understand when states may exercise jurisdiction over people, things and events, and when they may not</li> <li># Be familiar with the circumstances in which states may use force in international law</li> <li># Be able to undertake research in international law</li> <li># Be able to communicate their understanding of international law through written argument.</li> </ul> <p><b>Syllabus:</b></p> <p>Principal topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Nature of international law</li> <li># Sources of international law</li> <li># International legal personality</li> <li># Jurisdiction</li> <li># The UN and regional organisations</li> <li># The International Court of Justice</li> <li># Peaceful settlement of disputes and the use of force</li> <li># The relationship between international law and municipal law.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Take-home examination (100%) Semester 1: 16-19 May Semester 2: 17-20 October or Research assignment (100%) Semester 1: 3 July Semester 2: 10 November

<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	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.
<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>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Please see the Subject Objectives for this information.
<b>Links to further information:</b>	For the latest information on this subject, please visit: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730801">http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/subject/730801</a>