

# LAWS70173 Principles of International Law

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: March, Parkville - Taught on campus. August, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Nature, purpose and language of international law</li> <li># Sources of international law</li> <li># International legal personality</li> <li># Jurisdiction</li> <li># Responsibility of states (civil and criminal)</li> <li># Responsibility of individuals (civil and criminal)</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>Objectives:</b>	A student who has successfully completed this subject should understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The process, structures and language of international law</li> <li># Sources of international law and how they are applied</li> <li># Who the subjects of international legal rights and duties are</li> <li># When states may and may not exercise jurisdiction over people, things and events</li> <li># The position and relevance of international law in international politics and society</li> <li># Foundational concepts of public international law</li> <li># How public international law works in practice, its sources, and the institutional structure of the United Nations system</li> <li># The distinction between public international law at the international level and as it is applied in domestic courts</li> <li># Substantive areas of international law such as the law of war crimes, international economic law, human rights law and the use of force</li> <li># The history of international law and its contemporary relevance</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The significance of the UN Charter</li> <li># How international law is political and yet detached from politics</li> <li># Circumstances in which states may use force in international law.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Take-home exam (100%) Semester 1: 7-10 May Semester 2: 1-4 October or Research paper (100%) Semester 1: 1 July Semester 2: 25 November
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Visit the subject website for more information
<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>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
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