Course Specifications
Valid in the academic year 2018-2019

Advanced International Law (B001380)

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019
A (year) Dutch
self-reliant study activities
lecture
excursion
microteaching

Lecturers in academic year 2018-2019
Cliquet, An RE22 lecturer-in-charge

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019
Master of Laws in Laws

Teaching languages
Dutch

Keywords
Public international law, international organisations, international relations

Position of the course
1. Developing understanding of the importance and practice of public international law;
2. Learning to recognise and analyse actual problems in public international law and
   within the organisation of the world community;
3. Learning to argue with public international law arguments;
4. Learning to elaborate on actual public international law problems and to present
   them as well as possible solutions in a written and oral manner.

Contents
Analysing contemporary public international law problems (e.g. lawful use of violence;
war crimes; territorial disputes ...).
Limited number of guest lectures.
Excursion to international organisations in The Hague (e.g. the International Court of
Justice and/or the International Criminal Court).

Initial competences
Solid basic knowledge of public international law.

Final competences
1. Having knowledge of and insight into the relevance and the functioning of public
   international law.
2. Being able to analyse and interpret current issues and problems of public
   international law.
3. Being aware of recent developments within public international law.
4. Defend - both written and orally - an own opinion or a given opinion on issues and
   problems of public international law.
5. Being open to insights from peers.

Conditions for credit contract
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into
consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

Conditions for exam contract

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This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

- Excursion, lecture, microteaching, self-reliant study activities

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Throughout the academic year, students present and discuss topical cases. These cases are based on existing current conflicts in public international law. Students form small groups. Every group prepares 1 case (oral presentation and written paper). Based on the sources of public international law, students prepare their legal arguments. Students represent either one of the parties in the conflict or a judge. Additionally, every student writes a short written comment on the cases presented by other students.

After the presentation of the case, students attend an oral group discussion on the topic. During this discussion, students have to defend the position of the party they represent. Also, their own legal opinion on the matter is being discussed.

There is a limited number of guest lectures.

There is an excursion to Den Haag with a visit to different organisations (such as the International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court, Permanent Court of Arbitration, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons).

**Learning materials and price**

- The handouts of the ppt are available on Minerva (free of charge).
- Excursion to Den Haag: 20 euro.

**References**


**Course content-related study coaching**

- Introductory course to explain the purpose of the course.
- Individual feedback possibilities for all students.

**Evaluation methods**

- continuous assessment

**Examination methods**

- Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the first examination period
- Examination methods in case of periodic evaluation during the second examination period
- Examination methods in case of permanent evaluation
  - Oral examination, participation, assignment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent evaluation**

- examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Students are evaluated on their written paper, their oral presentation, their written opinions on the other cases, and their input during the oral group discussions.

Students are evaluated based on their understanding of the practice of public international law, their ability to analyse actual problems in public international law and their ability to argue with public international law arguments.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

- Written (paper) 50%
- Written (opinions) 20%
- Oral (presentation) 25%
- Oral (group discussions) 5%

Students (excepted working students) who do not participate in all evaluations will be declared as unsuccessful for this course. In concrete terms, this means that if the final score is nevertheless a figure of ten or more out of twenty, the final score will be reduced to a figure of 7/20.

**Evaluation 2nd chance:**

The students only have to retake those parts for which they did not succeed. In case that the student did not pass for the oral presentation, then the presentation is replaced with a discussion about the paper. The end score is 50% paper; 25% discussion about the paper; 25% opinions.

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Facilities for Working Students

Working students that cannot attend classes, do not have to attend the presentations by other students and are not evaluated during group discussions. Marks are: 50% paper; 25% presentation; 25% opinions.