

Vesalius College
Course description

Course title: Basic Principles of International Law

Course code: LAW 301E

Teacher responsible: Prof. Dr. Erik Franckx

Course description: This course intends to familiarize the student with the fundamental concepts and principles of modern international law. While referring to the historical and theoretical content within which international law has developed, it will introduce the student to its basic methodology.

Course objectives: The students will acquire the skills to read and understand legal texts, to analyse complex problems between subjects of international law and to apply the contemporary legal framework to it. By the end of the semester students will be able to apply the knowledge acquired during the course by providing a coherent legal advice to a fictitious international legal problem.

Grade weighting scheme:

Class Participation	Quizzes	Research Paper	Midterm Exam	Final Exam
5%	15%	20%	20%	40%

Course material (handbooks, readers, readings, newspapers, magazines) and references: Shaw, M., International Law, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press 1288 pp. (5th [rev.] ed., 2003) [ISBN: 0-521-53183-7 pbk].