University of St.Gallen

# 5,301: Public International Law (BIA)

## Subject information

ECTS-Credits: 3

## Attached courses

| Timetable | Language | Lecturer |
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| **5,301,1.00 Public International Law (BIA)** | **English** | **von Staden Andreas** |

## Course information

### Course prerequisites

None.

### Course content

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to public international law. Using current events and cases as illustrative examples whenever possible, we will cover international law's structural aspects - such as subjects and sources, jurisdictional issues, and state responsibility - as well as a number of substantive issue areas, including the international legal regimes on human rights, economic relations, and the use of force.

In addition to presenting the current state of legal doctrine, this course will also address, where appropriate, social science insights as to the causal relevance of international law in contemporary world politics.

### Course structure

Week 1: Course Overview; Brief History of International Law; The State as Principal Subject of International Law

Week 2: Other Subjects (Individuals, International Organizations etc.); Sources of International Law

Week 3: TUTORIAL I

Week 4: The Jurisdiction of States and of International Organizations

Week 5: Basic Principles of Interstate Relations; Peaceful Settlement of Disputes

Week 6: TUTORIAL II

Week 7: Collective Security, the Use of Force, and International Humanitarian Law

Week 8: Economic Relations (Trade & Investment); Protection of the Environment

Week 9: TUTORIAL III

Week 10: Protection of Human Rights

Week 11: State Responsibility & International Criminal Law

Week 12: TUTORIAL IV

### Course literature

Textbook: Malcolm Evans (ed.), International Law (Oxford University Press, 3rd ed. 2010)

Documents: Malcolm Evans (ed.), International Law Documents (Blackstone's Statutes) (Oxford University Press, 10th ed. 2011)

Further readings and documents will be made available on StudyNet (by 23.12.2010). On StudyNet you can also find references, questions, tasks and cases you need for the tutorials.

Course additional information

Credits for BIA students: 3. (BLS students can no longer register for this course).

## Information about the Examination

Examination type

**central - Written examination (100%, 90 mins.)**

Examination aids

**Extended Closed Book for Examinations in Law**

- A simple pocket calculator is admissible (for the definition of simple pocket calculators incapable of communication, cf. general regulations concerning examination aids of 14 December 2010 and note the pocket calculators fact sheet). Any other EDP and electronic means of communication such as notebooks, PDAs and mobile telephones, etc., are inadmissible.
- A bilingual dictionary (without handwritten notes) may be used if the examination questions and/or answers are not in the candidate's native language. Electronic dictionaries are inadmissible.
- Highlighting with fluorescent markers is admissible. Only articles, paragraphs, titles, marginalia and entire words or sentences in legal texts may be highlighted, but not individual letters.
- Legal texts may be supplemented by references to other articles of statutes. Such references may only consist of the title of the statute and article numbers. Any other notes and comments are prohibited, i.e. the marginalia or the title of the article referred to must not be named either. Examples:
  - The reference "BV 140ff." is admissible.
  - The reference "BV 140ff. Obligatorisches Referendum" is inadmissible.
- The texts of statutes are admissible in all 4 Swiss national languages.
- The legal texts at www.admin.ch may be printed out and bound in a folder. The individual statutes in a folder may be separated by blank sheets or dividers. The dividers may only contain the official names of the statutes, their abbreviations and/or SR number.The printouts must be identical with the originals.
- Deviders between legal texts may exclusively be supplemented by the following indices:
  - indexation with self-adhesive slips of paper (such as post-it, etc.) in the margins of a statute, by means of which certain passages can be found quickly. These self-adhesive slips may only contain words or parts of sentences that are the object of the article of the statute to which they refer (text, including headings and marginalia); Examples:
    - a post-it with Art. 685 OR with the rider "OR 685 Beschränkung der Übertragbarkeit" is admissible;
    - a post-it with Art. 685 OR with "OR 685 Vinkulierung" is inadmissible since this term does not occur in the wording of the article.
  - Any type of indexation that does not satisfy the above requirements, particularly indices and tables of contents drawn up by candidates themselves, tables of contents from inadmissible or commented-on private texts of a statute, as well as any indices whose origin cannot be ascertained beyond any doubt, are inadmissible.
- The procurement of these examination aids (including pocket calculators) is exclusively the students' responsibility.
- Only the examination aids and the texts of statutes listed in the paragraph listing additional examination aids at the bottom are admissible.

Aids extension

Malcolm Evans (ed.), International Law Documents (Oxford University Press, 10th ed. 2011)

Question language: **English**

Answer language: **English**

Examination content

All subjects and issues covered in the lectures and the tutorials, **including** the textbook chapters and additional materials as indicated in the syllabus and in the lecture slides. The same applies to the replacement exam for guest students.

Exam-relevant literature

Lecture and tutorial slides; Malcolm Evans (ed.), International Law (OUP, 3rd ed. 2010) & Malcolm Evans (ed.), International Law Documents (OUP, 10th ed. 2011) (as assigned in the syllabus); additional articles and materials as made available on StudyNet (available at the latest by the end of the term, i.e., Dec. 22, 2011).

## Attention please:

***We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.***

***When will the fact sheets become binding?***
***Information about courses: from the start of the bidding process on 25 August 2011***
***Information about decentral examinations: after the 4th semester week on 17 October 2011***
***Information about central examinations: from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations***

***on 7 November 2011***

***Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.***