University of St.Gallen

Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Autumn Semester 2013

7,474: The International Legal Order

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)
Central - Written examination (100%, 120 mins.)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer
7,474,1.00 The International Legal Order -- English -- Fassbender Bardo

Course information

Course prerequisites

This course is one of the three mandatory courses in the first semester of the programme "Master in International Law" (MIL). Students attending the course are expected to have a basic knowledge of public international law, as provided, for instance, in the BLaw course "Völkerrecht" or its equivalent in the BIA programme.

Course content

The purpose of this course is to acquaint students, on an advanced level, with fundamental questions and concepts of contemporary public international law. It emphasises the role of international law in international relations, the potential and the limits of international law in the present world. The course aims at analysing the structure of the present international legal order against the background of the development of international law since the nineteenth century. Rules and principles concerning the participants in the "international legal arena", the creation of international legal rules by way of treaties and custom, the relationship between international law and domestic law, and the peaceful resolution of international disputes will all be covered. The course will also address problems of international human rights law and of the use of force in international relations.

Course structure

The course is scheduled to take place every week throughout the semester. It will partly consist of lectures and discussions, and partly of contributions of students about selected problems and cases.

Course literature

The course materials consist of:
-- Martin Dixon & Robert McCorquodale, Cases and Materials on International Law. 5th edition, Oxford University Press, 2011, ISBN 978-0-19-956271-8
-- Vaughan Lowe, International Law, Oxford University Press, 2007, ISBN 978-0-19-926884-9 (paperback)
-- Malcolm Evans (editor), Blackstone's International Law Documents, 11th edition, Oxford University Press, 2013 (to be published in August 2013)
-- additional materials (articles, cases and documents) posted on StudyNet

Additional course information

The course assistant, Mr. Karl Hampel, will be available during his office hours at Tigerbergstrasse 21.

Examination information

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Examination part/s

1. Examination part (1/1)

Examination time and form
Central - Written examination (100%, 120 mins.)

Remark
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Examination-aid rule
Extended Closed Book for Examinations in Law
The use of examination-aids is limited. Any additional permitted examination-aids must be listed **exhaustively** in the examination fact sheet. Basically, the following applies:

- For this examination, all pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments **TI-30 series** and bilingual dictionaries without marginal notes are admissible. Any other pocket calculators, as well as electronic dictionaries, are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication is inadmissible, as are all electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication, such as notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others.
- Students themselves are exclusively responsible for the procurement of aids.
- Official statutory texts in all languages issued by the Federal Chancellery, as well as official statutory texts issued by the Canton of St. Gallen, are admissible.
- Only the additional supplementary examination-aids and texts of laws listed individually under "Supplementary examination-aids" (exhaustive list) are admissible. Any aids and texts of laws that are not listed are expressly inadmissible and will be collected without substitution.

Texts of laws may be prepared as follows:

- **References** to other articles of law (only title of the law + article number, e.g. "art. 140 et seq. FC"); these references must be written in one of the national languages and /or in English.
- **Highlights** with markers (however, no individual letters must be marked); any other notes and comments are prohibited.
- **Index:** self-adhesive slips of paper in the margin of individual texts of law; they must only bear the marginalia/titles of the relevant page.
- **In print-outs** and copies of legal texts, the original source must be clearly discernible.

Supplementary aids
In the final exam, you may use the following compilations of international legal documents:
-- Ian Brownlie (editor), Basic Documents in International Law, Oxford University Press
-- Malcolm Evans (editor), Blackstone's International Law Documents, Oxford University Press

Examination languages
Question language: English
Answer language: English

Examination content
All subjects covered by the course may be addressed by the questions of the final exam. Students are expected to answer questions in the form of short essays, and to draft a legal opinion or court decision with respect to a fictitious case.

Examination relevant literature
For the literature relevant to the exam, refer to the course materials above. All literature posted on StudyNet which is relevant to the exam will be made available until 31 December 2013.

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Please note

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 and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 22 August 2013
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 14 October 2013
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 4 November 2013

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