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PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

Master in International and European Business Law
Faculty of Social Sciences, Economics and Law

Course information

Master year 1 15 HOURS

Fall Semester 2 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course Code: FASSED_IEBL_M1_S1_UE3_DIPLIC

Course Description

Originally, the function of public international law was to govern relations between States. Over time, international law has extended its reach. It now regulates various kinds of international relations of public actors (states, international organisations) and private actors (individuals, companies, NGOs, etc.). With the internationalization of economic relations, comes the internationalization of the various legal regimes applicable to these relations. To better apprehend business law today, it is necessary to acquire basic knowledge on public international law.

This course focuses on the fundamentals of public international law with the aim of understanding how public international law is created through its main sources and how it is implemented and applied in practice in a decentralized international legal system. Furthermore, in order to prepare the students to several courses taught in the Master/LL.M, this course also provides a general introduction to international economic law (international trade and investment law).

Session 1. General introduction ; sources of international law (treaties)

Session 2. Sources of international law (customary law and general principles of law)

Session 3. Application of international law in national legal systems

Session 4. State Responsibility and international dispute settlement

Session 5. General introduction to international economic law (international trade and investment law)

Learning Objectives

- Understanding the role of international law in international economic relations between the various subjects of international
- Acquire basic knowledge on sources of international law
- Understanding the ways international law is implemented in the international and national legal orders.
- Discovering the main rules regulating international economic relations

Course Prerequisites

None

Methods of Instruction

Before class: Short readings

During class: Presentation of basic elements on each topic by the teacher and discussion in class

Assessment and Final Grade

Oral examination: 75%

Oral participation in class: 25%

Course Requirements

For students of the Catholic Institute of Paris, to be enrolled in the Master on International and European Business Law

Exchange students admitted by the Catholic Institute of Paris may also attend this course.