

# Public International Law (Master Year 1 / Fall)

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

## Introduction

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 : what is public international law ?

Session 2. Sources of international law (1/2) : treaties

Session 3. Sources of international law (2/2) : customary law and general principles of law

Session 4. Application of international law in national systems

Session 5. State responsibility

Session 6. International dispute settlement

Session 7. General introduction to international economic law (1/2) : the law of the World Trade Organization

Session 8. General introduction to international economic law (1/2) : international investment law

## 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

## Admission

## Duration

1 semester

## Teaching languages

- English

## Conditions of submission

If you need more information about this course, kindly send an email to: [incomingdri@icp.fr](mailto:incomingdri@icp.fr)

## Prerequisite

### Prerequisites training

None.

## Program

### Methods of Instruction

Before class: Readings

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

### Assessment and Final Grade

Oral examination: 70%

Oral participation in class and written exercises: 30%

### 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.



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