Table 5.2. Course Specification

Study Programme: Undergraduate Academic Studies - BA in Law (Hons)

Course Title: Public International Law

Teacher(s): Prof. Tatjana Papić, SJD

Course Status: M (mandatory)

ECTS credits: 5
Condition: None

Course aim:

This course aims at providing students with understanding of the nature, sources and subjects of public international law. Additionally, its goal is to provide them with the knowledge on responsibility, dispute resolution mechanisms, international judicial and quasi-judicial bodies, as well as on specific fields of international law, such as human rights and the law on armed conflict. Finally, the course strives to explain how is international law applied in the practice, especially in domestic legal orders.

Course outcome:

Learning outcomes include: (1) Understanding the specificities of international law and its basic principles; (2) Developing students' capacities to recognise main challenges in the development of international law; (3) Developing students' competences to identify relevant sources of international law and rules in force and discuss legal issues in their own context; and (4) Understanding how to apply international law in a national legal order.

Course contents:

Lectures:

- 1. The notion and nature of public international law (PIL);
- 2. Sources of international law I Treaties;
- 3. Sources of international law II Customs, general principles of law and other sources;
- 4. Subjects of PIL;
- 5. State as subject of PIL;
- 6. International organisations as subject of PIL (UN, CoE, OSCE);
- 7. Non-state actors;
- 8. Territory;
- 9. Privileges and immunities;
- 10. International protection of human rights;
- 11. Peaceful resolution of international disputes;
- 12. Use of force:
- 13. Responsibility in international law;
- 14. Humanitarian law;
- 15. Individual criminal responsibility under international law.

Practice:

- 1. Sources of PIL Overview, treaties, customs, entry into force;
- 2. Relations and interactions between international and domestic legal orders A hypothetical case;
- 3. Recognition of state and governments: Criteria, effect and the practice;
- 4. State bodies with foreign affairs mandate;
- 5. International organisations: case study *Reparations Case*, overview of the UN Charter, case study membership (Palestine-UN, Kosovo-UNESCO and INTERPOL);
- 6. Territory (boarders, maritime zones, comparison of scope of jurisdiction);
- 7. Privileges and Immunities (hypothetical case on the application of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and

- the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the UN);
- 8. Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes Study of cases involving Serbia before the International Court of Justice;
- 9. Human rights Study visit to the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights;
- 10. *Ius ad bello vs. Ius in bellum* Film watching ('Eye in the Sky') followed by a class discussion.

Coursebook(s) / Readings (in Serbian and English): *Mandatory:*

- (Vojin Dimitrijević, Obrad Račić, Vladimir Đerić, Tatjana Papić, Vesna Petrović, Saša Obradović, *OsnoviMeđunarodnog javnog prava*, 3. izd., Beogradski centar za ljudska prava, 2012)
- Alternative for English speaking students: Malcom N. Shaw, *International Law*, 5th ed., CUP, 2003

Additional:

- 1. *Međunarodno javno pravo zbirka dokumenata –* M. Milanović i V. Hadži-Vidanović (ur.), Beogradski centar za ljudska prava, 2005.
- 2. International Court of Justice, Accordance with International Law of the Unilateral Declaration of Independence in Respect of Kosovo, Advisory Opinion of 22 July 2010. https://www.icj-cij.org/files/case-related/141/141-20100722-ADV-01-00-EN.pdf
- 3. T. Papić, *Odgovornost međunarodnih organizacija*, Službeni glasnik Pravni fakultet Univerziteta Union Beograd (2019), str. 1-52. http://www.pravnizapisi.rs/wpcontent/uploads/2019/12/JTatjana-Papic-Odgovornost-uvod-p.pdf
- 4. V. Đerić, Sudski imunitet strane države, posebno u radnim sporovima, *Liber amicorum Gašo Knežević*, Univerzitet u Beogradu Pravni Fakultet Udruženje za arbitražno pravo, 2016, str. 231-241. http://www.arbitrationassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/231_241.pdf
- 5. International Court of Justice, Case Concerning Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro), Judgment of 26 February 2007. https://www.icj-cij.org/files/case-related/91/091-20070226-JUD-01-00-EN.pdf

No. of active teaching lessons: 2+2	Theory: 2	Practice: 2
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Teaching methods:

Lectures, PPT presentations, class discussions, case study, study visits, film, class and individual consultation.

Grading (max. No. of points: 100)

Pre-examination obligations	Points	Final examination	Points
Attendance	-		
In-class activity (during lessons)	7	Written exam	60
Out-of-class activity (additional, self-induced: writing texts, etc.)	-		
Practice lessons	8		
Progress tests	25		
Seminar papers	-		