# International Law

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***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

The course will provide students with the knowledge of the fundamental concepts of international law, and on this basis will introduce some substantive issues.

*Knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, student will demonstrate knowledge of the structure of the international community and the fundamental characteristics of its legal system. Students will be able to understand the mechanisms of formation of international norms and the methods of their adaptation in the Italian law, as well as the consequences deriving from the violation of international standards and the means for the resolution of international disputes. Students will also acquire a basic knowledge of some substantial aspects of international law.

*Ability to apply knowledge and understanding*

At the end of the course, students will be able to evaluate problems that arise in international relations from a legal point of view. They will know how to critically examine international norms and rulings of international courts. They will also have acquired the necessary knowledge to be able study in depth specialized profiles of the subject.

***COURSE CONTENT***

The *general part* of the course will introduce the key notions of international law, with particular attention to: the subjects of international law; the sources of international law and the adaptation of Italian law thereto; internationally wrongful acts and their consequences; the diplomatic and judicial means for the resolution of international disputes.

The *special part* of the course will be devoted to the study of the following topics: *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello*; the sovereignty of States and the treatment of foreigners (natural and legal persons; State organs; States); the international protection of human rights; international crimes and their prosecution before domestic and international courts.

***READING LIST***

Students who have the opportunity to attend the course are requested to study the manual indicated below, supplemented by lesson notes and additional materials that will be made available on the Blackboard platform:

U. Villani, *Lezioni di diritto internazionale*, Cacucci Editore, Bari, 2023, II ed.

For non attendign students:

B. Conforti-M. Iovane, *Diritto internazionale,* Editoriale Scientifica, Napoli, 2021, XII ed. (the whole textbook, excluded paragraphs 17, from 30 to 37, 41).

***TEACHING METHOD***

The course will be taught through lectures and particular attention will be paid to examining the relevant legal and jurisprudential sources. Lectures could be integrated by practical classses and conferences.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

Students attending lectures may sit the examination in two parts if they so wish, the first of which will be held during the break period between the first and second semester and will consist of a written test with open questions, while the final exam on lecture contents of the second semester, will be oral.

Students not attending lectures (and attending students which don’t take or pass the written intermediate test) must sit a single oral examination at the end of the entire course.

The grade is represented by a mark out of thirty. Assessment will be based on the knowledge and understanding of the topics covered during lectures and on communication skills, also through the use of an appropriate terminology.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

For better understanding of the course, a knowledge of the basic concepts of law and the sources of the Italian legal system acquired with previous studies of public law is expected, such as knowledge.

A good knowledge of English or French is required for the assignment of three-year essay and dissertations. The lecturer is available to supervise also dissertations written in one of these languages, in addition to those written in Italian.

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at *http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG* or on the Faculty notice board.