

Public International Law			
Course Number	00LE62S-LAS-GO0008	Teaching Period	University semester
Study Area(s)	Governance, Electives	Credit Points	6 ECTS
Module(s) (StuPo 2012)	Advanced Governance I, II or III; Specialization Option: Law, Politics, Administration	Module(s) (StuPo 2015)	Advanced Governance I, II or III; Specialization Option Governance I or II; International Governance
Open to Students	Year(s) 3, 4, (2 by request only)	Max. Enrollment	20
Prerequisites	Introduction to Governance; Highly recommended: Principles of Law		
Instructor(s)	Dr. Stoyan Panov (stoyan.panov@ucf.uni-freiburg.de)		
Format, Dates, Times and Rooms	Seminar 17.10.-10.02.: Mon, 10-12h, KG1032 Wed, 10-12h, KG1023		
Course Description	<p>This course is an introduction to international law. It gives students an understanding of the way international actors coexist, interact and make law and mastery of the principles governing international legal relations. Public International Law is traditionally the law between states, but the course also covers a more diverse group of actors in the international legal order.</p> <p>Some of the fundamental questions discussed in the course are: Who creates International Law? Does International Law work? What are the consequences of breaches of International Law? What entities can be considered States? In what circumstances can States resort to use of force? Why do we have International Human Rights Law and do States have the responsibility to protect human rights beyond their borders?</p> <p>The weekly plenary sessions and workgroups cover essential topics of International Law such as the identification and function of actors in the international legal order (States, Statehood, International Organizations), the creation of international law (Sources of International Law such as treaties, custom, and general principles), and the consequences of breaches of International Law (State Responsibility & International Dispute Settlement Mechanisms). The course also focuses on self-determination, the particular role of individuals in International Law (Human Rights), applicability of immunities, the legal aspects of the threat or use of force, law enforcement mechanisms against terrorism, and the prohibition of torture. Relevant current events will be discussed on regular basis.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) be familiar with central topics of International Law; 2) identify and analyze International Law in particular problem sets; 3) reflect upon the function and structure of International Law; 4) acquire skills to interpret and apply International Law provisions covered in the course. <p>Form of assessment</p> <p>Pass/fail: Regular attendance of classes and active participation in group work and exercises</p> <p>Graded exam: Written assignments, and/or presentations, and/or written exam.</p>		
Remarks	Taking this course in the second year of studies is only possible upon request.		