



**Italian Code:** GIUR-09/A (previously IUS/13)

**Credits (ECTS): 8**

**Course:** International Law

**Main language of instruction:** Italian

**Other language of instruction:** English

**Head instructor:**

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**Objectives of the Course:**

The *International Law* Course (to be intended as *Public International Law*) aims to provide the student with:

1. The adequate knowledge to understand and describe the rules that govern the functioning of the international society;
2. The ability to understand and adequately use a legal vocabulary;
3. The ability to understand and consult the main legislative texts of international law;
4. The ability to use the legal instruments required to access international careers, as well as public administrations or private companies with an international projection.

**Course Structure:**

The Course is organized as follows:

- International Society and Law
- The Subjects of International Law
- The Sources of International Law
- Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and Use of Force in the International Legal System
- The International Responsibility of the State
- Immunity of the State and its Bodies. International Criminal Tribunals
- United Nations
- The Protection of Human Rights in International Law

**Competencies:**

At the end of the course, students must have achieved the following skills, knowledge and competencies:

- Knowledge and understanding:  
Students are expected to acquire the ability to analyze and understand the dynamics and rules regulating the international society.
- Applied knowledge and understanding:  
Students are expected to acquire the ability to apply the institutions and principles of International Law to current international dynamics.



- **Autonomy of judgment:**

Through the tools of general theory and methodology provided, students will be able to strengthen their capacity for legal analysis of the international relations and to express a free and informed opinion on international matters.

- **Communication skills:**

At the end of the Course, students will have enriched their legal vocabulary with the specific terminology of International Law; they will have acquired the ability to communicate their knowledge and to support their critical assessments with solid legal argumentations.

- **Learning skills:**

Students will be capable of applying the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the Course in an integrated manner. They should be able to complement this with knowledge from other courses in the program and develop methodological competencies that allow them to independently undertake new learning paths in the field of International Law.

### **Syllabus:**

#### ***Programme of the course:***

Part I: International Society and Law

Part II: The Subjects of International Law

Part III: The Sources of International Law

Part IV: Peaceful Settlement of Disputes and Use of Force in the International Legal System

Part V: The International Responsibility of the State

Part VI: Immunity of the State and its Bodies. International Criminal Tribunals

Part VII: United Nations

Part VIII: The Protection of Human Rights in International Law

### **Evaluation system and criteria:**

The assessments of course is based on the following criteria:

**Final exam (100% of grade):** The exam in English for Erasmus+ incoming students consists of an **oral exam** held with the Professor in charge of the Course, in person at the Rome headquarter of Unicusano University, with the Examination Commission assembled, **on the dates scheduled for the oral exams**.

(Erasmus students are reminded of the need to book the chosen **oral** exam session when the dates are available. The way to book an exam is to send an e-mail to the Admissions Office of the degree course to which you belong. The e-mail address for Political Sciences is: [segreteriaascpol@unicusano.it](mailto:segreteriaascpol@unicusano.it)



Please, write in the subject line of the email: exam booking – ERASMUS+ STUDENT  
Please include the following information in the text of the e-mail: name and surname  
– title of the exam – name and surname of the Professor – number of credits and  
please, attach your passport or ID card).

**Bibliography and resources:**

**1. *Materials to consult:***

It is necessary to make constant reference to the sources of International Law, which  
can be found only on institutional websites.

**2. *Recommended bibliography:***

Volume: **“International Law”, Fourth Edition, by Anders Henriksen, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023** (Available at Unicusano Library: Biblioteca “Ferdinando Catapano”) only the following parts:

- 1: Foundations and structure of international law
- 2: Sources of international law
- 3: The law of treaties
- 4: The actors in the international legal system
- 5: Jurisdiction
- 6: Immunity from national jurisdiction and diplomatic protection
- 7: State responsibility
- 9: International human rights law
- 12: The peaceful settlement of disputes
- 13: The international regulation of the use of force
- 14: The law of armed conflict
- 15: International criminal law