

Subject card

Subject name and code	Public international law - lecture, PG_00138638						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject			2025/2026	
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study	
Mode of study	part-time studies		Mode of delivery			at the university	
Year of study	1		Language of instruction			Polish	
Semester of study	2		ECTS credits			5.0	
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form			credit	
Conducting unit	Department of Public International Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		mgr Remigiusz Chęciński				
	Teachers		dr Paulina Zajadło-Węglarz				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	20		0.0		105.0	125
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to provide students with knowledge of public international law and to develop their skills in interpreting public international law.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_WG07] has an in-depth knowledge of law-making, interpretation and application processes, both international and national, substantive and procedural, private and public law	The student describes the processes of creation of public international law and the principles governing the interpretation and application of its sources, in particular international treaties, customary international law and resolutions of international organizations.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW03] is able to use complex theoretical approaches and apply them appropriately to the legal problem being solved	The student applies the concepts and legal constructions of public international law (including international legal personality, international responsibility of States, State succession and the relationship between legal orders) to analyse and solve complex legal problems.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW04] can skilfully select and use professional methods and tools to obtain information on Polish and foreign law	The student identifies, selects and analyses sources of public international law, in particular treaties, decisions of international courts and tribunals, documents of international organizations and legal scholarship, using professional legal research tools and databases.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KK02] ability to think critically and solve specific legal problems	The student critically evaluates legal arguments concerning the application of public international law and formulates solutions to legal problems, taking into account the specific nature of international relations and the coexistence of multiple legal orders.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG03] has an in-depth knowledge of the legal system, its evolution and the interrelationship between Polish law, European Union law and international law	The student explains the place of public international law within the legal system and analyses the relationships between the norms of international law, European Union law and Polish law, taking into account the mechanisms of their mutual interaction.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	1. Concept of public international law 2. Concept, composition, and characteristics of the international community 3. Characteristics of public international law 4. Foundations of the binding nature of international law 5. Types of sanctions in international law 6. Types of norms in international law 7. International law vs. domestic law monism and dualism 8. Principle of pacta sunt servanda positive and negative aspects 9. Position of international law in the legal order of the Republic of Poland 10. Sources of international law - concept, types of sources of international law, and their characteristics 11. International treaties: concept, types, and characteristics of international treaties as sources of international law 12. Methods of ensuring the effectiveness of international law in domestic law 13. Procedure for concluding international treaties 14. Scope of binding force of international treaties validity of the treaty in time, validity of the treaty in space, subjective scope of the treaty's validity, and substantive scope of the treaty's validity 15. Nullity vs. termination of an international treaty 16. Grounds for nullity of an international treaty 17. Grounds for termination of an international treaty 18. Suspension of an international treaty 19. Procedure for dealing with cases of nullity and termination of an international treaty 20. Reservations to international treaties 21. Interpretation of international treaties 22. International customary law 23. Custom vs. international treaty 24. General principles of law as a source of international law 25. Resolutions of international organization bodies 26. Types of subjects of international law 27. Attributes of subjectivity in international law 28. Definition of a state and types of states 29. Sovereignty and attributes of state sovereignty 30. Concept, types, and scope of international responsibility of states 31. Subjects of international law other than states 32. International recognition 33. International organizations concept, types, functions 34. Attributes of the subjectivity of international organizations 35. Membership in international organizations 36. Organs of the United Nations 37. Diplomatic methods of resolving international disputes and the differences between them negotiations, good offices, mediation, investigative commissions, conciliation 38. Judicial methods of resolving disputes 39. International Court of Justice 40. Concept of territory 41. Territorial sovereignty 42. Acquisition and loss of state territory 43. State borders 44. Maritime areas 45. Right of pursuit 46. Right of innocent passage 47. Methods of acquiring citizenship 48. Foreigners, territorial asylum, extradition 49. Special missions 50. Accreditation of diplomatic representatives 51. Functions of diplomatic missions 52. Classes and ranks of heads of diplomatic missions and the differences between them 53. Diplomatic privileges and immunities 54. Diplomatic corps 55. Consular relations, establishment of consular relations 56. Consular functions 57. Consular privileges and immunities 58. Classes of heads of consular offices 59. Consular corps 60. Career and honorary consuls 61. Prohibition of war and prohibition of the use of force in international law 62. Sanctions in international law 63. Concept of aggression 64. International humanitarian law essence, sources, and principles 65. Legal use of force under international law self-defense, authorization by the UN Security Council 66. Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 67. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 68. Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 69. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 70. Charter of the United Nations 71. Statute of the International Court of Justice		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	none		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam	60.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature R. Bierzanek, J. Symonides, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne, Warszawa. W. Góralczyk, S. Sawicki, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne w zarysie, Warszawa.		

	Supplementary literature	W. Czapliński, A. Wyrozumska, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne. Zagadnienia systemowe, Warszawa. M. N. Shaw, International law, Cambridge.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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