

Table 5.2. Course Specification		
Study programme: First-cycle academic studies of the first level – Law		
Course title: Public International Law		
Instructor(s): Jelena M. Vlajnić		
Course status: Compulsory, second year, fourth semester		
ECTS: 8		
Prerequisites: None		
Course Aim The aim of the course is to acquaint students with the basic characteristics, concepts and institutions of public international law, the social processes and principles governing the international community, and the legal technique that creates a specific normative order and regulates relations between states, international organisations and other entities of international interest.		
Learning Outcomes Upon passing the exam, the student has acquired the theoretical knowledge necessary for the correct interpretation and application of public international law norms; is equipped for an initial level of practical operability in the field of interactive communication between subjects of international relations; and is able to apply acquired theoretical knowledge in rationalising and logically applying the norms and procedures contained in international judicial instruments and before international judicial bodies.		
Course Content <i>Theoretical instruction</i> 1. Introduction to the course. 2. Concept, origin and development of international law. 3. Doctrine of public international law. 4. The relationship between domestic and international law. 5. Formal sources of international law. 6. Subjects of international law. 7. The state. Recognition of states and governments. Fundamental rights and obligations of states. 8. Jurisdiction of the state in international law. State responsibility. 9. Organs for the maintenance of international relations. Multilateral diplomacy. 10. State succession. Boundaries in international law. 11. Modes of acquisition and loss of state territory. 12. International servitudes. International rivers. Maritime domain. Airspace. Polar regions. Outer space. 13. Rules of international treaty law. 14. International organisations. The United Nations. 15. The International Court of Justice. <i>Practical instruction</i> Further clarification of some topics covered in lectures, with special emphasis on interpreting key legal concepts and institutions of public international law. Case studies. Discussion of selected topics with active student participation. Preparation for colloquia and the exam. Evaluation of teaching and analysis of its results.		
Literature James Crawford, Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law, Oxford University Press, 2019. N. Shaw, International Law, Cambridge University Press, 2021. Jan Klabbers, International Law, Cambridge University Press, 2023. .		
Hours of active teaching:	Theoretical instruction: 60	Practical instruction: 30

Teaching Methods Lectures are held in a lecture hall with all students. Exercises are conducted in groups in classrooms: (1) as lecture-style exercises, where specific lecture topics are further developed; (2) as demonstration exercises, for presenting the rules of international treaty law, international organisations, etc.; and (3) as discussion exercises, for discussing selected topics from the covered material.
Knowledge Assessment (maximum points: 100)

Pre-exam obligations	Points	Final exam	Points
Activity during lectures	10	Written exam	-
Practical instruction	-	Oral exam	50
Colloquium(s)	30	...	-
Seminar(s)	10	-	-