

A COURSE SYLLABUS – DOCTORAL SCHOOL
regarding the qualification cycle from 2024/2025 to 2027/2028

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT COURSE				
Course title		<i>DOCTORAL LABORATORY</i>		
Name of the unit running the course		Doctoral School at University of Rzeszów		
Type of course (<i>obligatory, optional</i>)		obligatory subject		
Year and semester of studies		year I - IV, semester: I - VIII		
Discipline		legal sciences		
Language of Course		Polish language		
Name of Course coordinator		dr hab. Lidia Brodowski, prof. UR		
Name of Course lecturer		dr hab. Lidia Brodowski, prof. UR, dr hab. Dagmara Kuźniar, prof. UR		
Prerequisites		In-depth knowledge of public international law.		
BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF COURSE (100-200 words)				
<p>Aim: To develop the ability to use the acquired knowledge, as well as the research methodology applied in public international law. In addition, the course aims to deepen the ability to formulate research objectives, research questions and research hypotheses.</p> <p>Content description:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. specificity of international law. 2. specificity of European Union law. 3. analysis of the sources of international law and European Union law. 4 The variability of international law. 5. the interpretation of international law. 6 The interdisciplinary research approach to international law. 7 Formulation of the research problem. 8 Formulating research questions and research hypotheses. 9. working with databases and legal research tools (e.g. Eur-Lex, CJEU case law). 10. research methods in the context of the practice of international law. 11. presentation of research results. 				
COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES AND METHODS OF EVALUATING LEARNING OUTCOMES				
Learning outcome	The description of the learning outcome defined for the course	Relation to the degree programme outcomes (symbol)	Learning Format (Lectures, classes,...)	Method of assessment of learning outcomes (e.g. test, oral exam, written exam, project,...)
Knowledge (no.)	knows and understands, has knowledge			
P8S_WG1	understands the specificity of international law, in particular the aspects related to its changeability;	P8S_WG	Conversatory	report
P8S_WG2	has in-depth knowledge of the application of public international law;	P8S_WG	Conversatory	report
P8S_WG3	knows and understands the terminology grid in Polish and foreign languages used in the	P8S_WG	Conversatory	report

	field of international law;			
P8S_WG4	understands issues in the methodology of conducting scientific research in his/her chosen discipline, as well as the principles of planning and conducting scientific research;	P8S_WG	Conversatory	report
Skills (no.)	can			
P8S_UW1	on the basis of his/her knowledge he/she is able - using also other fields of science - to formulate research hypotheses and to formulate questions and research problems as well as de lege ferenda conclusions;	P8S_UW	Conversatory	report
P8S_UW2	he/she is able to formulate his/her own conclusions on the basis of analysis of treaty law, customary law and other forms of public international law;	P8S_UW	Conversatory	report
P8S_UW3	he/she is able to acquire knowledge on his/her own, to expand his/her analytical skills, and to stimulate critical sensitivity to recognize dilemmas in his/her scientific research;	P8S_UW	Conversatory	report
Social competence (no.)	is ready to			
P8S_KK1	critically evaluate the academic output within the discipline of legal sciences;	P8S_KK	Conversatory	report

FORMS OF TEACHING, HOURS AND CREDITS

Semester (no.)	Lectures	Seminars	Conversatory / Lab classes	Internships	others	ECTS
I - VIII	-	-	8 x 30 hrs. – 240 hrs.	-	-	24

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

ACADEMIC DISCUSSION, ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL COURT CASE LAW, ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION OF LEGAL TEXTS, ANALYSIS OF THE LITERATURE ON THE SUBJECT, PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND RESEARCH METHODS, EVALUATION OF PROGRESS IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DISSERTATION, USE OF DISTANCE LEARNING METHODS

COURSE CONTENT

Conversation: Doctoral dissertation
semester I

Topic : Introduction to international law - definitions, scope and classification of legal norms.

Topic : Analysis of the sources of international law.

Topic : Interpretation of international treaties - principles and techniques.

Semester II

Topic : Introduction to European Union law - definitions, scope and classification of legal norms.

Topic : The EU hierarchy of sources of law.

Topic : Implementation of EU law into the national legal orders of Member States.

Semester III

Topic : Research methodology in international law.

Topic : Methods of analysis of international jurisprudence.

Topic : Working with legal literature - search and analysis methodologies.

Semester IV

Topic : Creating and analysing a research problem.

Topic: Formulation of research objectives.

Topic: Formulation of research questions and research hypotheses.

Semester V

Topic : Problems of interpretation of international law.

Topic : Working with international jurisprudence I.

Topic : Working with international jurisprudence II.

semester VI

Topic : Working with databases and legal research tools.

Topic : UN legal databases and CJ case law search engine.

Semester VI Topic : EU legal databases and CJEU case law search engine.

Semester VII

Topic : Developments in international law.

Topic : The role of doctrine in shaping international law.

Topic : The role of jurisprudence in shaping international law.

Semester VIII

Topic : Interdisciplinary approaches in the study of international law.

Topic : Presentation of research findings - how to effectively present findings I.

Topic : Presentation of research results - how to present the results effectively II.

COURSE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

- Active participation of the doctoral student in classes, reading of the indicated literature, demonstration of continuous improvement of skills, as well as involvement of the doctoral student and progress in the preparation of the dissertation are required.

- Credit for the course is given in the form of an oral statement in class. Possible semester grades are: 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5, 5.0

Percentage requirements for the grading scale:

To obtain a pass grade, a conversion factor for the corresponding percentage of points obtained is applied:

- up to 50% - inadequate, (the doctoral student does not make progress in research, does not expand knowledge, does not study the readings, does not participate in substantive discussion, does not meet academic obligations);

- 51% - 60% - satisfactory, (the doctoral student makes negligible progress in scientific research, expands the knowledge, studies basic literature, the discussion is limited to a narrow range of substantive knowledge, meets basic scientific obligations);

- 61% - 70% - satisfactory plus, (the doctoral student makes progress in scientific research, broadens knowledge, studies basic literature, participates in the discussion in a substantial way, fulfils his/her scientific duties);

- 71% - 80% - good, (the doctoral student makes significant progress in scientific research, broadens knowledge, studies basic and supplementary literature, substantively participates in discussions, fulfils all scientific duties);

- 81% - 90% - good plus, (the doctoral student makes significant progress in scientific research, systematically extends knowledge, studies primary and supplementary literature, substantively participates in discussion, fulfils all scientific obligations);

- 91% - 100% - very good (doctoral student makes significant progress in scientific research, systematically extends knowledge, studies basic, complementary and beyond obligatory literature, substantively participates in discussion, meets all scientific obligations);

TOTAL PhD STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE THE INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

– NUMBER OF HOURS AND ECTS CREDITS

Activity	Number of hours
Scheduled course contact hours	8 x 30 hrs. – 240 hrs.
Other contact hours involving the teacher (consultation hours, examinations)	10
Non-contact hours – student's own work (preparation for classes or examinations, project, etc.)	470
Total number of hours	720
Total number of ECTS credits	24

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Compulsory literature:	<p>E. CAŁA-WACINKIEWICZ, W. SZ. STASZEWSKI (ED.), PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PUBLICZNE - ZARYS SYSTEMU, WARSAW 2024</p> <p>P. CRAIG, G. BURCA, EU LAW - TEXT, CASES AND MATERIALS, OXFORD 2024</p> <p>M. BALCERZAK, R. BIERZANEK, M. KAŁDUŃSKI, J. SYMONIDES, PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PUBLICZNE, WARSAW 2023</p> <p>J. BARCZ, M. GÓRKA, A. WYROZUMSKA, INSTITUTIONS AND LAW OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, WARSAW 2023</p> <p>J. BARCIK, R. GRZESZCZAK (EDS.), EUROPEAN UNION LAW, WARSAW 2022</p> <p>K. ORZESZYNA, M. SKWARZYŃSKI, R. TABACZEWSKI, PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PRAW CZŁOWIEKA, WARSAW 2022</p> <p>S. BIERNAT (ED.), SYSTEM PRAWA UNII EUROPEJSKIEJ. VOLUME I. PODSTAWY I ŹRÓDŁA PRAWA UNII EUROPEJSKIEJ, WARSAW 2020</p> <p>W. GÓRALCZYK, S. SAWICKI, PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PUBLICZNE W ZARYSIE, WARSAW 2020</p> <p>A. BRODERICK, D. FERRI, INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN DISABILITY LAW AND POLICY - TEXT, CASES AND MATERIALS, CAMBRIDGE 2019</p> <p>J. BARCIK, T. SROGOSZ, INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LAW, WARSZAWA 2019</p> <p>J. CRAWFORD, BROWNLIE'S PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, OXFORD 2019</p> <p>R. BIERZANEK, J. SYMONIDES, INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC LAW, WARSAW 2016</p> <p>L. ANTONOWICZ, HANDBOOK OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, WARSAW 2015</p> <p>M. N. SHAW, INTERNATIONAL LAW, WARSAW 2006</p> <p>J. PIEŃKOS, PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW, ZAKAMYCZE 2004.</p> <p>A. ŁAZOWSKI, A. ZAWIDZKA, PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PUBLICZNE, WARSAW 2001</p> <p>W. CZAPLIŃSKI, A. WYROZUMSKA, PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PUBLICZNE. ZAGADNIENIA SYSTEMOWE, WARSAW 1999</p> <p>M. SYKULSKA, PRAWO MIĘDZYNARODOWE PUBLICZNE, Sopot 1997</p> <p>J. GILAS, INTERNATIONAL LAW, TORUŃ 1996</p> <p>P. SIUDA, P. WASYLCHYK, SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS. A PRACTICAL GUIDE, WARSAW 2017</p>
Complementary literature:	<p>A. Przyborowska - Klimczak, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne. Wybór dokumentów, Lublin 2008.</p> <p>B. Wierzbicki (ed), Prawo międzynarodowe. Materiały do studiów, Białystok 2008</p> <p>J. Menkes, A. Wasilkowski, Organizacje międzynarodowe. Prawo instytucjonalne, Warsaw 2006</p> <p>M. Frankowska, Prawo traktatów, Warsaw 1997</p> <p>K. Kocot, K. Wolfke, A Selection of Documents for the Study of International Law, Wrocław-Warszawa 1976</p> <p>Monographs and articles related to the topic of the dissertation</p>

*(1 ECTS CREDIT CORRESPONDS TO 25 - 30 HOURS OF THE TOTAL WORKLOAD OF A DOCTORAL STUDENT, NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE ESTABLISHED EFFECTS).

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Date and signature of the Course lecturer

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Approved by the Head of the Department or an authorised person