



**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM**

**PROGRAMME: B.A.,LL.B.(HONS.)FYIC**

**DETAILS OF COURSE OFFERED**

**EVEN SEMESTER (VI)– ACADEMIC YEAR .....**

<b>SL. NO</b>	<b>COURSE CODE</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>CH</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>BL605</b>	<b>PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW</b>	<b>4 PER WEEK</b>		<b>1 PER WEEK</b>	<b>4</b>	

- A. CODE AND TITLE OF THE COURSE: BL605,  
PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW**
- B. COURSE CREDIT: 4 (TOTAL MARKS 200)**
- C. MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH**
- D. COURSE COMPILED BY: DR. GITANJALI GHOSH**
- E. COURSE INSTRUCTOR: DR. GITANJALI GHOSH**

## **1. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Traditionally, international law was the law that governed the conduct of States in their relations with each other. Gradually, international law has also come to govern individuals, international organizations and even corporations. In today's globalizing world, it has emerged as one of the significant subjects for study. It is not an exaggeration to state that international law affects every person living on the globe.

In the light of the growing importance of international law, it is not only desirable but also imperative for students to have a thorough knowledge of the subject. Hence, the primary objective of this course is to generate and sustain an interest to study international law in the minds of the students.

Apart from familiarizing students with the basics of international law, this course will take their study one notch higher with the introduction of several important and contemporary areas of international law.

The objectives of the course, in particular, are as follows:

- Introduce students to the definition, nature, sources, subjects of international law as well as to the concept of recognition and relationship of international law with municipal law
- Provide students with an understanding of the law of treaties and state responsibility
- Introduce students to the concepts of use of force, self-defence, humanitarian intervention, responsibility to protect and sanctions under international law
- Provide students with an understanding of jurisdiction and immunities from jurisdiction
- Introduce students to the different modes of settlement of disputes

## **2. TEACHING METHODOLOGY**

The teaching methodology shall aim at the generation of critical thinking among the students. The topic for a particular class shall be informed to the students beforehand and readings shall be assigned to them for the said topic. They are expected to have a basic idea about the topic prior to the class. Subsequent to a brief lecture on the topic, there shall be class discussion on the same as well as on the readings assigned. Pursuant to the class discussion, the teacher shall substantiate the issues raised and answer any questions posed or left unanswered.

## **3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE COURSE**

At the completion of the course, it is humbly expected that the students shall:

- Comprehend the subject matter of the course
- Be able to analyze contemporary international organization related problems in the light of the concepts learnt
- Be able to articulate their ideas on the subject matter of the course
- Produce at least one research paper of publishable quality
- Desire to take up international law for further studies

#### 4. COURSE EVALUATION METHOD

The course shall be assessed for 200 marks. The Evaluation Scheme would be as follows

Internal Assessment 70% (140 marks)

Semester End Examination 30% (60 marks)

Sl. No.	Marks Distribution	
1	Project Work	40 marks
2	Seminar/Group Discussion	20 marks
3	Assignment/Assessment	30 marks
4	Mid-Semester Test	40 marks
5	Attendance in class	10 marks
6	Semester End Examination	60 marks

#### 5. DETAILED STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE (SPECIFYING COURSE MODULES AND SUB-MODULES)

##### MODULE-I

##### History and Normative Structure of International Law

- Introduction
- Historical Development
- Early Origins, Middle Ages and Modern International Law
- Positivism and Naturalism
- International Law in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century
- Definition of International Law
- Nature of International Law
- Basis of International Law
- Emergence of the Third World

##### Subjects of International Law

- International Legal Personality
- States as Subjects of International Law
  - Creation of State
  - Self-determination and the criteria for statehood
  - Fundamental Rights of States
    - Independence

- Equality
- Peaceful Co-existence
- Non-State Entities as Subjects of International Law
  - International Organizations
  - Individuals
  - National Liberation Movements
  - Transnational Corporations
  - Holy See

### **Sources of International Law**

- Custom
- Treaties and Conventions
- General Principles of Law
- Judicial Decisions
- Works of Writers and Jurists
- Hierarchy of Sources
- *Jus Cogens*

### **MODULE -II**

#### **Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law**

- Theories
- Role of municipal laws in international law
- International law before municipal courts
- State Practices in United Kingdom, United States of America and India

#### **Recognition**

- Recognition of states
- Theories
- Recognition of governments
- Kinds of recognition
- Withdrawal of recognition
- Non-recognition
- The legal effects of recognition

#### **Jurisdiction**

- The principle of domestic jurisdiction
- Legislative, executive and judicial jurisdiction
- Civil jurisdiction
- Criminal jurisdiction
- Extraterritorial jurisdiction

- Extradition
- Asylum

### **Immunities from Jurisdiction**

- State Immunity
- Immunity for Government Figures, Heads of the State and other Holders of High Ranking Office
- Diplomatic and Consular Immunities

### **MODULE- III**

#### **Use of force and the UN Charter**

- Prohibition of the Use of Force under Article 2(4) of the UN Charter
- Meaning of “Threat or Use of Force”
- Use of Force and Exceptions under the UN Charter –
  - Exception 1: Authorization by UN Security Council (Chapter VII, Arts. 39-42)
  - Exception 2: Right to Individual or Collective Self-Defence (Chapter VII, Art. 51)
- Regional Actions under Chapter VIII of the UN Charter

#### **Self- defence**

- Scope of Self- Defence: Necessity and Proportionality
- Meaning of Armed Attack
- Anticipatory Self- Defence
- Pre-emptive Self- Defence
- Collective Self- Defence
- Role of the Security Council

#### **Intervention**

- Humanitarian Intervention
  - Humanitarian Intervention with Security Council Authorization
  - Humanitarian Intervention without Security Council Authorization
- Concept of Responsibility to Protect
  - Birth of the Concept
  - New Concept with Old Ideals of Humanitarian Intervention
  - Responsibility to Protect and International Law
- UN Peacekeeping

## **International Law and Sanctions**

- History of Sanctions
- Sanctions under the UN system
- Sanctions and Violations of Human Rights

## **MODULE-IV**

### **Law of Treaties**

- Definition of a Treaty
- Making of a Treaty
- Authority to conclude Treaty
- Expression of Consent to be bound
- Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969
  - Formation of Treaties
  - Reservations to Treaties
  - Invalidity of Treaties
  - Suspension and Termination of Treaties

### **Settlement of disputes**

- Diplomatic methods
- Judicial methods

### **State Responsibility**

- Scope and Nature of State Responsibility
- Concept of Internationally Wrongful Act
- Attribution of Conduct to a State
- Responsibility of State in connection with an Act of another State
- Breach of International Obligation
- Consequences of Breach
- Circumstances Precluding Wrongfulness
- Reparations

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