



LAWS12070 Public International and Human Rights Law

Term 3 - 2022

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General Information

Overview

Globalisation, economic liberalisation and technological advances have in the last three decades facilitated greater interaction and cooperation among States in ways never seen before. There is a greater awareness among States of their interdependence and the need for a concerted response to global issues such as global warming, environmental degradation, humanitarian crises, international refugees, human rights violations, rogue States, terrorism, military adventurism, and pandemics. In this era and context, Public International Law, which provides a regime of legal rules that governs the conduct and relations of sovereign States, and Human Rights Law have gained increasing importance. This unit will introduce you to Public International and Human Rights Law and their importance in the current legal and economic international order. It covers such topics as the sources of international law; subjects of international law; statehood and recognition of States and governments; territorial sovereignty; the law of the sea; international trade law; State responsibility; human rights and self-determination; international criminal justice; the law of treaties; and use of force.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 2*

Credit Points: 6

Student Contribution Band: 10

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: 0.125

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite: 24 credit points of law units

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 3 - 2022

- Online

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 6-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 12.5 hours of study per week, making a total of 150 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Group Discussion**

Weighting: 10%

2. **Presentation and Written Assessment**

Weighting: 40%

3. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: 50%

Assessment Grading

This is a graded unit: your overall grade will be calculated from the marks or grades for each assessment task, based on the relative weightings shown in the table above. You must obtain an overall mark for the unit of at least 50%, or an overall grade of 'pass' in order to pass the unit. If any 'pass/fail' tasks are shown in the table above they must also be completed successfully ('pass' grade). You must also meet any minimum mark requirements specified for a particular assessment task, as detailed in the 'assessment task' section (note that in some instances, the minimum mark for a task may be greater than 50%). Consult the [University's Grades and Results Policy](#) for more details of interim results and final grades.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Private email and course evaluation data.

Feedback

Assessments

Recommendation

The group work for assessment task 1 complies with the unit profile which requires group discussions for the first assessment task. It may be difficult to achieve effective group discussions with the quizzes which were used for the assessment in earlier offerings. If quizzes are to be used in subsequent offerings, they should be designed to promote students engagement or there may be need to amend the unit profile. There were complaints about group members failing to contribute to group work. The groups were large with 7 to 10 students per group. If the group work is to be used, there should be smaller groups of 2 to 4 members to ensure all group members are fully involved in the work. Submission should also be in tracked in word format so contributions from members can be easily seen. Assessments should test students' knowledge of International Law in more novel scenarios so students can more rigorously apply their knowledge to international law principles to a wider range of hypothetical problems.

Feedback from Course evaluation data

Feedback

Students Engagement

Recommendation

Students should be encouraged to participate more actively in the group work. There should be more clarity on the recommended textbook for the unit and the course guides can be updated in line with the textbook to be used before the next offering of the course.

Feedback from Course evaluation

Feedback

Weekly tutorials/workshops

Recommendation

Students were generally pleased with the depth and breadth of issues covered. Students expressed great satisfaction with the practical approach to course content. This should be maintained.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Discuss and explain key topics of Public International and Human Rights Law, such as: the sources and subjects of international law; statehood and State sovereignty; international trade law; State responsibility; human rights and self-determination; and the law of treaties
2. Discuss, explain and apply key principles of Public International and Human Rights Law to real and theoretical contexts
3. Critically analyse, research and provide solutions to practical and theoretical questions concerning Public International and Human Rights Law.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Group Discussion - 10%	•	•	•
2 - Presentation and Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•
3 - Written Assessment - 50%	•	•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes		
	1	2	3
1 - Communication	•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•	•	•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•	•
4 - Information Literacy			•
5 - Team Work			
6 - Information Technology Competence			
7 - Cross Cultural Competence	•	•	•
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation			
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures			

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Group Discussion - 10%	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		
2 - Presentation and Written Assessment - 40%	•	•	•	•			•	•		
3 - Written Assessment - 50%	•	•	•	•			•	•		

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

LAWS12070

Prescribed

Complete International Law

Edition: 2nd (2014)

Authors: Ademola Abass

Oxford University Press

ISBN: 9780199679072

Binding: eBook

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Supplementary

An Introduction to Public International Law

(2022)

Authors: Cecily Rose et al.

Cambridge University Press

ISBN: 9781108377232

Binding: eBook

[View textbooks at the CQUniversity Bookshop](#)

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

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Schedule

Week 1 - 07 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
International law in the modern context	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 1.	

Week 2 - 14 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Sources of international law

Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 2.

Week 3 - 21 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The law of treaties	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 3.	

Week 4 - 28 Nov 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Territory and the law of the sea	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 6.	Group Discussion Due: Week 4 Friday (2 Dec 2022) 11:59 pm AEST

Vacation Week - 05 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 5 - 12 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Jurisdiction	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 7.	

Week 6 - 19 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Immunity	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 8	

Vacation Week - 26 Dec 2022

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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Week 7 - 02 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
The law of use of force	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 10.	Case-type Assessment Due: Week 7 Friday (6 Jan 2023) 11:59 pm AEST

Week 8 - 09 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
International humanitarian law	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 12.	

Week 9 - 16 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
International criminal law	Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 16.	

Week 10 - 23 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
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International human rights
Ademola Abass, International Law: Text, Cases, and Materials (Oxford University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 19.

Week 11 - 30 Jan 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
States' obligation to respect human rights	Olivier De Schutter, International Human Rights Law (Cambridge University Press, 2nd ed, 2014) Chapter 1.	

Week 12 - 06 Feb 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Revision		

Exam Week - 13 Feb 2023

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
		Take Home Paper Due: Exam Week Monday (13 Feb 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Assessment Tasks

1 Group Discussion

Assessment Type

Group Discussion

Task Description

This assessment task will involve a group submission. The class will be divided into groups for the purpose of the assessment and all members of a group will have the same mark for the submission made.

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Friday (2 Dec 2022) 11:59 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 5 Friday (16 Dec 2022)

Weighting

10%

Assessment Criteria

This assessment will be assessed according to the following criteria: correct and thorough identification of the legal issue(s) (10%) and rules/legal principles (30%); correct and thorough analysis and application of the rules and legal principles to the legal issue(s) and facts (40%); well thought-out conclusion (10%); and quality of the language usage and observance of proper structure, format, and instructions (10%).

Referencing Style

- [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)

Submission

Online Group

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Discuss and explain key topics of Public International and Human Rights Law, such as: the sources and subjects of international law; statehood and State sovereignty; international trade law; State responsibility; human rights and self-determination; and the law of treaties
- Discuss, explain and apply key principles of Public International and Human Rights Law to real and theoretical contexts
- Critically analyse, research and provide solutions to practical and theoretical questions concerning Public International and Human Rights Law.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

2 Case-type Assessment

Assessment Type

Presentation and Written Assessment

Task Description

This individual assessment involves answering three questions that will cover any of the topics up to week 5. The questions will be released on 2 December (Friday) and are due by 6 January 2023 (Friday). The total word count for the answers, including footnotes, should not exceed 1,500 words.

Assessment Due Date

Week 7 Friday (6 Jan 2023) 11:59 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Week 9 Friday (20 Jan 2023)

Weighting

40%

Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria

This assessment will be assessed according to the following criteria: correct and thorough identification of the legal issue(s) (10%) and rules/legal principles (30%); correct and thorough analysis and application of the rules and legal principles to the legal issue(s) and facts (40%); well thought-out conclusion (10%); and quality of the language usage and observance of proper structure, format, and instructions (10%).

Referencing Style

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Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Discuss and explain key topics of Public International and Human Rights Law, such as: the sources and subjects of international law; statehood and State sovereignty; international trade law; State responsibility; human rights and self-determination; and the law of treaties
- Discuss, explain and apply key principles of Public International and Human Rights Law to real and theoretical contexts
- Critically analyse, research and provide solutions to practical and theoretical questions concerning Public International and Human Rights Law.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

3 Take Home Paper

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

This final individual online take home paper involves answering four case-type questions. The total word count for the answers, including footnotes, should not exceed 2,500 words. The take home paper questions will be released and made

available on Moodle during the exam period.

1. submissions after the deadline has passed will not be accepted.
2. Failure to submit by the deadline will result in a mark of zero for this assessment as the paper will not be marked.
3. Extensions are not available for take home papers (although Accessibility adjustments still apply); and
4. Exam conditions apply to all take home papers.

Assessment Due Date

Exam Week Monday (13 Feb 2023) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

In line with university policy, the marked assessment will be returned to students only after the Certification of Grades as stated in the university academic calendar.

Weighting

50%

Assessment Criteria

This assessment will be assessed according to the following criteria: correct and thorough identification of the legal issue(s) (10%) and rules/legal principles (30%); correct and thorough analysis and application of the rules and legal principles to the legal issue(s) and facts (40%); well thought-out conclusion (10%); and quality of the language usage and observance of proper structure, format, and instructions (10%).

Referencing Style

- [Australian Guide to Legal Citation, 4th ed](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Discuss and explain key topics of Public International and Human Rights Law, such as: the sources and subjects of international law; statehood and State sovereignty; international trade law; State responsibility; human rights and self-determination; and the law of treaties
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Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Cross Cultural Competence
- Ethical practice

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem