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POS 4350: International Law and Institutions
Supplement to Dr. Lanier's Syllabi
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Course Description:

This portion of the course will focus on development and application of international law. I will assume zero knowledge and start from the beginning. I apologize in advance if some of the material is redundant, but I need to be sure that my test reflects what you have learned. The point of Dr. Lanier's return has yet to be determined. If he has not returned by 3/11 a second supplemental syllabi will be issued.

Course Requirements:

Exam: The exam will be a mixture of multiple choice, short answer and essay.

Course Rules:

Make-Up Exams: Make-up exams will be given if students provide **prior** notification and a valid excuse for missing the exam. Make-up exams will only be given without prior notification in extreme circumstances. Make-up exams must be completed within a week of the exam date or within a week of the students return to school for prolonged absences. The format of the make-up exam may vary from the original exam.

Cheating and Plagiarism - Cheating will not be tolerated. Students caught cheating will receive an F in the class. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. I understand that plagiarism often occurs due to improper citation rather than students trying to cheat. I recommend the following web site if you are unsure about citation: <http://garnet.acns.fsu.edu/~phensel/citation.html> . Always err on the side of caution. It is better to over cite than under cite in the paper.

Classroom Behavior: Be respectful during lecture and discussion. Please turn cell phones off in class. Students may be asked to leave if they are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment.

Required Texts:

Janis, Mark. 2003. *An Introduction to International Law*. New York: Aspen Publishers.

Grade Scale:

A	=	900 – 1000
B	=	800 – 899
C	=	700 – 799
D	=	600 – 699
F	=	0 – 599

Course Schedule:

Date	Topic	Readings
2/9	What Is International Law	Janis, Ch. 1
2/11	Treaties	Janis, Ch. 2
2/14	Kyoto Protocol	Janis, Ch. 2
2/16	Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty	Janis, Ch. 2
2/18	Customs	Janis, Ch. 3
2/21	Customs	Janis, Ch. 3
2/23	Levels of Analysis and I.L.	Janis, Ch. 4
2/25	International Courts	Janis, Ch. 5
2/28	Select Cases	Janis, Ch. 5
3/2	European Court of Justice	Janis, Ch. 5
3/4	Exam	
3/7	Sovereignty	Janis, Ch. 6
3/9	Sovereignty	Janis, Ch. 6
3/11	International Regimes	Janis, Ch. 7
Additional Dates As Needed		
3/21	Environmental Regimes	Janis, Ch. 7
3/23	International Organizations	Janis, Ch. 7