

International Law and Organisations for Diplomatic and International Studies

Modular value: 40 credits

Duration: All Year

Teaching: 2 hour seminars weekly

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This unit introduces students to the subject of international law through a variety of empirical and theoretical materials. Accessible to students who have had no prior engagement with issues of international law or organisation, the topics covered in the two ten-week teaching blocks provide a detailed critical examination of key concepts and themes.

The course starts of with establishing some conceptual lenses with which we can study international law and organisations and the relevance of international institutions in international relations. We then move on with specific issue areas which are governed by international law and organisations, where we will conduct a thorough and wide analysis of how institutions work in practice and link this to the conceptual framework taught at the beginning.

The course aims:

- To analyse critically debates and issues relevant to the study of international law and organisations, including structures of the international legal system and international legal processes.
- To engage in discussion about contemporary and historical issues in international law and organisation, and contextualise these discussions with reference to the practices of international relations.
- To evaluate the efficacy of international law and international organisations and formulate considered proposals for reform.
- To articulate, concisely and persuasively, both verbally and in writing, issues and policy initiatives in international law and organisation.

Assessment

- 2 essays 50%
- Presentation 10%
- 3 hr exam 40%

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