Course Objectives: This course will examine issues in world politics from the perspective of international law. Besides analyzing the philosophical grounding of international law; role of multilateral institutions such as the UN in anchoring the international legal system and how international tribunals adjudicate international law, the course will look at how international law is applied to different issue-areas ranging from the use of force, diplomacy, human rights, environment and international trade issues. The objectives of such an exercise would be two fold: to ascertain how international law governs these areas and to identify the problems that hinder the operation of international law. This course will highlight the nexus between international law and international politics demonstrating how international politics shapes the operation of international law. During the course of the semester the students will learn to read legal cases, interpret treaty language and work on hypotheticals. Finally we would end by critically evaluating the future trajectory of international law in the coming decades.

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Grading Scale:
A+ (100)  B+ (86-89)  C+ (75-79)  D (60-69)
A (94-99)  B (83-85)   C (73-74)   F (59 or less)
A- (90-93) B- (80-82)  C- (70-72)

*Make-up exams will be given only on medical grounds for self and appropriate documentation is required. One make-up exam is allowed for the semester. The make-up exam will be more difficult than the class exam.**

** Students are advised to keep up with the readings and consult me on any matter concerning the course.

*** Deadlines regarding submissions must be met. Delayed submissions will result in a reduced grade.

**** In class computer use is strictly restricted to class work.

***** Please use gmu email account for all communications.

Required Readings:

Reading Packet to be will be made available after the midterm exam on E-Reserves.

Important Dates:
Last Date to Add Classes: January 29, 2018. Please verify to ensure proper enrollment.
Final Paper Due: May 3, 2018.
Final Exam: May 15, 2018. 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm.

Course Outline:
Week 1. January 23 and January 25. Text Chapter 1. What is International Law?


Week 5. February 22 and February 27. Text Chapter 5. Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.


MIDTERM EXAM March 22.


Week 15. May 1 and May 3. Chapter 12 Economic Relations.

PAPER DUE ON MAY 3 IN CLASS.

FINAL EXAM ON MAY 15 1:30 pm -3:30pm.

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