

Course Code	Course Name	Credit
26PL104	FUNDAMENTALS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW	4

Course Objectives

- To introduce students to the fundamental principles, nature, sources, and development of International Law.
- To develop an understanding of the evolution and significance of International Law in global affairs and governance.
- To examine the roles and responsibilities of key actors in International Law, including states, international organizations, and individuals.
- To analyze the processes and mechanisms through which international legal norms and rules are created, implemented, and enforced.
- To explore the concepts of state sovereignty, jurisdiction, and recognition in international relations.

Learning Outcomes:

After the completion of the course, Learners will be able to:

- Explain the meaning, history of international law and its difference with National (Municipal) law
- Identify and discuss the sources and development of International legal rules.
- Understand the concept of recognition, legal status and rights of states
- Evaluate the role of international law in promoting global peace, cooperation and justice.
- Explain the nature of international disputes and various mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of international disputes

Unit I: The Foundations of International Law (10 hrs)

Meaning and Definition of International Law and its difference with Municipal (National) Law; History of International Law: From ancient treaties to the United Nations; Key players: States, International organizations (UN) and Individuals

Unit II: Sources of International Law (12 hrs)

International Treaties; International Customs; General Principles of Law; Judicial (Court) Decisions

Unit III: Statehood and Recognition (13 hrs)

Concept of statehood in International Law; Rights and duties of states; Recognition of states and governments: De facto and De jure

Unit IV: International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (13 hrs)

International Human rights Law: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights; International Humanitarian Law: The Geneva Convention; War crimes and atrocities: Genocide, crimes against humanity and other serious violations

Unit V: Settlement of International Disputes (12 hrs)

Nature of International Disputes; Peaceful methods of disputes settlement: Negotiation, Mediation, Arbitration and Judicial settlement; Role of International Court of Justice

Suggested Readings:

- Agarwal, H. O. (2012) International Law and Human Rights. Allahabad: Central Law Publications.
- Ahuja, V. K. (2016) Public International Law. New Delhi: Lexis Nexis Butterworths.
- Brownlie, Ian. (2008) Principles of Public International Law. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Cassese, Antonio. (2005) International Law. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Chimni, B. S. (2017) International Law and World Order: A Critique of Contemporary Approaches. New Delhi: Cambridge University Press India.
- Gray, Christine. (2018) International Law and the Use of Force. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Harris, D. J. (2010) Cases and Materials on International Law. London: Sweet & Maxwell.
- International Court of Justice. Statute of the International Court of Justice. The Hague: ICJ Publications.
- Janis, Mark. W (2003) An Introduction to International Law. New York: Aspen Publishers.
- Kapoor, S. K. (2019) Public International Law. Allahabad: Central Law Agency
- Klabbers, Jan. (2017) International Law. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,

12. Rao, Rama. T.S. (2011) Introduction to International Law - T. S. Rama Rao. Introduction to International Law. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
13. Shaw, Malcolm N. (2017). International Law. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
14. Sornarajah, M. (2017) The International Law on Foreign Investment. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
15. United Nations. Charter of the United Nations. New York: United Nations, 1945.
16. Verma, S. K. (2010). Public International Law. New Delhi: Prentice Hall of India.
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COs and Bloom's Taxonomy Level (BTL) Mapping – 26PL104		
Course Outcomes	On completing this course, the students will be able to	BTL
CO1	Recall and explain the definition of international law, its differences from national law, its historical evolution and the key players (states, international organisations, individual) and the four main sources of international law.	K1, K2
CO2	Explain and illustrate how the sources of international law operates in practice and apply the criteria for statehood and recognition to real world or hypothetical scenarios, drawing on the rights and duties of states.	K2, K3
CO3	Analyze the interplay between international human rights law and international humanitarian law in situations of armed conflict incorporating state obligations and individual criminal responsibility.	K4
CO4	Explain and evaluate the effectiveness of peaceful dispute settlement methods with special focus on the role of International Court of Justice while using cases that involves treaty interpretation, statehood, or humanitarian law violations.	K2, K3, K5
CO5	Critically assess the tensions between state sovereignty and the enforcement of international humanitarian law and human rights law, including the evolving role of individuals and international organisations and design a research proposal that examines how international human rights law and international humanitarian law have been applied or violated in a specific armed conflict areas like in Gaza, Syria etc.	K5, K6

BTL K1 and K2 – Remembering and Understanding, K3- Applying, K4 – Analyse, K5- Evaluate and K6- Create

Relationship Matrix- 26PL104													
Course Outcomes	Programme Outcomes (POs)						Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)						Mean Score of COs
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	
CO1	3	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	2		2	2	2
CO2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2.3
CO3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2.3
CO4	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	3	2	2.5
CO5	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	2.5
	Total												2.32

Mean Score: 3- High, 2- Medium/Moderate, 1-Low