**Course descriptor**

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| Title of the course | **International Law** |
| Title of the Academic Programme  | BA in Political Science & World Politics |
| Type of the course | optional |
| Prerequisites | No |
| ECTS workload | 5 |
| Total indicative study hours | Directed Study | Self-directed study  | Total |
| 40 | 150 | 190 |
| Course Overview |  The main goals of the introductory course «International Law» are formation of systemic view on the comtemporary problems in the field of international law and on the role of international community, [acquaintance](https://context.reverso.net/%D0%BF%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B2%D0%BE%D0%B4/%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B3%D0%BB%D0%B8%D0%B9%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9-%D1%80%D1%83%D1%81%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B8%D0%B9/acquaintance%2Bwith) with key terms of the discipline and development of student's possibility to analyse sources of international law and the practice of their implementation. This ciurse is structured into two parts. The first part of the course is oriented on the consideration of key concepts. principles and institutions of international law. The second part deals with 3 important fields: human rights protection on the international level, international humanitarian law and international environmental law. |
| Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO) | At the end of the course, students should be able to:Understand fundamental terminology;Explain main theories and concepts in the filed of international law;Know where and how to find key sources of international law;Analyse a range of actual problems of international law;Characterise the system of international justice and general principles of international law. |
| Indicative Course Content |  |
| Teaching and Learning Methods | Class discussions, cases solving, debates, role play, critical thinking, student-group reports, mock trial |
| Indicative Assessment Methods and Strategy | The forms of assessmentCurrent assessment: seminars (20 %);essay 1 (40 %);essay 2 (40 %);Final assessment: 1. coursework ( 60 %);

the final written examination (40 %). |
| Readings / Indicative Learning Resources | Mandatory Orford A., Hoffmann F. (Eds.) The Oxford Handbook of the Theory of International Law. - Oxford University Press, 2016. - Electronic resource (is accessible at Oxford Handbook Online. URL: <http://www.oxfordhandbooks.com/view/10.1093/law/9780198701958.001.0001/oxfordhb-9780198701958>).OptionalBaughen S. Corporations and international law // Human Rights and Corporate Wrongs: Closing the Governance Gap. - Cheltenham, UK, 2015. - Electronic resource (is accessible at Edward Elgar Publishing. URL: <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2424/view/9780857934758.xml>). An Introduction to the Role of International Law in International Relations. - Oxford University Press, 2012. - Electronic resource (is accessible at ProQuest Ebook Central. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1036305>).Dasgupta R. International Interplay: The Future of Expropriation Across International Dispute Settlement. - Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013. - Electronic resource (is accessible at ProQuest Ebook Central. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1800432>).Desta M. Soft Law in International Law: An Overview // International Investment Law and Soft Law. - Cheltenham, UK. 2012. - Electronic resource (is accessible at Edward Elgar Publishing. URL: <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2424/view/9781781003213.xml>).General Principles of Law: European and Comparative Perspectives (Ed. by S. Vogenauer, S. Weatherill). - Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, 2017. - Electronic resource (is accessible at ProQuest Ebook Central, <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=4838484>). Introduction: International Conflict and Security Law. - Cheltenham, UK, 2013. - Electronic resource (is accessible at Edward Elgar Publishing. URL: <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2424/view/9781849808569.xml>). Refuge from Inhumanity? War Refugees and International Humanitarian Law (Ed. by D. J. Cantor, J. F. Durieux). - BRILL, 2014. - Electronic resource (is accessible at ProQuest Ebook Central. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1744672>). Samuels K. Political Violence and the International Community : Developments in International Law and Policy, - BRILL, 2014. - Electronic resource (is accessible at ProQuest Ebook Central. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=468374>). The Responsibility to Protect: A New Paradigm of International Law? Ed. by P. Hilpold. - BRILL, 2014. - Electronic resource (is accessible at ProQuest Ebook Central. URL: <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/hselibrary-ebooks/detail.action?docID=1840843>). Wouters J., De Man P. International Organizations as Law-makers // Research Handbook on the Law of International Organizations. - Cheltenham, UK, 2011. - Electronic resource (is accessible at Edward Elgar Publishing. URL: <https://proxylibrary.hse.ru:2424/view/9781847201355.xml>). |
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