



Course and Examination Fact Sheet: Spring Semester 2017

8,383: Legal Fundamentals of International Relations

ECTS credits: 6

Overview examination/s

(binding regulations see below)

Central - Written examination (100%, 120 mins.)

Attached courses

Timetable -- Language -- Lecturer

[8,383,1.00 Legal Fundamentals of International Relations](#) -- Englisch -- [Pirker Benedikt](#) , [Burri Thomas](#)

Course information

Course prerequisites

No prerequisites. (Students are expected to be fluent in English.)

Course content

This course offers an introduction to public international law and the law of the European Union. It pursues several objectives. On the one hand, master students who lack the basic knowledge in international and European law that is necessary to study on the master level – i. e. students who have never attended a course like European Law or International Law on the bachelor level at HSG – are to be brought up to speed. They will learn the basics in this course and deepen them right away. On the other hand, the course also aims to attract master students who passed the international and European law courses on the bachelor level and want to explore the international legal order further.

By means of concrete legal documents from specific cases (mainly judgments) the structural aspects of the international and European legal orders are developed. The focus is on general international law (including actors, sources, responsibility, use of force) and on the law of the European Union (mainly the internal market).

Course structure

Out of ten sessions, five will be devoted to international law and five to European law. Each session will span three hours (three times 45 minutes). In hour 1 of each session, the basics will be repeated, sometimes by means of basic cases. There will be some standard readings for hour 1. Hours 2 and 3 of each session will serve to illustrate the basics by means of case-law that goes beyond the standard basics.



Students are expected to do the compulsory readings before coming to class. You will not be required to give presentations in class, but active participation and interaction is a must. This is only possible, if you read the materials, in particular the judgments, beforehand. Only a very limited number of slides will be handed out. Hence, you are well advised to read the materials before the course also with regard to exam preparation.

Course literature

A reader with compulsory readings will be made available.

Make sure to bring the following books containing the relevant legal acts:

Malcolm Evans (ed.), Blackstone's International Law Documents (Oxford University Press, previous or current edition, at the moment: 11th ed. 2013), for the first part of the course before the break, and Nigel Foster (ed.), Blackstone's EU Treaties and Legislation, previous or current edition, at the moment: 2014-2015, 25th edition, for the second part.

Additional course information

Examination information

Examination sub part/s

1. Examination sub part (1/1)

Examination time and form

Central - Written examination (100%, 120 mins.)

Remark

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Examination-aid rule

Open Book

Students are free to choose aids but will have to comply with the following restrictions:

- At such examinations, all the pocket calculators of the Texas Instruments **TI-30 series** are admissible. Any other pocket calculator models are inadmissible.
- In addition, any type of communication, as well as any electronic devices that can be programmed and are capable of communication such as electronic dictionaries, notebooks, tablets, PDAs, mobile telephones and others, are inadmissible.
- Students are themselves responsible for the procurement of examination aids.

Supplementary aids

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Examination languages

Question language: English

Answer language: English

Examination content

Basically, the exam covers all materials included in the reader and discussed in class. The exam will not ask you to solve a case. In other words, you will not be presented with certain facts and asked to assess them from a legal perspective. In brief, 'quid iuris?' will not be asked.

Examination relevant literature

The entire reader, which will be made available until 26 May 2017 at the latest on studynet, and the texts dealt with in the two Blackstone's volumes.



Please note

We would like to point out to you that this fact sheet has absolute priority over other information such as StudyNet, faculty members' personal databases, information provided in lectures, etc.

When will the fact sheets become binding?

- Information about courses and examination time (central/decentral and grading form): from the start of the bidding process on 26 January 2017
- Information about decentral examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): after the 4th semester week on 20 March 2017
- Information about central examinations (examination-aid rule, examination content, examination relevant literature): from the start of the enrolment period for the examinations on 10 April 2017

Please look at the fact sheet once more after these deadlines have expired.