



# POIR8570

## International Law and Global Governance

Session 1, Online-flexible 2023

*Macquarie School of Social Sciences*

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## General Information

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Prerequisites

Admission to MIntRel or MSecStrategicStud or MCrim or MIntell or MCyberSecAnalysis or MCTerrorism or MPPP or MPASR or GradCertPPP or PGDipIntRel or GradDipIntRel or MIntPubDip.

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit examines why international law and global governance institutions have increasingly become instruments of choice for states as they attempt to solve common problems and express common values. Difficult questions will be addressed, including: is international law really law? Can the use of force between states really be constrained by either law or institutions? Can an impartial international court exist in the absence of a world government? Can states collectively agree on rules that accommodate divergent interests in areas such as climate change, world trade and international crime? Are powerful states above the law? To answer these questions, we first explore the sources of international law, the nature of international law and institutions, the historical and political context in which they have developed, and the role of law and global governance institutions in core theories of international relations. We then look at substantive issue areas including the use of force and the UN collective security system; terrorism; international crimes; international trade; and international environmental institutions. Finally, we examine the impact of unequal power relations on international law and global governance institutions as well as the problem of legitimacy.

## Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1:** Reflect upon and analyse the ethical, political and cultural context which informs and influences the operation of international law and institutions.

**ULO2:** Understand and critically evaluate the theoretical approaches to international law and international relations within the IR discipline and to reflect upon the role of power on the formation and effective operation of international law.

**ULO3:** Formulate and defend policy recommendations on important issues regarding international law and institutions.

**ULO4:** Apply skills required to conduct independent research and analysis.

**ULO5:** Understand fundamental rules and concepts on: the nature and sources of international law; international law with respect to the use of force, terrorism, war, international crimes, the sea, international trade and the environment; the historical development of international law; and the specific core charters, functions, decision-making and dispute settlement procedures and processes of international organisations with responsibility for collective security, world trade, the environment, and the prosecution of international crimes.

**ULO6:** Communicate effectively in both written work and oral presentations. This involves being able to identify and organise relevant information and to formulate persuasive, coherent and critical arguments.

## General Assessment Information

***\* For details of all assessments please see the unit site on ilearn.***

### ***\*Late Assessment Submission Penalty***

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of '0' (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). **Late submission of time sensitive tasks** (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) **will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration**

outcome may result in a new question or topic.

## Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<a href="#">Mid-Semester Test</a>	20%	No	29/03/2023 - 31/03/2023
<a href="#">Research Essay</a>	40%	No	05/05/2023 11:55pm
<a href="#">Final Examination online</a>	30%	No	29/05/2023 - 02/06/2023
<a href="#">Discussion Board Participation</a>	10%	No	Ongoing

### Mid-Semester Test

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Quiz/Test

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 16 hours

Due: **29/03/2023 - 31/03/2023**

Weighting: **20%**

Mid-Semester Test

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reflect upon and analyse the ethical, political and cultural context which informs and influences the operation of international law and institutions.
- Understand fundamental rules and concepts on: the nature and sources of international law; international law with respect to the use of force, terrorism, war, international crimes, the sea, international trade and the environment; the historical development of international law; and the specific core charters, functions, decision-making and dispute settlement procedures and processes of international organisations with responsibility for collective security, world trade, the environment, and the prosecution of international crimes.

### Research Essay

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Essay

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 31 hours

Due: **05/05/2023 11:55pm**

Weighting: **40%**

## Research Essay

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reflect upon and analyse the ethical, political and cultural context which informs and influences the operation of international law and institutions.
- Understand and critically evaluate the theoretical approaches to international law and international relations within the IR discipline and to reflect upon the role of power on the formation and effective operation of international law.
- Formulate and defend policy recommendations on important issues regarding international law and institutions.
- Apply skills required to conduct independent research and analysis.
- Understand fundamental rules and concepts on: the nature and sources of international law; international law with respect to the use of force, terrorism, war, international crimes, the sea, international trade and the environment; the historical development of international law; and the specific core charters, functions, decision-making and dispute settlement procedures and processes of international organisations with responsibility for collective security, world trade, the environment, and the prosecution of international crimes.
- Communicate effectively in both written work and oral presentations. This involves being able to identify and organise relevant information and to formulate persuasive, coherent and critical arguments.

## Final Examination online

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Examination

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 31 hours

Due: **29/05/2023 - 02/06/2023**

Weighting: **30%**

## Final Examination online

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Reflect upon and analyse the ethical, political and cultural context which informs and influences the operation of international law and institutions.
- Understand and critically evaluate the theoretical approaches to international law and

international relations within the IR discipline and to reflect upon the role of power on the formation and effective operation of international law.

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- Communicate effectively in both written work and oral presentations. This involves being able to identify and organise relevant information and to formulate persuasive, coherent and critical arguments.

## Discussion Board Participation

Assessment Type <sup>1</sup>: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task <sup>2</sup>: 36 hours

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **10%**

### Discussion Board Participation

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- Formulate and defend policy recommendations on important issues regarding international law and institutions.
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crimes.

- Communicate effectively in both written work and oral presentations. This involves being able to identify and organise relevant information and to formulate persuasive, coherent and critical arguments.

<sup>1</sup> If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the [Writing Centre](#) for academic skills support.

<sup>2</sup> Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

## Delivery and Resources

**\* There is no text book for this unit. Please see the unit site on ilearn for weekly required and further readings.**

## Unit Schedule

PART 1: Key concepts, actors and sources of international law	
Week 1	Introduction: International Law, Global Governance and International Politics
Week 2	Thinking International Law Differently: Traditional theories and critical approaches
Week 3	The Evolution of International Law
Week 4	States and International Organisations
Week 5	Sources of International Law and Politics of Multilateral Treaties

Week 6	The Mid-Semester Test (Questions will be released on the unit site on the <u>29<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at 10 am</u> , the deadline for answers is the <u>31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023 11:55pm</u> )
PART 2: International Law and Global Challenges in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	
Week 6	International Law and Use of Force & Essay Writing Workshop (will not be online, but be recorded on echo)
Week 7	International Humanitarian Law &
10 April -24 April	Break
Week 8	No lectures and tutorials this week – Public Holiday
Week 9	International Law and Human Rights
Week 9	Essays Due – 5th May, 2023 11:55pm ( Questions are on the unit site)
Week 10	International Criminal Law: Genocide as the crime of all crimes
Week 11	International Law and Refugee Protection
Week 12	The law of the sea
Week 13	Conclusions: International Law, Multipolar World and Global Governance in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century
Week 13	Final Exam: Questions will be released on the unit site on the 29nd <u>May, 2023 at 10 am</u> , deadline for answers is <u>the 2nd June 2023 11:55pm.</u>



## Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Assessment Procedure](#)
- [Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit [Student Policies \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit [Policy Central \(https://policies.mq.edu.au\)](https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the [search tool](#).

## Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct>

## Results

Results published on platform other than [eStudent](#), (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au) or if you are a Global MBA student contact [globalmba.support@mq.edu.au](mailto:globalmba.support@mq.edu.au)

## Academic Integrity

At Macquarie, we believe [academic integrity](#) – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free [online writing and maths support](#), [academic skills development](#) and [wellbeing consultations](#).

## Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

## The Writing Centre

The [Writing Centre](#) provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- [Workshops](#)
- [Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader](#)
- [Access StudyWISE](#)
- [Upload an assignment to Studiosity](#)
- [Complete the Academic Integrity Module](#)

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- [Subject and Research Guides](#)
- [Ask a Librarian](#)

## Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) including:

- [IT Support](#)
- [Accessibility and disability support](#) with study
- Mental health [support](#)
- [Safety support](#) to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
- [Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues](#)
- [Student Advocacy](#) provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

## Student Enquiries

Got a question? Ask us via [AskMQ](#), or contact [Service Connect](#).

## IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about\\_us/offices\\_and\\_units/information\\_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.