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International Law and Global Governance

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General Information

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By appointment

Credit points
10

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
International law is a critical area in International Relations theory and practice. This unit explores the connections between these fields. It introduces the principles, foundations and evolution of international law and applies these to global challenges in the 21st century. Students will analyse a range of issues such as the use of force, humanitarian international law, international human rights law, refugee protection, genocide and crimes against humanity, and the law of the sea. Overall, the unit provides students with critical knowledge of international law and its role in contemporary debates around global governance and international politics.

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

Late Submission: 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 non-timed written assessments (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc) is set at 11.55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue. Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams/quizzes, 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.

To check detailed information on this unit, visit **the unit iLearn site**.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Research Essay</u>	50%	No	12/04/2024 11:55 pm
<u>Policy report</u>	40%	No	30/05/2024 11:55pm
<u>Discussion Board Participation</u>	10%	No	From Week 1 to Week 13

Research Essay

Assessment Type ¹: Essay

Indicative Time on Task ²: 48 hours

Due: **12/04/2024 11:55 pm**

Weighting: **50%**

2500 word research essay

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- 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.
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Policy report

Assessment Type ¹: Report

Indicative Time on Task ²: 40 hours

Due: **30/05/2024 11:55pm**

Weighting: **40%**

2000 word report on a contemporary policy issue

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Discussion Board Participation

Assessment Type ¹: Participatory task

Indicative Time on Task ²: 26 hours

Due: **From Week 1 to Week 13**

Weighting: **10%**

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¹ 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.

² 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

For on-campus lecture and tutorial times, please check the timetable. Tutorials start in Week 1.

To check detailed information on the unit, visit **the unit learn site**.

Unit Schedule

PART 1: Foundations, principles, and sources of international law

Week 1 (19 February 2024)	Introduction: What is International (Public) Law?
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Week 2 (26 February 2024)	The Evolution of International Law
Week 3 (4 March 2024)	The Main Subjects of International Law: Formation and Recognition of States
Week 4 (11 March 2024)	International Legal Personality and International Organisations
Week 5 (18 March 2024)	The Main Sources of International Law
Week 5 (18 March)	<p> Online essay writing support – Essay writing workshop on zoom on 18^h March at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (for both on-campus and online students). Students are expected to watch ‘essay writing video’ before this workshop. I will talk about essay writing, academic expectations and referencing. You will have plenty of time to ask questions. This workshop will be recorded.</p> <p>** Zoom details will be provided later in the semester.</p>
PART 2: International Law and Global Challenges in the 21st Century	
Week 6 (25 March)	International Law and Use of Force
Week 7 (1 April)	Public Holiday – No classes
Week 8 (8 April)	International Humanitarian Law
Research Essays are due on 12 April 2024 11:55 pm.	
15 April – 28 April	Mid-semester Break
Week 9 (29 April)	International Human Rights Law

** Week 9 (29 April)	** Online report writing support – Report writing workshop on zoom on <u>29th April at 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm (for both on-campus and online students)</u>. Students are expected to watch 'report writing video' before this workshop. I will talk about report writing, academic expectations and referencing. You will have plenty of time to ask questions. This workshop will be recorded. ** Zoom details will be provided later in the semester.
Week 10 (6 May)	International Criminal Law: Genocide as the crime of all crimes
Week 11 (13 May)	International Law and Refugee Protection
Week 12 (20 May)	The Law of the Sea
Week 13 (27 May)	Conclusions and reflections: International Law and Global Justice
	Policy reports are due on 30 May 2024 11:55 pm

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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact 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/.

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.

Unit information based on version 2024.02 of the [Handbook](#)