

Subject card

Subject name and code	Fundamentals of international law - lecture, PG_00189523						
Field of study	Law in Sport						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			3.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Department of Public International Law -> Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. Katarzyna Łasak					
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		2.0		45.0	77
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to provide students with knowledge of public international law and to develop their skills in interpreting public international law.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome			Method of verification		
	[PSPORTL3_K01] Is aware of the role of legal and sports-law knowledge in solving complex problems occurring in sport, and of the need to critically assess his/her own competences and to rely on expert knowledge (case-law, legal doctrine, regulations of sports organisations) in situations exceeding his/her individual capabilities.	The student identifies situations in which developments or obligations arising from public international law affect the operation of sport, and is able to determine when expert international-law analysis is required to resolve sport-related issues.			[SK1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SK2] presentation/project/paper/report [SK4] test/exam - oral or written		
	[PSPORTL3_W03] Knows the structure and main tasks of national and international sports organisations, and understands their role in shaping and applying sports law (lex sportiva) alongside state-made law.	The student explains how public international law (including international treaties, resolutions of international organizations, and customary law) shapes the functioning of international sport organizations and influences the development and application of lex sportiva.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		
	[PSPORTL3_W04] Knows and understands the key dilemmas related to the functioning of sports law, in particular with regard to the relationship between public and private law, between state regulations and internal regulations of sports organisations, and between sporting values and market requirements.	The student analyses how States' obligations under public international law influence domestic sport regulations and the internal rules of sport organizations, identifying areas of normative conflict and the need for harmonisation.			[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report		

Subject contents	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Concept of public international law 2. Concept, composition, and characteristics of the international community 3. Characteristics of public international law 4. Foundations of the binding nature of international law 5. Types of sanctions in international law 6. Types of norms in international law 7. International law vs. domestic law monism and dualism 8. Principle of pacta sunt servanda positive and negative aspects 9. Position of international law in the legal order of the Republic of Poland 10. Sources of international law - concept, types of sources of international law, and their characteristics 11. International treaties: concept, types, and characteristics of international treaties as sources of international law 12. Methods of ensuring the effectiveness of international law in domestic law 13. Procedure for concluding international treaties 14. Scope of binding force of international treaties validity of the treaty in time, validity of the treaty in space, subjective scope of the treaty's validity, and substantive scope of the treaty's validity 15. Nullity vs. termination of an international treaty 16. Grounds for nullity of an international treaty 17. Grounds for termination of an international treaty 18. Suspension of an international treaty 19. Procedure for dealing with cases of nullity and termination of an international treaty 20. Reservations to international treaties 21. Interpretation of international treaties 22. International customary law 23. Custom vs. international treaty 24. General principles of law as a source of international law 25. Resolutions of international organization bodies 26. Types of subjects of international law 27. Attributes of subjectivity in international law 28. Definition of a state and types of states 29. Sovereignty and attributes of state sovereignty 30. Concept, types, and scope of international responsibility of states 31. Subjects of international law other than states 32. International recognition 33. International organizations concept, types, functions 34. Attributes of the subjectivity of international organizations 35. Membership in international organizations 36. Organs of the United Nations 37. Diplomatic methods of resolving international disputes and the differences between them negotiations, good offices, mediation, investigative commissions, conciliation 38. Judicial methods of resolving disputes 39. International Court of Justice 40. Concept of territory 41. Territorial sovereignty 42. Acquisition and loss of state territory 43. State borders 44. Maritime areas 45. Right of pursuit 46. Right of innocent passage 47. Methods of acquiring citizenship 48. Foreigners, territorial asylum, extradition 49. Special missions 50. Accreditation of diplomatic representatives 51. Functions of diplomatic missions 52. Classes and ranks of heads of diplomatic missions and the differences between them 53. Diplomatic privileges and immunities 54. Diplomatic corps 55. Consular relations, establishment of consular relations 56. Consular functions 57. Consular privileges and immunities 58. Classes of heads of consular offices 59. Consular corps 60. Career and honorary consuls 61. Prohibition of war and prohibition of the use of force in international law 62. Sanctions in international law 63. Concept of aggression 64. International humanitarian law essence, sources, and principles 65. Legal use of force under international law self-defense, authorization by the UN Security Council 66. Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 67. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations 68. Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 69. United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea 70. Charter of the United Nations 71. Statute of the International Court of Justice 								
Prerequisites and co-requisites	none								
Assessment methods and criteria	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Subject passing criteria</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Passing threshold</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Percentage of the final grade</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>exam</td> <td>51.0%</td> <td>100.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade	exam	51.0%	100.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	R. Bierzanek, J. Symonides, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne, Warszawa. W. Góralczyk, S. Sawicki, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne w zarysie, Warszawa.							

	Supplementary literature	W. Czapliński, A. Wyrozumska, Prawo międzynarodowe publiczne. Zagadnienia systemowe, Warszawa. M. N. Shaw, International law, Cambridge.
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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