

**POLS\*4020\*02**  
**Global Law and Courts**  
**Winter 2022**

**Instructor:** Dr. Mark Yaniszewski

**Date:** Thursdays 2:30 to 5:20 pm

**General Details**

This course explores international law and international governance. The first part of the course consists of a series of lectures that cover the foundations (i.e., mechanics) of international law. Lectures cover such topics as the subjects of international law (i.e., juridical personality), the sources of international law (especially treaties and custom), the relationship between international law and national law (in both Common Law and Legal Code systems), claims to jurisdiction (e.g., the territorial principle and claims to universal jurisdiction), and the role of international courts (especially the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court).

As this foundation is established, students will increasingly be expected to apply these elements to the study of various international legal issues in a series of seminars. For 2022, the course will mainly apply these foundational matters to controversial issues associated with the use of force (*jus ad bellum*) and the laws of war (*jus in bello*).

**Learning Objectives**

Classes are designed to achieve the following objectives. The foundational lectures are intended help students develop a basic understanding of how international law works. And the seminars are intended to give students the opportunity to apply their growing understanding of international law to specific legal issues.

**Course Requirements**

Students will be graded on the basis of the following components:

- Legal Brief = 15%
- Writing Assignment = 25%
- Seminars and Seminar Participation = 30%
- Final Exam = 30%

**Course Textbook**

Phillip M. Saunders *et al*, *Kindred's International Law: Chiefly as Interpreted and Applied in Canada*, 9th Edition (Toronto: Emond Publishing, 2019).