



COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION	

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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
Second	Compulsory

Mode of delivery	Course unit delivery period	Language(s) of instruction
Face-to-face	2 (spring) semester	English

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: Public International Law course; a very good command of English	Co-requisites (if any):

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
10	268	48	220

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed		
Students should obtain profound knowledge about international dispute resolution and different dispute resolution avenues. The unit provides a strong theoretical framework for international dispute resolution and teaches practical strategies for their resolution, in particular provides students with foundational knowledge about different international institutions and forums for dispute resolution as well as various procedures applied by them. The aim of the course is to provide students with the necessary knowledge, skills and tools for effective participation and party representation in international disputes. Students will be able to analyze international case law, critically assess the perspectives of the case and frame their opinions within legal terms.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	Teaching and learning methods	Assessment methods
Students will gain in-depth legal knowledge on international dispute resolution and will be able to situate and evaluate disputes in the legal, economic and political context.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.
Students will be able to identify, compare and analyse different avenues and institutions for the resolution of international disputes.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.
Students will gain systematic and practical understanding of the international procedure for dispute resolution, will be able to explicate the advantages and disadvantages of various international institutions and applicable rules	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.

Students will be able to critically analyse international case law and practice.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.
Students will be able to model and assess different dispute resolution strategies for international disputes	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.
Students will be able to analyse and interpret the trends in the doctrine and practice of the international dispute resolution.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities; Final examination.
Students will be able to apply their knowledge to practical situations, analyse hypothetical cases, to consult and give recommendations for problems related to international dispute resolution.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.
Students will be able to improve teamwork skills by applying ethical values and moral sensibility in respect to cultural and social diversity.	An interactive method of teaching during seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies)	Participation in class activities and moot court case.
Students will communicate orally and in writing contributing to the specialist discussion, providing their own insights and reasoning their opinions.	An interactive method of teaching during seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting of procedural document with individual contribution; Final examination.
Students will be able to draft procedural documents and participate efficiently in the international dispute.	An interactive method of teaching during lectures and seminars (oral presentation, cooperative learning methods, including discussion forums, the analysis of problematic issues, case studies), individual studies (analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature)	Participation in class activities and moot court case; Drafting of procedural document with individual contribution.

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study: hours and assignments	
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Practical sessions	Laboratory activities	Internship/work placement	Contact hours	Self-study hours	Assignments
1. Introduction and overview of international dispute resolution. Legal, economic and political context. Historical evolution and contemporary trends.	3		2				5	20	Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature, preparation of presentations

2. International Court of Justice. Institution, jurisdiction, process and practice.	3		2				5	20	Assignments; Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
3. Case law of the International Court of Justice	3		2				5	20	Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, preparation of group project; reading of academic literature
4. International Criminal Court. International environmental disputes. Other methods of peaceful settlement of disputes.	3		2				5	22	Group assignments; preparation of group project; analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
5. Investment arbitration and other economic disputes. Problems and reforms.	3		2				5	22	Group assignments; preparation of group project; analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
6. International arbitration, main institutions, applicable law.	2		2				4	22	Group assignments; preparation of group project; analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
7. Arbitration agreement. Arbitrability. Competence-competence.	4		2				6	22	Group assignments; preparation of group project; analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
8. The initiation of international procedure. The constitution of the tribunal. Arbitration procedure, interim measures, evidence.	4		2				6	22	Group assignments; preparation of group project; analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
9. The award, annulment, recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards	2		2				4	22	Group assignments; preparation of group project; analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature
10. International moot court case			3				3	28	Analysis of the relevant legal framework and case-law, reading of academic literature, drafting of procedural document, preparation for presentation
Total	27		21				48	220	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Participation in class activities and moot court case	30%	During the semester	Students will be expected to demonstrate both the knowledge gained during the course as well as their abilities to apply it in a given situation. Assessment of participation in class activities consists of: - individual or group presentation of assigned topics (capability to critically assess the issues, to identify the most significant features, tendencies and developments related to the particular topic, to provide orally clear arguments in support of their points made in a logical, coherent and structured manner); - individual or group practical exercises (comprehensive analysis of practical situations while reviewing regulatory cases, relevant case-law and preparing for moot-exercises); - participation in discussions (capability to provide correct answers to questions, formulate problems and suggest (search for) solutions, offer thoughtful critical remarks, contribute to other participants' ideas).
Procedural document with individual contribution	30%	During the semester	Students will participate in the international moot court case, where every student will have an opportunity to draft some procedural documents. These procedural documents will be evaluated based on: - work content (comprehensive problem analysis, proper source application, critical analytical thinking, conclusion/recommendation formulation);

			- work structure and style (clear structural parts, scientific language style, exact wording, source references, proper and ethical citation use); - work presentation (concentrated work presentation, adhesive scientific language, the use of informative visual aids); - efficient and active participation in discussion, answering to questions, contribution to other participants' ideas.
Final examination	40%	At the end of the course	The final examination will be open book and in writing. The examination questions will reflect topics discussed in the lectures and seminars and may consist of short essay and / or practical problem. The assessment will be based on the student's capability to write in a clear, structured, logical manner, to ground his/her arguments on relevant legal provisions and case-law, to analyse possibly different opinions of the academic debate, to provide his/her own insights and to base them on his/her own reasonable and convincing argumentation. The assessment criteria are the following: 3 - 4 points: from excellent to good knowledge and abilities. The question is fully answered and the arguments provided are complete, clear, coherent and persuasive, with correct references to the applicable legal sources. The answer is well-structured and the ideas are easy to follow. 1 - 2 points: from good to average knowledge and abilities. The arguments provided in the answer to the question show a good level of knowledge of the student, but the arguments are incomplete, not clearly structured, there are some mistakes or some points are missing or are imprecise. to 1 point: knowledge and abilities are below average, but they still meet minimum requirements. The answer to the question consists of basic ideas, the arguments are mentioned, but not developed, major mistakes as regards the legal assessment are present. 0 points: failure to meet minimum requirements. The answer to the question misses the point or are completely underdeveloped.

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
Collier, John Greenwood, & Lowe, Vaughan	2000	The Settlement of Disputes in International Law		Oxford University Press
Akehurst, Michael Barton, and Orakelashvili, Alexander	2019	Modern Introduction to International Law		Routledge
Tanaka, Yoshifumi	2018	The Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes		Cambridge University Press
Lowe, Vaughan	2007	International Law		Oxford University Press
Blackaby, Nigel; Partasides, Constantine; Redfern, Alan; Hunter, J. Martin	2009	Redfern and Hunter on International Arbitration		Oxford University Press
Crawford, James	2012	Brownlie's Principles of Public International Law		Oxford University Press
The International Court of Justice, the Statute, the Rules of Court, Cases				https://www.icj-cij.org/
The UN Handbook on Peaceful Settlement of Disputes				http://legal.un.org/cod/books/HandbookOnPSD.pdf
Draft articles on Responsibility of States for Internationally Wrongful Acts, with commentaries, 2001				https://legal.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/commentaries/9_6_2001.pdf
ICSID, Convention, Cases				https://icsid.worldbank.org/

Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards (New York, 1958)				https://uncitral.un.org/en/texts/arbitration/conventions/foreign_arbitral_awards
IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration				https://www.ibanet.org/Document/Default.aspx?DocumentUId=68336C49-4106-46BF-A1C6-A8F0880444DC
GAR Guide to Advocacy				https://globalarbitrationreview.com/guide/the-guide-advocacy/fourth-edition/article/case-strategy-and-preparation-effective-advocacy
Recommended reading				
Dixon, Martin	2013	Textbook on International Law		Oxford University Press
Klein, Natalie (ed)	2014	Litigating International Law Disputes: Weighing the Options		Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
Shaw, Malcolm	2017	International Law		Cambridge University Press
d'Aspremont, Jean	2016	The International Court of Justice and the Irony of System-Design		Journal of International Dispute Settlement, https://ssrn.com/abstract=2930661
Sands, Philippe et al	2018	Principles of International Environmental Law		Cambridge University Press
Tams, Christian	2015	Meta-Custom and the Court: A Study in Judicial Law-Making	14	The Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals, http://booksandjournals.brillonline.com/content/journals/10.1163/15718034-12341285
Brownlie, Ian	2009	The Peaceful Settlement of International Disputes	8.2	Chinese Journal of International Law
Bercovitch, Jacob, Victor Kremenyuk, and I. William Zartman (eds)	2009	The SAGE Handbook of Conflict Resolution		Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE
Merrills, John Graham.	2017	International Dispute Settlement		New York: Cambridge University Press
Zartman, I. William; Rasmussen, J. Lewis (eds)	2007	Peacemaking in International Conflict: Methods and Techniques		Washington, DC: United States Institute for Peace
Reisman, W. Michael	2012	The Diversity of Contemporary International Dispute Resolution: Functions and Policies	3.1	Journal of International Dispute Settlement
Lew, Julian DM, Mistelis, Loukas A, Kröll, Stefan M	2003	Comparative International Commercial Arbitration		Kluwer Law International
Hollis, Duncan	2017	Sources and Interpretation Theories: An Interdependent Relationship* in the Oxford Handbook on the Sources of International Law		Oxford University Press
The Journal of International Dispute Settlement				Oxford University Press
The Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals				Brill Nijhoff
ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal				Oxford University Press
Arbitration International				Oxford University Press
Investment Arbitration Reporter				https://www.iareporter.com
Jus Mundi				https://jusmundi.com/en/

Investor-State Law Guide	https://www.investorstatelawguide.com/
Italaw	https://www.italaw.com/
UNCTAD, Investor-State Dispute Settlement	https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/diaeia2013d2_en.pdf
Peace Palace Library, Settlement of International Disputes	https://www.peacepalacelibrary.nl/research-guides/settlement-of-international-disputes/
Courts and Tribunals, the UN Audiovisual Library on International Law	https://legal.un.org/avl/ls/courtsandtribunals.html
The IBA Guidelines on Party Representation in International Arbitration	https://www.ibanet.org/Article/NewDetail.aspx?ArticleUid=0E1DDF95-3B62-4CE5-BE98-75BC03353E4E