

LLM Core Courses and Thesis Course

LAW 240	International Law from Multiple Perspectives	3 u.	<p>This problem-based course will develop the student's knowledge of public international law concepts, international jurisprudential reasoning, jurisdictional overlap and sovereign immunities, and interlocking competences of courts, tribunals, and other treaty-based dispute settlement mechanisms, as applied in contemporary problems of international politics and international adjudication. This course is designed to enable students to differentiate between <i>lex lata</i> rules and <i>de lege ferenda</i> postulations in the UN Charter-based international system; detect the appropriate and correct interfaces of international legal norms in relation to other public law norms within the constitutional system; conduct technical substantive assessments of the international legality (and illegality) of acts committed by State and non-State actors; determine the international responsibility attributable to State and non-State authors of wrongful acts under international law; ascertain the consequences of international responsibility; and identify procedural remedies available for redressing such situations of illegality within the framework of the international legal order. The course will apply these analytical approaches to basic problems of sovereignty; the use of force (<i>jus ad bellum</i>) and international humanitarian law (<i>jus in bello</i>); self-determination and human rights; territorial and maritime delimitation; international tort and criminal responsibility; environmental responsibility and remediation; and international transactions and international dispute settlement.</p>
LAW 241	ASEAN Law	2 u.	<p>The course is designed to initiate students to the study of ASEAN law in the Southeast Asian political, sociological, and historical context. In addition to introducing students to the emerging body of regional law and the regional governance system of the ASEAN, the course will also allow students to examine current developments such as the ASEAN integration process.</p>
LAW 300	Master's Thesis	6 u.	<p>This course is in line with the University's statutory mandate to provide advanced studies and specialization for scholars and professionals. In producing a thesis, each student will be required to analyze the content, theoretical bases, development, and operation of laws and legal processes in his/her chosen area of specialization; to identify any relevant needs, challenges, or issues concerning such laws and legal processes; and to conduct legal research and draft proposals for reforms in laws and legal processes relating to such needs, challenges, or issues.</p> <p>This is a two-part course, each part with three (3) units. Under normal circumstances, the two-part course will be taken during the second semester and the midyear term to ensure that students have sufficient time to choose a</p>

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			Thesis Adviser, develop a thesis proposal, write the thesis, and prepare for oral defense. Under exceptional circumstances when a student has completed at least thirteen units of Area of Specialization Course and obtained the Thesis Adviser's approval for a thesis proposal, such student may take both parts of the Master's Thesis in the same semester.
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