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Department assigned to the subject: International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department

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Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0

Year : 4 Semester : 1

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of main elements of International relations and international society. Knowledge of the role of International organisations in International society. There is an analysis of the transformation, features, subjects and actors of the International society. The central element of analysis is the role that International organisations play in international relation. We make a deep examination on role, characters and elements of International organisations. In second part, we seek to understand fully the phenomenon of International organisations, in a general perspective

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Is divided in two parts. The first one is an analysis of the major International organisations in International society. For this purpose we start from the analysis of the formation and transformation of International society. Subsequently we analysed the characteristic of International society, its subjects and actors and -International law. Some topics are devoted to the analysis of Media in International society. Second part is an analysis of the evolution, functions and major International organisations, universals and regionals. Following a review of its origins is discussed a functional analysis and of every agencies and IO.

PART. I. INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Unit 1: Formation of the international society

1. Notion of international society
2. Main historic stages of international society
3. Universalization of international relations
4. Transition from the classic international society to the contemporary one and emergence of first world Organizations

Unit 2: Transformations of international society

1. Crisis and a New World Order
2. Factors of change in International Society
3. The Media Factor
4. Globalization and World Organizations

Unit 3: Essential features of the International Society

1. Introduction of essential features of the international society
2. Structure and main approaches to the international society
3. Governance in a universal, globalized and decentralized society
4. A heterogeneous international society: economic, cultural and power perspectives

Unit 4: Subjects and actors in international relations, with special reference to world Organizations

1. Concept of subjects and actors. The modern State
2. Individuals. Peoples. Minorities. International civil society. Other entities
3. Concept, types and features of international organizations. Law and power in IO
4. Creation, modification and succession of international organizations (IO)
5. Manifestations of IO international legal personality. Legal regime of IO
6. Organic structure and procedures of decision-making

Unit 5: Media and international society

1. The international media regime
2. Freedom of opinion and expression

3. The Media and minority rights
4. Media and international conflicts

Unit 6: International law as an instrument for cooperation in international society

1. Fundamental principles of law, peremptory norms (ius cogens) and erga omnes obligations
2. International norms. Customary Law and treaties. Unilateral acts. Resolutions of IO. Others
3. Functions of International law in International Society. Application of International law
4. International Law-making by IOs and its application

PART II. EVOLUTION, FONCTIONS AND MAINS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Unit 7: Historical antecedents and evolution of International Organizations

1. Historical antecedents
2. First International organizations
3. The League of Nations: main features and achievements
4. The United Nations: main features and achievements
5. Proliferation of International organizations
6. IO and the fundamental principles of contemporary International law (sovereignty, equality, non-intervention, cooperation;)

Unit 8: Most important functions of IO (I): the maintenance of international peace and security

1. The Peaceful Settlement of Disputes
2. The Prohibition of use of force
3. System of Collective Security
4. Peacekeeping
5. International Humanitarian Law

Unit 9: Most important functions of IO (II): protection of human rights and sustainable development

1. Protection of human rights: Evolution and general aspects
2. Protection of human rights within the UN framework
3. Protection of human rights within the European and American frameworks
4. Sustainable development: general aspects
5. The Agenda 2030 and other challenges faced by the international community

Unit 10: The United Nations

1. Creation, purposes and principles
2. Structure. Reform of the United Nations Charter
3. Specialized Agencies of the UN: Introduction
4. Main Specialized Agencies

Unit 11: Organizations in America, Africa and Asia

1. Organization of American States (OAS)
2. American regional integration
3. IO in Africa
4. IO in Asia League
5. The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)

Unit 12: European Organizations

1. General aspects
2. OSCE
3. Council of Europe
4. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).Others
5. IO en eastern Europa y european changes

Unit 13: The European Union

1. Historical antecedents and evolution
2. Creation and development from the European COmmunities to the European Union
3. Main features, fields and rules of action
 - Institutions

- Legal system
 - Common market and internal market
 - Economic and Monetary Union
 - Common Policies
 - Area of freedom, security and justice
4. Protection of human rights
 5. European external action

Unit 14. Spain and IO

1. Spain and the League of Nations
- 2 Spain and the UNO
3. Spain and the EU
4. Spain and others IO

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

The techniques used will be the best adapted, taking into account the schedule. In the theoretical class we use the traditional methodology consisting of an oral exposure of knowledge. Classes in relation to the other techniques will follow their own methodologies. Teachers will follow the schedule. They can adapt to changes in the course. In short, students must submit case studies, class works and other types of elements as self control, written essays, participation in collective activities and assistance to Schedule activities.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- The final exam is a theoretical test. The student must choose three questions of four selected by professor, between the sections of the official program. The rating of this is the 60% of the final grade of the subject.
- The continuous assessment will have the value of 40%, to be divided:
 - Written and class presentation of a work, according to professor's guidelines (20%)
 - Other activities established by professor (class presentation, recommended readings, cases, workshops, proceedings...): 20%

% end-of-term-examination:	60
% of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...):	40

ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- KLabbers, J. An introduction to international institutional law, Cambridge University Press, 2002
- Schermers, G., International institutional law, Leiden, 2003