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The Development of Global Standards in INTERNATIONAL LAW



International Law is by definition a field which is 'nationally-unbound'.

- The impact of globalization on international law:
 - changing subjects (actors)
 - changing objects
 - Production on norms
 - changing nature



BUT

International law is also a force that governs globalization e.g. by standing for a certain form of global distributive justice, sustainable development, and the protection of all those who have most to lose from excesses of globalization.



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More vine, same size bottle!

Fragmentation on the horizontal level and
in parallel

a growing role of transnationalism.

Growing influence of international law on
municipal law.



KNOWLEDGE

Core essential elements:

An understanding of:

- the distinctive nature of the international legal system and of public international law which regulates relations between subjects and actors on the global stage; and of
- the distinctive elements of international legal reasoning.



Follow: Key features

- Overview of the historical development of public international law
- The structure of the international community
- Subjects, sources, adjudication and enforcement of International law
- The relationship between international law and national law;
- The operation of the United Nations System;
- The law regulating the use of force and the role of the Security Council;



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- State responsibility
- Peaceful settlement of international disputes and the role of the International Courts
- Hints on the expansion of substantive fields of international law
- Private International Law should also be covered and the nature and objectives of this area should be highlighted and distinguished.



SKILLS

In addition of the basic general understanding of the nature of public international law and the structure of the international legal system:

- Knowledge necessary to pursue in-depth studies and research in specific areas of international law (including through the use of online technologies).
- Develop effective skills, both orally and in writing, in the construction of legal arguments and analysis on issues of international law.



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- Develop sound legal reasoning in the use and application of relevant case law, particularly for civil law countries.
- Understand how international law influences the development and adaptation of domestic law through legislative, executive and judicial action.
- Awareness of current global international issues and the way in which they impact on the evolution of international law.



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- Develop the ability to apply effective, innovative solutions, both independently and cooperatively, to current and future problems.
- Ability to make a greater use of international law to make progressive claims in domestic courts



Values

- An awareness of ethical, social and cultural issues within the global context and their importance in the exercise of professional skills and responsibilities.
- Acceptance of cultural sensibility and cultural diversity.
- A commitment to the highest standards of professional endeavor (legal ethics).



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- Commitment to fundamental principles of justice in international law;
- Attitude towards peaceful settlement of disputes and promotion of friendly relationship among nations.
- Respect for human rights and fundamental freedom for all.
- Be committed to the fundamental values enshrined in the peremptory norms of international law (jus cogens)



Collaborative researches

- Encouragement on the part of IALS for the creation of platforms:
 - for specialized research in current issues of common concern in the different fields of law.
 - Networking with regional and global «research and law making» bodies.

