International Law & Organizations Goals

International Law & Organizations concentrators will learn the basic principles of international law, as well as the organizational structure for discussing, developing and enforcing international norms. Students will be able to understand how international law affects the relationships between states, and as such, is used as both a language of diplomacy and contest. Students will then be able to use international law as a framework to analyze international issues and disputes—including economic, political, and security issues—with an emphasis on problem solving and policy development. This will be obtained through course readings, class discussion, case studies, papers, presentations and exams.

Learning Objectives:

1. Students should be able to understand and analyze the relationship between international law and international politics;
2. Recognize the sources of international law, including treaties, customary international law, *jus cogens*, general principles of law, judicial decisions and teachings of the most highly qualified publicists;
3. Understand the fundamentals of treaty formation, treaty interpretation, treaty enforcement, and the consequences of treaty breach, as well as the process of formation of customary international law;
4. Identify state obligations under applicable treaty law and customary law;
5. Identify international dispute settlement mechanisms, including courts and tribunals, arbitration and negotiation;
6. Familiarize themselves with the purpose, function, capacity and politics of some of the principal international and regional organizations, including the United Nations; and
7. Understand one or more areas of substantive international law, including, but not limited to, international human rights law, law of armed conflict, international environmental law, international investment law, international trade law or international criminal law.