

## International Law

### Objectives

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the field of international law as a rapidly expanding area of study and an integral part to the stability of worldwide markets. Students will develop an understanding of the relationships among various judicial, political and economic institutions on the international scene. The student will also be introduced to specific legal concepts, which have developed in international law and will be taught how international treaties and contracts are interpreted and treated legally. Additional emphasis will be placed on GATT, NAFTA and various other free trade areas to allow the student to understand how the law encourages the formation of international markets. The student will then examine particular problems in international commerce such as contract formation, competition, employment abroad, and protection of intellectual property rights.

### Description

International law encompasses both the legal relations between states (public) and relations between individuals, corporations and states (private) that cross national boundaries and involve the interests of more than one country. This course is designed to introduce students to the basic tenets of the law governing international business transactions. After a brief introduction into what is included under the broad rubric of international law, the course will focus on topics specifically related to international business law. We will begin with the actors: states, individuals and corporations, especially the forms and regulation of multinational business enterprises. Our analysis of international trade law will include the most important trade agreements (GATT, WTO) both international and multi-lateral.

This will be followed by a close look at the most important aspects of international commercial law. Students will study the laws regulating the international sale of goods, including various contractual issues, such as risks, remedies, transportation, financing problems and the particularities of documentary sales. The remaining time will be devoted to analyzing problems of dispute resolution, such as methods of settling disputes, choice of law and recognition of foreign judgments.