

LAW OF WAR

Professor Tayyab Mahmud

W 8:00 – 9:50 a.m.

SYLLABUS & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Required Texts:

International Law & The Use of Force: Cases and Materials, Mary Ellen O’Connell (2005)
International Law & the Use of Force: Documentary Supplement

Office & Hours:

Office: Room 461

Office Hours: Mondays 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Being accessible to students is very important to me. I do not restrict the hours during which I will meet with students. If you cannot make it during designated office hours you may make an appointment to see me. Even otherwise, if you have a pressing question just stop by my office any time. I am in my office most of the day.

Class Attendance, Preparation & Participation:

Class attendance and preparation are mandatory and essential to a coherent understanding of the subject. The success of the course depends on the thorough preparation and participation of all members. If you are not prepared, you might as well not be in class.

Participation in class is a critical part of learning. I expect you to come to every class prepared to engage in critical, creative thinking and discussion. The class will be taught in the format of a seminar, with each student expected to contribute to class discussion. I will call on students randomly, and will also ask for volunteers. Class participation will count for 50% of your final grade.

Research Paper:

Each student will write a 25-page research paper on a topic to be approved by me. A one-page description of your proposed research will be turned in on January 31, 2007. A three-page progress report will be turned in on February 28, 2007. A ten-page draft of the paper will be turned in on April 4, 2007. The final paper will be turned on May 2, 2007. The paper will count for 50% of your grade.

Syllabus

January 10:
Introductions
Sources of International Law

January 17:
Chapters 1

January 24:
Chapters 3 and 4

January 31:
Chapter 5

February 7:
Chapter 6

February 14:
Chapter 7

February 21:
Chapter 8

February 28
Chapter 9

March 7:
Chapter 10

March 21:
Chapter 11

March 28:
Chapter 2

April 4:
No class

April 11:
Chapter 12

April 18:
Student Presentations

April 25:
Student Presentations

