Syllabus

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Course Information

Course Name	INR4404 - 0W60 Space Law
Credit Hours	3
Semester/Year	Fall 2021
Location	Web-based

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Course Description

PR: None. Space law is a one-semester course designed as an examination of the legal regime of

outer space and the identification of legal problems arising from human activity in space.

The scope of the course will be a blend of international space law and the national laws of space-faring states, as well as global, regional, and national institutions involved in this area. The methodology will be historical, institutional, policy, and legal analysis from public international law and comparative private international law (conflict of laws) perspectives. While useful to students desiring to go on to law school or graduate school, the primary purpose of the course (see Course Objectives) is to provide the basic tools for any student to better understand the legal influence upon human scientific, military, and commercial activity in outer space.

Course Objectives

- acquaint the student with the legal problems which have arisen or are likely to arise out of human activities in outer space
- familiarize the student with the basic treaties that comprise the international legal regime of outer space

The primary purpose of the course is to nurture basic tools for you to better assess the complex environment of nature, politics, and technology as represented in the legal regime of outer space. These basic tools include critical thinking, appreciation of diversity, and accessing technology. **Critical thinking** is central to the analysis and assessment of the varied issues confronting humankind in dealing with outer space; **diversity** is key to understanding the varied interests of groups, countries, regions in dealing with those issues (as John Stuart Mill observed: "He who knows only his side of the case knows little of it"); and **technology** is an incredible door to introduce you to ideas you may never have before pondered.

Required Text

- There is no textbook for the course. Everything will be available online.

Supplemental Texts

- There are no supplemental texts for the course.

Course Requirements

The course will consist of a series of **Learning Modules** utilizing the resources of the Web. Be sure to read the materials in each Module before proceeding to the Assignments and submitting your materials, as there is information in the Module that is not replicated in the Assignment description on your submission site.

Without the confines of scheduled class attendance, you must manage your time wisely. Refer to the **Schedule** (and the **Syllabus** on the left hand tool bar} for availability and due dates for

elements of the course. In order to keep up, you should schedule yourself to do a Module every two weeks, giving yourself plenty of time to do the final assignment since it is on a reduced time frame. Putting off doing Assignments until the deadline will spell disaster for you - as systems do crash, personal matters do arise over which you have no control, and software will often not interface.

Missed Assignments/Make-Ups/Extra Credit

There should be no missed Assignments, since all are available for extended periods of time. If you wait until the last minute and the server is down, there are technical issues, or your computer crashes, that is not my problem. Once the deadline has passed, I will deduct a letter grade for each day the assignment is late (send it to me as an e-mail attachment). Be sure to put all deadlines on a calendar and compare it with your semester commitments such as regionals, away games, conferences, job commitments outside of the local area, etc. Be particularly careful of time differences if you are outside our local time zone and also don't overlook the time change on Sunday (November 1st). The entire course is available on the first day of the semester, so there is plenty of time to plan ahead for meeting deadlines. **If you text positive for COVID, call the UCF COVID Line at 407-823-2509 and they will inform me. We will deal with it as needed.**

Evaluation and Grading

The course grade is based upon completion of Module Assignments. If it is found that you are submitting work done by someone else, the minimum penalty will be a zero on the Assignment and persistent infractions will lead to academic disciplinary action (see Academic Honesty section below).

There are a total of 6 Assignments. Each Assignment is worth 100 points for a total of 500 points (you get to skip an assignment, including the final project, or do all assignments and drop you lowest grade). To calculate your course average, divide your total score by 500 and that will give you your average.

(there are no +/- letter grades)

Letter Grade	Points
A	90 -100 points
B	80-89 points
C	70-79 points
D	60-69 points
F	< 60 points

Assignment	Points
Assignment 1	100
Assignment 2	100
Assignment 3	100
Assignment 4	100
Assignment 5	100
Project	100
Total	500

Attendance Policy

This course is totally online. There are no classroom examinations, introductory sessions, etc.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism and Cheating of any kind on an Assignment or Final Project will result at least in an "F" for that assignment (and may, depending on the severity of the case, lead to an "F" for the entire course) and may be subject to appropriate referral to the Office of Student Conduct for further action. See the UCF Golden Rule (http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/) for further information. We will use Turnitin to monitor such behavior. I will assume for this course that you will adhere to the academic creed of this University and will maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. I will also adhere to the highest standards of academic integrity, so please do not ask me to change (or expect me to change) your grade illegitimately or to bend or break rules for one person that will not apply to everyone.

Disability Statement

The University of Central Florida is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. This syllabus is available in alternate formats upon request. Students with disabilities who need accommodations in this course must contact the professor at the beginning of the semester to discuss needed accommodations. No accommodations will be provided until the student has met with the professor to request accommodations. Students who need accommodations must be registered with Student Disability Services, Student Resource Center Room 132, phone (407) 823-2371, TTY/TDD only phone (407) 823-2116, before requesting accommodations from the professor.

Schedule

Week/Date	Topic	Assignments	Due Dates

Week 1	Module 0: Introduction (opens 08/23/21)	**Introduction** (student audit) assignment	08/27/21 11:59pm
Weeks 2-3	Module 1: Outer Space Treaty (opens 08/23/21)	Read assigned materials Complete **Outer Space Treaty** essay Assignment	09/26/21 11:59pm
Weeks 4-5	Module 2: Rescue of Astronauts Agreement (opens 08/23/21)	Read assigned materials Complete **Rescue Agreement** essay Assignment	10/10/21 11:59pm
Weeks 6-7	Module 3: Liability Convention (opens 08/23/21)	Read assigned materials Complete **Liability Convention** essay Assignment	10/24/21 11:59pm
Weeks 8-9	Module 4: Registration Convention (opens 08/23/21)	Read assigned materials Complete **Registration Convention** essay Assignment	11/07/21 11:59pm
Weeks 10-11	Module 5: Moon Treaty (opens 08/23/21)	Read assigned materials Complete **Moon Treaty** essay Assignment	11/21/21
Weeks 12-15	Module 6: Moot Court Project	Read Moot Court	12/10/21

	(opens 08/23/21)	Competition Materials Complete **Case Brief**	11:59pm

Note: All dates are subject to change by Dr. Bledsoe. Routinely check the **Announcements** function for any changes or updates.