COURSE NAME:  International Law

COURSE NUMBER:  8753

PROFESSOR:  Picker

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES:  None
DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES:  None

COURSE BOOKS:

Documentary Supplement that goes with the text book.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:

A mix of final research paper and in-class quizzes. Details to be provided in the syllabus. Additionally, student grades may be raised or reduced by one letter grade for exceptionally good or poor class performance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

International Law (“IL”) governs how nations behave towards each other - their rights and obligations. IL is ever present in international relations, thus everything from the recent war in Iraq to the concerns over foreign ownership of U.S. port facilities will involve IL. IL is the background to all international law courses - including such different classes as International Business Transactions and International Human Rights.

COURSE CONTENT:

The course will cover the sources and evidence of IL, U.S. and IL interaction, statehood, international organizations, individuals and IL, international state responsibility, the International Court of Justice, the use of force (the Law of War), international criminal law, the Law of the Sea, the Law of Outer Space, and a brief introduction to international economic law.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:

IL shows up in all international and transnational transactions, at least as the background source of law, if not more directly. Also, as frequently noted, and famously stated in the U.S. Supreme Court case, The Paquette Habana, that “International law is part of [U.S.] law.”

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:

None.