INTERNATIONAL LAW I: INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL LAW (9:30-11:30am)
Professor Klaus Hoffmann-Holland
3 Credits

The course provides a comprehensive introduction to international law. It covers the nature, sources and enforcement of international law as well as the relationship between domestic and international law. The course will focus on the law of treaties and customary international law and addresses international legal personality, statehood and recognition. It will examine state jurisdiction and state responsibility as well as the judicial settlement of international disputes. The course outlines such topics as the law of the sea, the use of force and the international protection of human rights.

NEGOTIATIONS SEMINAR (9:30-11:30am)
Professor Samuel Jackson
3 Credits

Negotiation is an essential part of a successful legal practice, whether the attorney is engaged in litigation, transactions, corporate, government, administration, or public interest work. This course introduces students to the theory and practice of negotiation and helps students to develop the negotiation and joint problem-solving skills that they will need throughout their professional lives.

The course is highly interactive. Students will participate in a number of negotiation role plays dealing with a variety of subject areas and contexts, including settlement of simple and complex litigation, domestic and transnational deal-making, and public policy disputes. Students will analyze their own bargaining behavior, as well as that of other negotiators in videotaped demonstrations and case studies.

The course will examine various aspects of legal negotiations, including planning, strategy, effective communication, ethics, case valuation, bargaining power, the psychology of bargaining, the role of gender, use of different media, difficult personalities and tactics, and the challenges of multiparty negotiation. Special attention will be given to the role of culture in transnational negotiations and to negotiations with and within organizations.

Grades are based on: (1) class participation and application of skills; (2) several short papers (1-2 pages) addressing discrete questions on specific negotiations; and (3) one longer paper (10 pages) discussing the student’s experiences in the course and the themes of the course that were raised in the class discussions and the readings. The final paper will be due on the last day of exams, August 4. The class is limited to 20 students. Attendance at all class sessions is required.
COMPARATIVE COUNTERTERRORISM LAW (12:30-2:30pm)
Professor Itamar Mann
3 Credits

This course will provide a comparative survey of the law underpinning counterterrorism policies, examining the mutual influences of courts and national security agencies across borders.

Classes will be dedicated to contemporary issues such as targeting, interrogation, detention, mass surveillance, cybersecurity, asset freezes, and no-fly lists. We will engage case studies from the United States, the United Kingdom, Israel, India, and the European Union. As counterterrorism law invariably mixes between domestic and international legal sources, students will become acquainted with the basic tenants of the laws of war and of human rights law, alongside doctrine from select jurisdictions.

Expect to discuss questions like: how have various governments distinguished between law enforcement and warfare? What lessons can be learned from their different experiences with counterterrorism? And when might such comparison be misleading or counterproductive?

CORPORATIONS: U.S. AND TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (12:30-2:30pm)
Professor Christopher Brummer
3 Credits

This is a basic course in business corporations. Brief coverage is given to factors bearing on choice of organization, including partnership attributes, process of corporate formation, corporate privileges and powers, corporate capital structure, and limited liability. Close examination is given to the governance structure of the corporation and the fiduciary obligations of directors and officers. The particular nature of the public corporation is explored. Topics studied may include stock trading by corporate insiders, transactions in corporation control, and the procedural problems in stockholder derivative suits. Along with a focus on such policy questions as federal-state jurisdiction, the nature of the corporate governance system, and the role of the corporation in modern society, the course deals with the role of the lawyer in corporate matters. In addition, the class will consider the ways in which other countries have different approaches to these issues.