ACCEPTANCE: Students are responsible for the contents of this syllabus; continued enrollment in this course constitutes awareness and acceptance of all requirements and policies discussed therein.

TEXT: Fundamental Perspectives of International Law, by Slomanson

OVERVIEW: A basic introduction to and overview of the legal system of the international community. The course will cover historical development and practical application of the principles of international law.

EXPECTATIONS: I expect each student to be prepared, able, and ready to do college-level work. At a minimum, this means faithfully attending class, arriving at class on time, being prepared for class by reading the assigned material, staying awake, taking notes, exercising good study habits, and being interested. Absences or actions that fall short of the minimal expectations may result, at my discretion, in a lowering of your grade. It will be a serious mistake to leave the impression that you don’t care about this class, if for no other reason than that’s probably the same extent to which I’ll care about your grade.

CELL PHONES: Cell phones/PDAs/Beepers are to be turned off and stowed out of sight.

TEXTING ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN: Any student seen texting during class will have their final grade lowered one letter on the first offence. The second offence will result in being immediately dropped from the class with a WF.

HONOR CODE: All sections of the AASU Student Honor Code and Code of Conduct will apply to this class. Under the Honor Code, plagiarism, cheating, facilitating academic dishonesty, and fabrication in any form or manner are forbidden. Additional restrictions or instructions given in class on any individual assignment, whether verbal or written, will also fall under the Honor Code. Absence from the class when any additional instructions are given is not a valid excuse if a violation of the instructions results in an Honor or Conduct Code violation. Students will also be required sign each examination, which acknowledges that the student has followed the Honor Code and any additional restrictions/instructions given in class.

HONOR VIOLATION POLICY: I will accuse no student of violating the Honor Code unless I can prove beyond a doubt that the student is guilty. At that time, the student will be dropped from the class and his or her name will transmitted to the Dean of Student Affairs along with the proof, for a formal hearing before the Honor Court. Although the Honor Code permits a professor an option to handle the transgression in an “informal” manner vice submitting the case to the Honor Court, I will not do so. Before the Honor Court, I will urge that the student receive the maximum penalty possible, to wit: an F for the semester, suspension from school for one year, and the findings of the Court to be made a permanent part of the student’s record. This penalty will definitely affect your life, particularly if you are close to graduation or will be seeking a career in which a background check will be required; you need to weigh whether the consequences are worth the risk.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Students who participate frequently and positively in class by asking questions and engaging in debates and discussions will receive, at my discretion and based solely on my judgment, additional credit that could elevate the final grade one full letter.
**GRADING:** Your course grade will be determined by the score on two papers worth 200 points each, and your class participation. A = 360-400 pts; B = 320-359; C = 280-319; D = 240-279. Class participation points, if any, will be added in five point increments.

**EXTRA CREDIT:** No extra credit will be given to an individual. Extra credit will granted only in situations in which the entire class is able to participate (e.g., attending an off-campus lecture). The success to passing this course is to do well in class and on the papers.

**ABSENCE POLICY:** You are permitted four absences, period, regardless of reason. Absences beyond four will be penalized 20 points each. However, I retain the right either give you an F or to drop you from the class with a WF if your absences exceed six.

**CLASS NOTES:** If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain the class notes and any instructions for papers from one of your classmates.

**SYLLABUS:**

1. Basis and Purpose of International Law: Chapter One, pp 1-44
2. History and Development of International Law: Lecture
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5. States Under International Law: Chapter Two, pp 45-122
6. The Individual Under International Law: Chapters 4-5, pp 238-276
7. Diplomatic Relations: Chapter 2, pp 85-98
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