

8.1 Course – I, **Public International Law**

Objectives:

The course includes the study of general principles of international law including law of peace. Third world concerns in respect of security and development and the role of U.N. and International Agencies in structuring solutions in the context of changing balance of power are also to be appreciated.

Course Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students should be able to -

1. have a thorough and contextual knowledge of public international law doctrines, principles and the role of legal institutions, in the areas covered during the course.
2. identify contentious issues in public international law, and apply legal doctrine to solve problems.
3. develop critical perspective on the relationship between public international law and the politics of the international community.
4. develop a reflective understanding of the significance of notions of justice, sovereignty and rights within the international legal framework.

Contents:

UNIT-I

Nature, definition, origin and basis of International Law; Sources of International Law; Relationship between Municipal and International Law; Subjects of International Law.

UNIT- II

States as subjects of International Law: States in general; Recognition; State territorial sovereignty.

UNIT –III

State Jurisdiction: Law of the sea; State Responsibility; Succession to rights and obligations.

UNIT – IV

State and Individual - Extradition, Asylum and Nationality; the agents of international business; diplomatic envoys, consuls and other representatives; the law and practice as to treaties.

UNIT – V

The United Nations Organisation - Principal organs and their functions; World Trade Organisation- Main features; International Labour Organisation.

Prescribed Books:

J. G. Starke- An Introduction to International Law.

P.W. Bowett- International Institutions.

Reference Books:

J. B. Brierly - The Law of Nations.

D. H. Harris - International Law (Cases and Materials).

Oppenheim - International Law(Volume I, Peace)

S. K. Kapoor - International Law.

Bhagirathlal Das – World Trade Organization .