



Course Specifications

Course Title:	DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
Course Code:	LAW 468
Program:	BACHELOR OF LAW
Department:	LAW
College:	LAW
Institution:	PRINCE SULTAN UNIVERSITY

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A. Course Identification

1. Credit hours: 3
2. Course type
a. University <input type="checkbox"/> College <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>
b. Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elective <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Level/year at which this course is offered: Fourth year.
4. Pre-requisites for this course (if any): LAW255
5. Co-requisites for this course (if any): Not available

6. Mode of Instruction (mark all that apply)

No	Mode of Instruction	Contact Hours	Percentage
1	Traditional classroom	30	67
2	Blended	15	33
3	E-learning		
4	Distance learning		
5	Other		

7. Contact Hours (based on academic semester)

No	Activity	Contact Hours
1	Lecture	30
2	Laboratory/Studio	
3	Tutorial	15
4	Others (specify)	
	Total	45

B. Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

1. Course Description

Course Description:

The course covers the general meaning of international dispute settlement and methods of dispute settlement. This include the definitions of various relevant terms like dispute, settlement and international disputes, the role of international law and institutional institutions in relation to dispute settlements, causes of international disputes and participants in international disputes. It covers also the methods of dispute settlement which include direct methods, third party intervention, the regional approach and judicial settlement. The process for international dispute settlement involving the arbitral tribunal and new model for dispute settlement shall be covered too.



2. Course Main Objective

- (1) To equip the students with the necessary knowledge on general principles of international dispute resolution.
- (2) To assist the student to trace various sources of international dispute settlement law and methods of dispute settlement and
- (3) To develop the students' understanding of the underlying theories and practices on the international dispute resolution.

3. Course Learning Outcomes

CLOs		Aligned PLOs
1	Knowledge and Understanding	
1.1	Explain legal principles and rules, both in theory and practice, on international dispute settlement	PLO 1
1...		
2	Skills :	
2.1	Apply critical analysis through case scenarios and legal research on dispute settlement including new models.	PLO 4
2.2	Use technology for oral and written communication and to produce a competent legal analysis on international dispute settlement	PLO 5 & 6
2.3		
2...		
3	Values:	
3.1	Demonstrate ability to work in group to perform research assignment or solve the problem in a hypothetical scenario during the tutorial/class activities.	PLO 7 & 8
3.3		
3...		

C. Course Content

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
1	<i>Introduction to Dispute Settlement</i> Definition and terminologies – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disputes vs. Conflicts - Resolution vs. Settlement - International vs. National disputes - Economic disputes vs. Non-economic disputes - Basic principles of dispute resolution - Advantages and disadvantages of alternative dispute resolutions.	6
2	<i>Negotiation</i> Consultation Definition and Forms of negotiation Substantive aspects of negotiation – characteristics Advantages and disadvantages Negotiation and adjudication Limitations of negotiation	7



3	<p><i>Mediation</i></p> <p>Definition of Mediation</p> <p>Consent to mediation</p> <p>Functions and advantages of mediation</p> <p>The limits of mediation</p>	6
4	<p><i>Inquiry</i></p> <p>Definition</p> <p>1899 Hague Convention</p> <p>The Dogger Band Inquiry</p> <p>Inquiries under the 1907 Hague Convention</p> <p>Case Study</p>	5
5	<p><i>Conciliation</i></p> <p>Definition and the emergence of conciliation</p> <p>The work of commissions of conciliation</p> <p>The practice of conciliation</p> <p>The place of conciliation in modern treaty law</p> <p>Significance of conciliation</p>	6
6	<p><i>Arbitration</i></p> <p>Definition and Forms of arbitration</p> <p>Advantages and disadvantages of arbitration</p> <p>Process of arbitration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - selection of arbitrators - terms of reference - basis of the decision - effect of the award <p>Private international arbitration</p> <p>The utility of arbitration</p> <p>Arbitration in Saudi</p>	8
7	<p><i>Institutional and regulatory framework</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICC International Court of Arbitration - AAA International Centre for Dispute Resolution - London Court of International Arbitration - International Centre for Settlement of Investment Dispute - Permanent Court of Arbitration - ICC Rules - National Arbitration Laws 	7
Total		45

D. Teaching and Assessment

1. Alignment of Course Learning Outcomes with Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge and Understanding		



1.1	Explain legal principles and rules, both in theory and practice, on international dispute settlement.	Lectures Group Discussion Case analysis	Major exams Class discussions Final exams
2.0	Skills		
2.1	Apply critical analysis through case scenarios and legal research on dispute settlement including new models.	Lectures Group Discussion Case analysis	Major exams Class discussions Final exams Assignments Case study
2.2	Use technology for oral and written communication and to produce a competent legal analysis on international dispute settlement	Lectures Group Discussion Case analysis	Major exams Class discussions Presentations Assignments Case study
...			
3.0	Values		
3.1	Demonstrate ability to work in group to perform research assignment or solve the problem in a hypothetical scenario during the tutorial/class activities.	Class discussions	Group assignment Presentations
3.2			
...			

2. Assessment Tasks for Students

#	Assessment task*	Week Due	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1	Major 1	6	20%
2	Major 2	10	20%
3	Assignment & presentation	13	15%
4	Class activities	TBC	5%
5	Final exams	TBC	40%
6			
7			
8			

*Assessment task (i.e., written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.)

E. Student Academic Counseling and Support

Arrangements for availability of faculty and teaching staff for individual student consultations and academic advice:

- 4 weekly office hours.
- Contact by email
- Using moodle to make any necessary announcement.



F. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. Learning Resources

Required Textbooks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - J.G Merrills (2011) International Dispute Settlement. New York: Cambridge University Press. - Andrew Tweeddale & Keren Tweeddale (2010). Arbitration of Commercial Disputes, International and English Law and Practice. New York: Oxford University Press
Essential References Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Articles that will be referred to from time to time. - Relevant materials available in the library for research assignment
Electronic Materials	
Other Learning Materials	

2. Facilities Required

Item	Resources
Accommodation (Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc.)	Lecture room with internet access and multimedia
Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)	Smart board
Other Resources (Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list)	

G. Course Quality Evaluation

Evaluation Areas/Issues	Evaluators	Evaluation Methods
Course exit survey	Students	Indirect
Online Course evaluation survey	Students	Indirect
Peer review	Faculty	Direct Co-signing of final exams
Class observation of teaching quality	Chairperson	Direct
Teaching and course learning outcomes achievement	Faculty	Direct Course assessment report
Action plan continuity (Closing the loop)	QA Committee	PLO assessment report



Evaluation areas (e.g., Effectiveness of teaching and assessment, Extent of achievement of course learning outcomes, Quality of learning resources, etc.)

Evaluators (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify))

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

H. Specification Approval Data

Council / Committee	Curriculum Committee Department Council College Council
Reference No.	5 th session of the College Council 21/22
Date	21. February 2022

