BA.LL.B (HONS.) – VI-SEMESTER

PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW

COURSE CODE:

Course Objective: The main objective of this Course is to provide a panoramic view of the importance of International legal regime which governs the relation between various nations. Working of International through various International organisations and international actors/subjects in various fields will be thoroughly dealt and judicial decisions by ICJ for Settlement of disputes between nations will be covered.

Course Outcomes:

- 1. To understand the nature of international law and differentiate from domestic legal systems
- 2. To analyse the international relations in the legal perspectives
- 3. To evaluate the functioning of international organisations and application of international law to its subjects
- 4. To understand the principles governing international law on seas
- 5. To analyse and interpret various judicial decisions pertaining to International Law

UNIT-I: Introduction to Public International Law: The Structure of the International Community; Nature of International Law: Origin, Nature and Importance of International Law; The Structure of the International Community; Public v. Private International Law; Is International Law True Law? Basis of International Law; Sources of International Law-Article 38 of the ICJ Statute; Relation between International law and Domestic Law; Subjects of International Law; State Recognition & Succession: classification of States; Theories, methods and consequences of Recognition; Recognition of Belligerent and Insurgent States; State Succession- Universal and Partial Succession, Consequences of State Succession; Acquisitions and Loss of State Territory

UNIT-II: The Law of the Sea: Territorial Sea; Continental Shelf with Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), UN Convention on the law of the Sea; International Sea Disputes Chamber; The International Environment: Stockholm Conference; Nairobi Declaration, The Rio Declaration on Environment; Convention on Biological Diversity

UNIT-III: Recognition of an Individual in International Law: Nationality-Modes of acquiring and loss of nationality; Double nationality; Statelessness; Extradition and Asylum in International Law; Diplomatic Agents: Privileges and immunities, International Treaties.

UNIT-IV: International Organizations: Historical background; Privileges and Immunities of International organizations; The league of Nations; The United Nations Organisation (UNO) and its organs; The International Court of Justice; The International Criminal Court, The World Trade Organization (WTO); Multinational Corporations; Commission on Transnational Corporations.

UNIT-V: The Settlement of International Disputes- Legal Means of Dispute Settlement: Arbitration and Permanent Courts; The Law and Procedure of the International Court of Justice; The Charter of the United Nations: Articles 92-96; The Statute of the ICJ: Articles 34, 35, 36, 41, 59, 65 and 66; Diplomatic Means of Dispute Settlement: Negotiation, Good Offices, Mediation, Inquiry, Conciliation

Text Books:

- 1. Brownlie, Ian. Principles of Public International Law, by James Crawford, 8th ed. Oxford, 2012
- 2. Malcolm Shaw, International Law. 8th ed. Cambridge University Press, 2018, Cambridge.
- 3. Oppenheim's International Law (9th Edition), Oxford University Press