# International Law

## Syllabus

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**Professor John Norton Moore**  
**Fall 2009**  
**Mon., Tues., Wed.; 8:50-9:50 am**  
**SL 294**  
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E. The Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq: Case Studies in *Jus ad Bellum* and *Jus in Bello*

F. Nuremberg and the International Criminal Court: International Criminal Law

*** Fall Break, October 5-7, 2009 ***

G. 9/11 and the Control of Terrorism

V. The Structure of Peaceful Relations: General Principles

A. Jurisdiction

B. Immunity from Jurisdiction

C. International Responsibility and Remedies

D. States, Recognition, and Self-Determination

VI. The Law of the Sea


B. Navigation, the Contiguous Zone, and the Regime of the High Seas

C. The Exclusive Economic Zone and the Continental Margin

*D. Seabed Mining and the Regime of the Deep Seabed (Including the Part XI Implementation Agreement)*

*Review the suggested readings for this section on your own.*

E. Piracy

F. The 2003-05 Debate About the United Nations LOS Convention and United States Adherence: Toward Senate Advice and Consent

VII. Human Rights and the Rule of Law

A. Background and General Principles

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   - Democide ("Ethnic Cleansing" or "Ethnic Burial") in Bosnia
   - Democide in Rwanda
   - Democide in Kosovo
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C. The Copenhagen Document: Toward the Rule of Law and Principles of Democratic Governance  
D. Community of Democracies  

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B. The International Court of Justice  

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XI. International Law: Toward a New World Order  

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