

## Course Outline

<b>Course number</b>	<b>RBB209</b>
Course title	Law of Treaties
Credit points	2 CP (3 ECTS)
Total hours	30
Lecture hours	15
Seminar and other hours	15
Course level	Bachelor
Prerequisites	RBA103 Public International Law

### COURSE TEACHERS

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Academic degree</b>	<b>Academic position</b>
1	Tjaco van den Hout	LLM (honors)	Visiting Professor

### COURSE ABSTRACT

This course examines the concept of treaty, the various kinds of treaties and the sources of the law of treaties. It also covers the field of treaty application nationally and internationally. Further, the course will explore the process of treaty-making, namely, powers to conclude treaties, credentials and adoption of treaties. It will also explore how treaties are amended and how treaties become invalid. The course will examine the issue of “consent to be bound” by the treaty, the making of reservations and interpretative declarations.

### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course gives insight into the law of treaties. It is designed to provide theoretical knowledge and practical skills for further work at Government institutions and international organizations. It is also of interest to those studying Law & Business as all concepts covered also apply to Investment (Protection) Treaties. The course will strengthen the ability to draft international agreements and participate in treaty negotiations. Students will acquire practical skills on how to draft reservations and interpretative declarations. They will acquire insight in the principles of treaty interpretation useful if working for Government as well as presenting the State argument before an international court.

**GRADING CRITERIA**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Exam	70%
Quizzes and class participation	30%

**COURSE PLAN – MAIN SUBJECTS**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Planned hours</b>
1	Law of Treaties	30

**COURSE PLAN – SESSIONS**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lecture/seminar</b>
1	Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969 Chapter 1	
2	Treaties Ch. 2	
3	MOU's Ch. 3	
4	Capacity to conclude treaties Ch. 4	
5	Full Powers - Its meaning - General rule - Procedure - Invalid acts Ch. 5	
6	Adoption and authentication of a treaty Ch. 6	
7	Consent to be bound - Signature - Ratification - Accession Ch. 7	
8	Reservations - Law before the Convention - Rules of the Convention Ch. 8	
9	Entry into force of a treaty Ch. 9	
10	Treaties and domestic law Ch. 10	
11	Territorial application of a treaty Ch. 11	
12	Successive treaties Ch. 12	
13	Interpretation of treat provisions. Articles 31, 32, 33 Ch. 13	
14	Amendment of a treaty; Duration and termination of a treaty Ch. 15 and 16	
15	Invalidity Ch. 17	

**COURSE LITERATURE**

<b>No.</b>	<b><i>Author, title, publisher</i></b>
1	A Aust, 'Modern Treaty Law and Practice' (Cambridge University Press, Third Edition, 2013)
2	Draft Articles on the Law of Treaties with commentaries, 1966, available at: < <a href="http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/commentaries/1_1_1966.pdf">http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/commentaries/1_1_1966.pdf</a> >
3	Course compendium with additional materials