

**SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD**

# International Relations and International Law

- **Campus/building.** Villafranca and Almagro
- **Type of course.** In-person
- **Duration.** 2 weeks

In this course you will gain a thorough introduction to International Relations and International Law, focusing on the nature, structure and challenges of international society, an approach to international organisations, peoples' rights and international human rights, and Diplomatic and Consular Relations. At the end of the course you will have gained skills to understand and discuss the most pressing topics in the field.

This course is for anyone interested in learning how international society works, its functions and limits, and its current challenges, including how to deal with terrorist groups, pandemics and climate deterioration. Madrid, as the main stage of the Spanish-speaking community at large and the birthplace of the theory of International Law in the 16th century, places itself as an ideal city in which to gain a strong perspective on International Law.



**STUDIES**  
Short-Term  
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**LANGUAGE**  
English



**DURATION**  
2 weeks



**DATE**  
June-July



**TYPE OF COURSE**  
In-person



**HOURS**  
80 hours



## Objectives

- Offer an updated, high-quality undergraduate course that introduces students to international law, international relations, the structure of the contemporary international community and the international legal rules, namely, the singularities of creation and application of this legal order, and the different manifestations of international subjectivity.
- Offer a solid academic basis to those who aim to become international jurists, to learn the structure, operation and composition of international institutions.
- Provide in-depth knowledge and methodological skills to those who wish to work in international organisations, such as the European Union or the United Nations.

## Learning outcomes

- Learn and understand the elements, structure, resources and mechanisms of international law and international organisations.
- Understand the sources for determining standards applicable in the formation of obligations, international custom and international treaties.
- Analyse and handle with skill and precision the conceptual framework and terminology of international responsibility, coercive application of international law and diplomatic and consular relationships.

## Methodologies

- The seminars will offer the theoretical basis of each module.
- The case studies of international organisations will provide an overview of the competence and function of these institutions.
- Discussions following the United Nations model will allow students to position themselves to prepare the necessary arguments for their defence.
- Guided discussions will provide the skills to defend ideas, work on speaking and critical thinking considered essential for a good professional performance.

## Overview

- 80-hour programme taught over two weeks.
- Complementary Spanish language classes taught by highly qualified native teachers.
- Active methodologies combining masterclasses, workshops and industry visits.
- Cultural activities and visits (ex: Prado museum, Toledo, etc.).
- All class material costs and room + board (three meals a day) included in tuition.
- MediaLab workshops to document student progress via audiovisuals.
- A maximum of 14 students per class.
- Certificate awarded by University Camilo José Cela.

## Accommodation

Students will live at UCJC's halls of residence located at the university's main campus in Villafranca, Madrid, Spain.

**Accommodation included in price:** Yes.

## Dates

June/July (please enquire if you would like other dates).

Example:

- Date of arrival: 2 June 2021; Date of first class: 3 June 2021.
- Date of last class: 16 June 2021; Date of departure: 17 June 2021.

## Contents

### International society and International Law. The States: Sovereignty and equality

The contemporary international society is composed of over 200 independent states, an increasing number of international organisations and others, such as the peoples and the individual human being. The legal order of international society is International Law, consisting mainly of international treaties and customary rules. This module provides insights into contemporary international society and the subjects of international law, with a focus on states.

### Other subjects of international law: peoples and International Organisations

As a continuation of the previous module, this module addresses other subjects of international law. We shall focus on the concept of peoples and the principle of self-determination of peoples. This module also provides an in-depth study of international organisations, namely the United Nations and the European Union.

### Diplomatic and Consular Relations. The foreign state and its agents

Since Antiquity, states have maintained relations through diplomatic and consular agents. In this module we will address the issue of diplomatic and consular relations, the privileges and immunities of foreign states and their agents.

### Meaning of international protection of human rights

Concept of human rights and their different protection systems. Categories of human rights by generations: civil and political rights, economic and social rights, cultural and technological rights. Legal regime and guarantee of human rights before international organisations.

## About us

UCJC is one of the youngest and fastest-growing universities in Spain and Europe. Founded in 2000, UCJC is part of SEK Education Group, whose proven track record in teaching excellence stretches back over 125 years. As a young university, UCJC is forward-looking and uniquely placed to bridge the gap between traditional and modern times, through a liberal arts and applied sciences approach to higher education.

The university has four different schools: Communications and Humanities, Education, Health and Technology and Science, offering a range of Spanish and European official undergraduate and graduate programmes.

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