

International and Foreign Legal Research Syllabus

Summer 2010
Prof. Kyle K. Courtney

<p>Week One</p>	<p>June 2</p> <p>Introductions, Course Overview, International and Foreign Legal Systems Overview, Searching Skills and Strategies, Reference Tools (Secondary Sources), Basic Concepts</p> <p>Read (on class TWEN site under "Web Links")</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Edelstein, Surfing is Safer — and Smarter — with Flotation Devices, Berkeleyan (January 18, 2008) • Is Wikipedia Reliable? • Elinor Mills, Most reliable search tool could be your librarian, CNET News.com (September 29, 2006) <p>Begin exercise in class – due June 9th Register on TWEN</p>
<p>Week Two</p>	<p>June 9</p> <p>Foreign and Comparative Legal Research/Private International Law (Part I)</p> <p>TWEN Readings: A. Lee Smith, "Foreign Law in Translation" Sarah Yates, "I Need this in English," <i>AALL Spectrum</i> (2005) Andrew Grossman "Towards Cooperation in Access to Foreign Primary Law," 30 <i>Int'l J. Legal Info.</i> 1 (2002)</p> <p>In class exercise</p> <p><i>Due June 16th</i> : Submit the name of the country/organization for your final presentation via email to k.courtney@neu.edu</p>
<p>Week Three</p>	<p>June 16</p> <p>Foreign and Comparative Legal Research/Private International Law (Part II)</p> <p>TWEN Readings: A. Lee Smith, "Foreign Law in Translation" Sarah Yates, "I Need this in English," <i>AALL Spectrum</i> (2005) Andrew Grossman "Towards Cooperation in Access to Foreign Primary Law," 30 <i>Int'l J. Legal Info.</i> 1 (2002)</p> <p>In class exercise</p> <p><i>Due Today:</i> Submit the name of the country/organization for your final presentation</p> <p><i>Due June 23rd:</i> Complete <i>Final Project Assignment Exercise #1</i></p>

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Week Four	<p>June 23</p> <p>Public International Law: Treaties</p> <p>TWEN Readings: "Finding Treaties and Other International Agreements" by J. Rehberg "Treaties" from <i>An Introduction to International Law</i> by M. Janis</p> <p>Begin exercise in class</p> <p><i>Due Today. Final Project Assignment Exercise #1</i></p>
Week Five	<p>June 30</p> <p>Public International Law: Customary International Law and General Principles</p> <p>TWEN Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Custom" from <i>International Law</i> by M. Shaw • "International Custom" from <i>Principles of Public International Law</i> by I. Brownlie • "International Customary Law" from <i>Starke's International Law</i> by I.A. Shearer <p><i>Due July 7th: Final Project Assignment Exercise #2 (First Draft of your Research Guide) via email to k.courtney@neu.edu</i> <i>Due July 14th: Customary International Law Exercise</i></p>
Week Six	<p>July 7</p> <p>European Union Law and Research</p> <p>TWEN Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Alford, European Union Legal Materials: A Guide for Infrequent Users, 97 <i>Law Libr. J.</i> 49 (2005). <p><i>Due Today: Final Project Assignment Exercise #2 (First Draft of your Research Guide) via email to k.courtney@neu.edu</i> <i>Due July 13th: Customary International Law Exercise</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;"> <p><i>Make sure to sign up for First Draft feedback conferences on TWEN</i></p> </div>
Week Seven	<p>July 14</p> <p>Advanced FCIL Research on Westlaw</p> <p>In class exercise w/ instructor</p> <p><i>Due Today: Customary International Law Exercise</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin-left: auto;"> <p><i>Continue to sign up for First Draft feedback conferences on TWEN</i></p> </div>

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Week Eight	July 21 Advanced FCIL Research on Lexis In class exercise w/ instructor
Week Nine	July 28 Topic: TBA
Week Ten	August 4 Student In-Class Presentations
Week Eleven	August 11 Student In-Class Presentations <i>Due: Final Country/Organization Research Guide</i>