

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

JESSUP INTERNATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION - 62446

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HU Credits: 6

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Law

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The Jessup International Law Moot Court competition is the world's largest and most prestigious moot court competition. Jessup participants take part in a simulated dispute adjudicated before the International Court of Justice which raises complex and pertinent issues of international law. Each team prepares written memorials for both the applicant and the respondents states (~120 pages) as well as oral arguments (90 mins), and present them before a panel of judges, all in the English language. Over 650 schools from 100 countries take part in the competition. The International Rounds take place every April in Washington D.C., USA.

Course/Module aims:

The course will provide students with an educational, research and practical experience aimed at helping them develop strategy, research, thinking, writing, oral presentation and team work skills. Students conduct independent research of key contemporary issues in international law, with the support and guidance of team coaches. Taking part in the international law competition allows students to connect academically and professionally with their peers from leading universities across the world.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

1. To write a legal memorandum of the highest level.
2. To be able to discuss various issues under international law while applying the legal norm to a complex reality.
3. To prepare for a legal proceeding in the sense of organizing the needed material, preparing questions and answers and building the legal claims in the best possible way.
4. To work as a member of a team.

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: In-person weekly class, plus

significant additional work outside of class hours

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

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Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Other 100 %

Additional information: