



**University of Vienna
School of Law
LL.M. in International Legal Studies 2021-22**

Course Title: The Law of Treaties

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Course Description

The purpose of the course is to refine students' ability to identify and solve problems of treaty law. Since not all aspects of the law of treaties can be taught during the available time in class, this ability should enable students to deal with untreated problems that may arise in the course of their future professional work.

The course will be taught in an interactive manner, combining lectures and discussions. Compliance with the reading assignment **before** the respective lecture and active participation in its discussion in class are therefore indispensable for achieving the purpose of the course.

Course Programme (8 units of 2 full hours each):

1. Introduction to the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969 and to the fundamental concepts used in the course

2. The object and purpose of a treaty and treaty interpretation (1)

Treaty interpretation: The canon of the VCLT

3. Treaty interpretation (2) Ordinary Meaning

How to use object and purpose?

Evolutionary interpretation

4. Reservations & the conduct of states after the conclusion of a treaty

5. Invalidity and termination of treaties

6. Treaties and the Law of State Responsibility

7. The Law of Treaties and... Human Rights

8. The Law of Treaties and... Investment Law