

INTERNATIONAL FINANCE: SPRING 2011

COURSE MATERIALS

We will not be using a Casebook in this class. Class materials will be available from the class blog at <http://blenderlaw.uml.edu/international-finance/>.

The blog will help to structure the course and class discussion and will link to useful resources. You should check the blog a couple of times each week during the semester. The blog and course materials together represent the materials for which you are responsible on the exam. As far as the blog goes this means items posted directly to the blog, including any comments. I will sometimes post links to other material - in this case you are not required to click through to the other site unless I expressly state that you should do so. Since the onset of the global financial crisis there are many news stories involving international finance, for example, European countries are currently facing sovereign debt problems, and regulators in the US and other countries are implementing changes to financial regulation prompted by the global crisis. We will keep track of some of these developments through the semester.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To learn about transnational financial transactions and about the ways in which lawyers who work on different types of international financial transaction need to consider the potential impact of different areas of law (including contract, tort, conflicts, fiduciary law, and regulatory law (such as banking and securities regulation)). In particular this course will focus on issues raised by the global financial crisis.

ASSESSMENT

A THREE HOUR IN CLASS CLOSED BOOK WRITTEN EXAMINATION See, e.g., <http://blenderlaw.uml.edu/international-finance/past-exams/> .

ATTENDANCE AND CLASS PARTICIPATION

You are entitled to three **unexplained** absences from class during the semester. I reserve the right to lower the grade of anyone who misses more than three classes without informing me of the reason for their absence. I also reserve the right to drop from class a student who misses a substantial number of classes (whether or not those absences are explained). If you miss a class please do ask me if you have any questions about the material you missed.

Consistent **and useful** participation in class may raise your grade. Class participation for this purpose includes useful participation in the weblog through posting of comments, links to relevant materials and questions.