
Online Diploma on the Fundamentals of International Law - 2026 - I

Multilateral Diplomacy

Deadline: 22 Feb 2026

Type:	Course
Location:	Web-based
Date:	2 Mar 2026 to 14 Jun 2026 (To be confirmed)
Duration:	9 Weeks
Programme Area:	Multilateral Diplomacy, , International Law
Website:	
Price:	\$1,000.00
Event Focal Point Email:	info.ilp@unitar.org

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The Online Diploma on the Fundamentals of International Law consists of three courses:

International Law - Webinar Track

Dates: 2 – 22 March 2026: Webinar on Friday 20 March, 10:00 – 12:00
(tbc) Geneva time

The subject of international law brings a lot of concepts to mind, from war and settlement of disputes between States, protection of the environment, responsibilities and obligations, to human rights protection between citizens, refugees of different States and corporations. Globalization has forced us to interact with each other, making it essential to have common rules to guide and sustain relationships (of trade, investment, technology, etc.) between individuals and States from different regions and continents. Now, many of domestic laws are highly influenced and molded by the rules of international law. International law provides mandatory principles, norms and rules that regulate the relations between States as well as with other non-State actors, like international organizations and individuals.

This webinar edition of UNITAR's traditional online course offers participants the chance to ask questions to a high level expert during a Q&A webinar.

Law of International Organizations - Webinar Track

Dates: 20 April – 10 May 2026: Webinar on Friday 8 May, 10:00 – 12:00 (tbc) Geneva time

International organizations are playing an increasingly important role in the international legal order. They are active in virtually all fields of human activity, they regularly conclude international treaties and continuously interact with other actors of international law. Nowadays, they wield growing normative powers. For those working for or dealing with international organizations, a sound understanding of the law of international organizations thus appears indispensable. UNITAR's self-paced course on the Law of International Organizations is structured in a way to cover the main legal questions related to international organizations, from both a theoretical and practical perspective. In addition, the e-learning methodology used to deliver the Course allows participants the flexibility to combine their learning activities with work responsibilities and to benefit from high-quality training.

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Law Of Treaties - Webinar Track

Dates: 25 May – 14 June 2026: Webinar Friday 12 June, 10:00 – 12:00 (tbc), Geneva time

The International Law of Treaties is a set of international principles and rules regulating the conclusion procedure of treaties, as well as the issues of operation, amendments and modifications, termination, suspension and invalidity of treaties. For those involved in the drafting, negotiation and conclusion of international treaties, a sound knowledge of the Law of Treaties is indispensable. Efficient implementation and application of international legal norms is impossible without knowing the essentials of the International Law of Treaties. UNITAR's course on the Law of Treaties is designed to cover both the theoretical and the practical aspects of this subject, starting with the basic notions, sources, subjects, principles, and scope of application of conventions forming the base of the Law of Treaties.

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METHODOLOGY

The course combined 90 hours of self-study with three 2 hour Q&A webinar taught by a high-level expert.

Each subcourse course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Each module has its own learning objectives, as well as interactive online lessons, which guide participants through the contents. The lessons are also available in PDF format so participants can work offline. Contents and activities are practice-oriented and under a self-assessment approach, so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and case scenarios. This experience will be supported by the UNITAR team, additional resources and material, and visuals such as infographics and videos.

TARGETED AUDIENCE

Government officials, international civil servants, lawyers, judges, NGO representatives, academics, law students, private sector professionals in the field

of international law and international organizations

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certificates: Participants who successfully meet the minimum passing requirements at the end of the course will receive a UNITAR Certificate of Completion.

Technical Requirements:

- The course is delivered through UNITAR's Virtual Learning Environment and participants will require a reliable internet connection throughout its duration;
- The Q&A webinar is delivered via the platform Zoom and participants will require a reliable Internet connection.