This course sets out the principles and theories of the most important fields of international law and makes references to the main sources and practices of international law by relying on numerous cases from domestic (USA) and international (mostly European) courts. The choice of topics has been made to give an indication of what the law is and not merely what it should be. Touching on current issues, this course will also tackle economic issues of globalization as well as the problem of human rights, such as human trafficking, and the changing configuration of international law as non-governmental organizations attempt to make “respect for human rights’ and “safe environment’ as the two ultimate goals of human development.