

International Humanitarian Law

Module Code:	LAW7019-B
Academic Year:	2018-19
Credit Rating:	20
School:	School of Law
Subject Area:	Law
FHEQ Level:	FHEQ Level 7 (Masters)

Pre-requisites:

Co-requisites:

Contact Hours

Type	Hours
Seminar	22
Directed Study	178

Availability Periods

Occurrence	Location/Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1 (Sep - Jan)

Module Aims

This module aims to develop students' awareness of contemporary issues in international humanitarian law.

Outline Syllabus

The syllabus will include the following:

The basic rules of international humanitarian law

The protection of civilians

Strategies of prevention

Roles of international bodies in implementing and enforcing rules

Accountability for breach of those rules

Module Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, students will be able to...

- 1 Critically assess the value of the principles of international humanitarian law and of the framework for enforcement of the rules of international humanitarian law.
- 2 Critically appraise international dimensions in humanitarian law.
- 3 Apply a detailed knowledge of international humanitarian law in a critical assessment of contemporary situations.
- 4 Carry out effective research in the field of international humanitarian law using a mixture of primary and secondary sources and be familiar with the major literature and legal instruments.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy

Learning is supported through weekly 2-hour workshops which will give students the opportunity to acquire the information to enhance their knowledge and understanding of issues in international humanitarian and criminal law. Teaching will be partly via case studies, which will enable students to think critically about international dimensions in law and about developments and obstacles to enforcement and accountability (LO1, LO2). It combines teaching and presentation with analysis of relevant cases and materials, discussions, individual presentations and practical exercises, for which students will be required to carry out their own research (LO3, LO4). It will enable students to analyse legal regimes and processes underlying human rights protection and humanitarian action, and to evaluate the consequences of actions. The module includes reference to and discussion of issues of sustainability within the international arena, including the concept of intergenerational equity and the impact of conflict on the social and economic aspects of communities.

Assessment will be by means of individual presentations and coursework, where students will apply their knowledge of international humanitarian law to contemporary situations (LO1, 2, 3, 4)

Mode of Assessment

Type	Method	Description	Length	Weighting	Final Assess'
Summative	Presentation	Individual presentation.	10 minutes	30%	No
Summative	Coursework	Essay.	0-2500 words	70%	Yes
Formative	Coursework	Development task		%	No

Legacy Code (if applicable)

Reading List

To view Reading List, please go to [rebus:list](#).