



Philadelphia University
Faculty of law
Department of -----
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Course Syllabus

Course Title: International Humanitarian	Course code: 420244
Course Level: Second year	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): public international law 1
Lecture Time:	Credit hours: 3 Credit Hours

Academic Staff Specifics

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Course module description:

16- (420244) International Humanitarian Law

Module name: Humanitarian international law Prerequisite: Public international law (1)

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This course is an introduction to international humanitarian law, the formative periods, international treaties, the particularities of international humanitarian law, the sources and principles of international humanitarian law, and the field of application of international humanitarian law: international and non-international armed conflicts: protected persons, protected properties, those with special protection, and prohibited actions in armed conflicts, the protection of cultural properties, restricting or banning the use of certain arms, the duties of all parties in applying international humanitarian law, international humanitarian law and governmental and non-governmental international organizations, particularly insofar as refugees, protection of the environment and human rights.

Course module objectives:

1. provide students with the basic and advanced knowledge of international humanitarian law, its sources, elements and historical development
2. develop and enhance students cognitive and practical skills in dealing with topics of international humanitarian law and other related topics
3. develop and enhance students skills in writing theoretical and practical legal research paper and to further utilize data basis and information technology

Course/ module components

- Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Studies in International Humanitarian Law	A group of teachers		Almustaqbal Alarabi Publishers	2000

- Support material (s) (vcs, acs, etc).
- Study guide (s) (if applicable)
- Homework and laboratory guide (s) if (applicable).

General discussions on some international humanitarian law related topics

An outside lecturer

Research paper

Workshop (multipurpose room)

Teaching methods:

Lectures, discussion groups, tutorials, problem solving, debates, etc.

Methods	Number of Lectures	Scores' distribution
Lectures	40	80%
Multipurpose room and field visits	3	---
Student's involvement in seminars, tutorials, and group discussions	5	5%
Quizzes and Assignments	---	5%
Paper research & Essays (maximum of 3000words)	---	10%
Total	48	100%

Learning outcomes:

- Knowledge and understanding

At the end of this module, a student will be able to:

A/1 express the basic principles and concepts of the international humanitarian law , elements, sources and historical development

A/5 elucidate topics in the area of international politics and security basis and universal peace

- **Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).**
 B/3 analyze and interpret international decisions and judicial interpretations and jurisprudential opinions in the area of international humanitarian law
 B/5 deal with various assumptions in light of specific circumstances and factual basic material within the framework of international humanitarian law
 B/6 develop a critical mental faculty and to find legal solutions bolstered by evidence to solve problems
- **Communication skills (personal and academic).**
 C/3 prepare reports, essays and research papers in topics related to the international humanitarian law
- **Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).**
 D/5 effectively interact with issues and institutions of the international and regional community concerning all the issues related to international humanitarian law

Assessment instruments

- Short reports and/ or presentations, and/ or Short research projects
- Quizzes.
- Home works
- Final examination: 50 marks

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	20%
Second examination	20%
Final examination: 50 marks	50%
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	10%
Total	100%

Documentation and academic honesty

- Documentation style (with illustrative examples)

- Protection by copyright
- Avoiding plagiarism.

Course/module academic calendar

This module consists of (48) hours allocated into (16) weeks, (3) hours a week, divided as follows:

Week	Subject	Notes
1 st	International humanitarian law, meaning and significance	
2 nd	Recording stages and international pacts	
3 rd	Properties of international humanitarian law	
4 th	Origins of international humanitarian law	
5 th	Areas of applying international humanitarian law	
6 th	International vs. non-international armed disputes	
7 th	Persons protected under international humanitarian law	
8 th	Protected property- cultural property	
9 th	Private protection holder	
10 th	Banned activities in armed disputes	
11 th	State duties and obligations in executing International Humanitarian Law	
12 th	Duties of governmental and non-governmental organizations in International Humanitarian Law	
13 th	Refugees in International Humanitarian Law	
14 th	Environmental Protection and Human International Humanitarian Law	
15 th	Human Rights and International Humanitarian law	
16 th	<i>General discussions of module topics</i>	

Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

Books

Book Title	Author	Edition	Publisher	Publishing Year
Encyclopedia of International Humanitarian Law Agreements International criminal Court Annual report in the application of international law for students of Law	Philadelphi a University			

Journals

Lookup legal electronic sources for students of Law- Philadelphia University

Websites

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