



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-214	Course Title Law of International Conflict	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall -Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr Odysseas Christou	Year of Study 2 nd
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

This course provides an introduction to the law of international conflict through the analysis of both the legal basis for the regulation of war and its conduct, and international humanitarian law. In addition, the course examines ancillary questions in the area of international conflict, such as the treatment of non-international conflict (civil wars, insurgencies, and regional conflicts), the development of the international community in response to questions of war, peace and the management of humanitarian concerns, as well as new modes of conflict such as terrorism and cyberwarfare and the challenges that they present.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Illustrate familiarity with the history and codification of international law in the areas of armed conflict and international humanitarian law.
2. Analyse the different types and classifications of armed conflict and the phenomena that represent transgressions of international law.
3. Apply the legal principles and body of international law to specific case studies.
4. Assess in a critical manner the issues and challenges presented in the international system and ways to address them at the international level.
5. Trace the historical development of multilateral action by the states and organizations of

the international community in countering specific conflict phenomena and promote peace and cooperation in the international system.

6. Examine the ethical dimensions of the regulation of armed conflict and evaluate the efficacy of established norms and tactics of dealing with them.

Course Content:

1. Historical overview of the law of war
2. Sources of the law of international conflict
3. The core principles of the law of war
4. The Codification of the law of war
5. International humanitarian law
6. Classification of conflicts
7. Classification of transgressions, grave breaches and war crimes
8. Torture, genocide and jus cogens
9. Military targeting, political decision-making and international law
10. Impositions and restrictions on advances in military technology
11. Non-international conflicts and intervention in the international system
12. International organization and collective defense and responsibility
13. Contemporary challenges

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, tutorials, case studies, group discussions

Assessment Methods:

Assignment and/or presentation, mid-term examination, final examination

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Authors	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>International Law and the Use of Force</i>	Gray, Christine	Oxford University Press	2018	9780199239153
<i>Research Handbook on International Conflict and Security Law : Jus Ad Bellum, Jus in Bello and Jus Post Bellum</i>	White, N.D., Henderson, Christian	Edward Elgar Publishing	2015	9781849808576

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Authors	Publisher	Year	ISBN
<i>The Oxford Handbook of International Law in Armed Conflict</i>	Clapham, Andrew, and Paola Gaeta	Oxford University Press	2014	9780199559695
<i>International Humanitarian Law</i>	Crawford, Emily, and Alison Pert	Cambridge University Press	2018	9780199578962
<i>The Handbook of International Humanitarian Law</i>	Fleck, Dieter	Oxford University Press	2014	9780198729280
<i>Diplomatic Theory of International Relations</i>	Sharp, Paul	Cambridge University Press	2009	9780521757553
<i>The Law of Non-International Armed Conflict</i>	Sivakumaran, Sandesh	Oxford University Press	2014	9780198722281
<i>The Law of Armed Conflict</i>	Solis, Gary D.	Cambridge University Press	2010	9780521870887
<i>International Law and the Classification of Conflicts</i>	Wilmschurst, Elizabeth	Oxford University Press	2012	9780199657759

<i>International humanitarian law and cyber operations during armed conflicts</i>	International Red Cross Committee	International Review of the Red Cross, 102 (913), 481–492	2020	doi:10.1017/S1816383120000478
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