



University of the  
West of England

## CORPORATE AND ACADEMIC SERVICES

### MODULE SPECIFICATION

Part 1: Basic Data					
Module Title	International Humanitarian Law				
Module Code	UJGT8E-15-M	Level	M	Version	2.1
Owning Faculty	FBL	Field	Law Postgraduate		
Contributes towards	All LLM Awards: LLM in Commercial Law LLM in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development LLM in International Banking and Finance Law LLM in International Law LLM in International Trade and Economic Law  MA in Human Rights				
UWE Credit Rating	15	ECTS Credit Rating	7.5	Module Type	Standard
Pre-requisites	None		Co- requisites	None	
Excluded Combinations	None		Module Entry requirements		
First CAP Approval Date	QMAC December 2011		Valid from	1 September 2012	
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Part 2: Learning and Teaching	
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of the module, students are expected to demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• knowledge of the international legal principles regulating the conduct of armed conflict [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• understanding the principal institutional structures for the implementation of international humanitarian law [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• understanding the key issues for further development of the law and of current initiatives for change [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• appreciation of the different roles played by individuals and institutions in armed conflict and the various ways international humanitarian law impacts upon the relations between parties to a conflict [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• the ability to apply the norms of international humanitarian law to specific case studies and be able to conduct research in the field of international humanitarian law [assessed in components A and B].</li> </ul> <p>On successful completion of this module, students should have the following transferable skills:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ability to present a structured argument at both abstract and concrete levels in the subject area [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• ability to recognise problems and identify solutions [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• ability to analyse, evaluate and reflect upon complex materials relating to the subject area [assessed in components A and B];</li> <li>• ability to work in groups; and</li> <li>• ability to undertake independent research [assessed in components A and B].</li> </ul>
Syllabus Outline	<p>The module seeks to develop an understanding of international humanitarian law in practice and theory. The module takes a practical approach to the subject by using contemporary concrete examples as well as problem-solving questions as international humanitarian law is more likely to be applied in the field rather than discussed at length in academic circles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to International Humanitarian Law and Characterisation of Armed Conflicts</li> <li>• Conduct of Hostilities (Methods and Means)</li> <li>• Protected Persons</li> <li>• Protection of Certain Categories of Individuals and Objects</li> <li>• Enforcement of International Humanitarian Law</li> </ul>
Contact Hours/Scheduled Hours	<p>12 x 2 hour workshops</p> <p>Scheduled contact is supplemented by independent learning structured around reading and questions set in advance. In addition, students are encouraged to attend seminars organised by the Centre for Legal Research and the Research Units of the Department of Law.</p>
Teaching and Learning Methods	<p>The main focus of teaching and learning on the taught LLM programme is through independent research and debate in the context of 2 hour weekly workshops. The workshop-based approach to teaching and learning is designed to enable the student to develop the independent research, analytical and reflective skills required for successful completion of a postgraduate level course. Students will need to complete the necessary preparatory reading and study of any set case materials in advance of each workshop. From each workshop, the student will be expected to have developed a general mastery of the subject under consideration. In addition, students will be expected to raise, critically assess and defend different points of view on controversial issues in class and to make presentations to the class on their own and in groups.</p> <p><b>Scheduled learning</b> for this module is in the form of workshops. The activities covered in workshops may include lectures, seminars, tutorials, group discussions, group exercises, role play, case studies, presentations by students and staff, in groups or individually, debates and other activities such as films or video and online discussions.</p> <p><b>Independent learning</b> includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion etc.</p>
Reading Strategy*	<p>All students will be encouraged to make full use of the print and electronic resources available to them through membership of the University. These include a range of journals (both print and electronic) and a wide variety of resources available through web sites and information gateways. This is particularly relevant with this module. There are a variety of electronic sources available and use will be made of the ICRC website in particular. The University's Library website pages provide access to subject relevant resources and services, and to the library catalogue. Many resources can be accessed remotely. Students will be presented with opportunities to develop their information retrieval and evaluation skills in order to identify appropriate resources effectively.</p> <p>This module is supported by Blackboard, where students will be able to find all</p>

	<p>necessary module documentation, to include guidance on essential and further reading within the module outline. Direct links to information resources and digitised materials will also be provided from within Blackboard.</p> <p>Any essential reading will be indicated clearly, along with the method for accessing it, for instance, students may be expected to purchase a set text or be referred to texts that are available electronically. At the moment there is no one set text but there a variety of up to date sources which have been purchased by the library and held on short loan. It is possible to make selections of these available to students through the digital collection. Where possible electronic versions will be made available via Blackboard. The reading list will be made available in the module outline which will be accessible via Blackboard and through any other vehicle deemed appropriate by the module/programme leaders.</p> <p>If further reading is expected, this will be indicated clearly. If specific texts are listed, a clear indication will be given regarding how to access them and, if appropriate, students will be given guidance on how to identify relevant sources for themselves, for instance, through use of bibliographical databases. Essential reading and additional reading will be distinguished. Where the readings are books a selection of readings will be indicated for the individual sessions.</p>
Indicative Reading List	<p><b>Indicative Reading List:</b></p> <p><b>Recommended Texts</b></p> <p>The following are recommended as useful general texts and provide an indication of the type and level of information that students will be expected to use. Current advice on reading will be made available in the module outline which will be accessible via Blackboard.</p> <p>A Roberts and R Guelff, <i>Documents on the Laws of War</i> (London 2000)</p> <p>F Kalshoven and L Zegveld, <i>Constraints on the Waging of War: An Introduction to International Humanitarian Law</i> (ICRC 2011)</p> <p>A Bouvier, M Sassoli &amp; A Quintin, <i>How Does Law Protect in War</i> (ICRC 2011)</p> <p>D Fleck (ed), <i>The Handbook of Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflict</i> (OUP 2013)</p> <p>GD Solis, <i>The Law of Armed Conflict: International Humanitarian Law in War</i> (CUP 2010)</p> <p>Y Dinstein, <i>The Conduct of Hostilities under the Law of International Armed Conflict</i> (CUP 2010)</p> <p>R Kolb and R Hyde, <i>An Introduction to the International Law of Armed Conflicts</i> (Hart 2008)</p> <p>LC Green, <i>The Contemporary Law of Armed Conflict</i> (Manchester University Press 2008)</p> <p><b>Recommended databases and internet sources:</b></p> <p>Lexis Library Heinonline ICRC website</p> <p><b>Legal Journals</b></p> <p>International Review of the Red Cross Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies</p>

Part 3: Assessment			
Assessment Strategy		Learning outcomes will be assessed by oral presentation and written coursework. Assessment questions will be set by tutors. Both assessments require students to undertake independent research building on material covered in the workshop sessions.	
Identify final assessment component and element		Component A	
% weighting between components A and B (Standard modules only)		A:	B:
		40%	60%
First Sit			
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element		Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Oral Presentation and Questions (20 minutes)		100%	
Component B Description of each element		Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Written coursework essay (maximum 3500 words)		100%	
Resit (further attendance at taught classes is not required)			
Component A (controlled conditions) Description of each element		Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Oral Presentation and Questions (20 minutes)		100%	
Component B Description of each element		Element weighting (as % of component)	
1. Written coursework essay (maximum 3500 words)		100%	
If a student is permitted a retake of the module the assessment will be that indicated by the Module Description at the time that retake commences.			