

# LAWS70033 International Criminal Law

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: June, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Coordinator:</b>	Prof Tim McCormack
<b>Contact:</b>	For the most up-to-date information about this subject, contact the Melbourne Law Masters Office by email at <a href="mailto:law-masters@unimelb.edu.au">law-masters@unimelb.edu.au</a> or phone 8344 6190 or alternatively visit the subject website: <a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au">www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au</a>
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The nature of law, war and crime</li> <li># Concept of individual criminal responsibility for violations of international law</li> <li># Elaboration of basic crimes</li> <li># Universal jurisdiction</li> <li># International criminal courts</li> <li># Truth commissions</li> <li># Civil remedies</li> <li># Case studies, e.g. Cambodia, Lebanon, Sierra Leone.</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives:</b>	This subject will focus on individual accountability for human rights abuses, including the substantive law providing for such responsibility and the range of mechanisms available for holding individuals accountable. A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Locate the law of war crimes in the great moral and political dilemmas of the last half century</li> <li># Understand the concept of individual criminal responsibility for violations of international law</li> <li># Assimilate the core crimes, as well as critical extensions of culpability such as command responsibility, and key defences such as duress or superior orders</li> <li># Be aware of the historical development of international criminal law</li> <li># Appreciate the relationship between national and international jurisdiction for the prosecution of international crimes</li> <li># Be conversant with the advantages and disadvantages of prosecutions compared to other methods of individual accountability, including the debate over amnesties and pardons</li> <li># Understand the full range of non-prosecutorial mechanisms for holding individuals accountable, including truth commissions and civil suits</li> <li># Comprehend the basic workings of the United Nations' ad hoc criminal tribunals and the permanent International Criminal Court.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	3 hour examination (100%) (9 July, pm) or 10,000 word research paper (100%) (30 August) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator

<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Visit the subject website for more information
<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Generic Skills:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/">http://www.masters.law.unimelb.edu.au/</a>