

161-514 Violence, War and Terrorism

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 2, - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: A 2-hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 2 contact hours/week, 8 additional hours/week. Total of 10 hours per week.
Prerequisites:	Admission to the MA (International Justice) or an approved equivalent course.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
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Subject Overview:	Today, war is still a salient feature of international relations, while terrorism takes on ever more international character and scope. The subject will explore the philosophical—conceptual and moral—issues to do with violence, war, and terrorism. It will consider the concept of violence and the problem of its justification in a political context in general. The central part of the subject will examine the main approaches to war: realism, consequentialism, just war theory, and pacifism, and apply them to the "new wars" of the late twentieth and early twenty first century, which seem to be particularly resistant to moral and legal regulation. The subject will also discuss both the concept and the morality of terrorism, including state terrorism.
Objectives:	<p>Students who successfully complete this subject will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # have developed an understanding of the fundamentals of philosophical argumentation and theory; # be able to demonstrate a substantial knowledge of the area of Violence, War and Terrorism; # understand the theoretical sources of the key concepts in this area of study; # understand the application of these concepts to their professional field or study area;
Assessment:	An essay of 5,000 words, 100% (due at the end of semester).
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	None.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees

Generic Skills:	Students who successfully complete this subject will <ul style="list-style-type: none"># have improved their ability to integrate abstract moral and conceptual considerations with relevant empirical data;# have developed research and analysis skills to enable further study in the area of international justice at a higher academic level.
Related Course(s):	Master of Arts (Asian Societies) Master of Arts (International Studies)(Adv. Seminars and Shorter Thesis) Master of Arts in Philosophy (International Justice)(Adv.Seminars&ShTh) Master of Arts in Professional and Applied Ethics Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Ethics Postgraduate Diploma in Professional Ethics