

## LAWS70234 International Humanitarian 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: May, 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.
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<b>Subject Overview:</b>	Principal topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># The historical development of international humanitarian law and its rationale in a broader context</li> <li># The Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Additional Protocols of 1977 and developments in customary international law</li> <li># The unique role of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in armed conflict</li> <li># The relationship of international humanitarian law to related areas of international law, such as the use of force, arms control and disarmament, human rights and international criminal law</li> <li># Implementation of the law, through case studies</li> <li># Current issues for development of the law, such as cluster munitions, child soldiers, the protection of women in armed conflict, the law of occupation and terrorism.</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives:</b>	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Be conversant with the international legal principles regulating the conduct of armed conflict</li> <li># Understand the principal institutional structures for the implementation of international humanitarian law</li> <li># Be aware of the influence of legal principles on military strategy and deployment</li> <li># Understand the key issues for further development of the law and current initiatives for change</li> <li># Appreciate the existence of critiques of the efficacy of the legal principles and be able to evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of the law.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Take-home examination (100%) (16-19 July) or 10,000 word research paper (100%) (16 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.
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