

# LAWS70118 Women, War and Peacebuilding

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2011, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: October, Parkville - Taught on campus.
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Not available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	Successful completion of Principles of International Law or equivalent.
<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># An analysis of women in 'war' (broadly defined) as civilians, victims, survivors, refugees, widows, combatants and peace-makers</li> <li># The links between war and issues such as women's inequality and inequitable economic and social conditions</li> <li># The Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their 1977 Additional Protocols</li> <li># Refugee law and human rights law relating to women's rights during armed conflict and in its aftermath</li> <li># Developing jurisprudence from the ad hoc international criminal tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia dealing specifically with gendered violence</li> <li># Crimes specifically relating to women in the Statute for the International Criminal Court</li> <li># The impact of Security Council Resolutions 1325, 1820, 1888 and 1889</li> <li># The role played by international non-government organisations</li> <li># The challenges facing women in post-conflict peace-building.</li> </ul>
<b>Objectives:</b>	A student who has successfully completed this subject should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Have a comprehensive understanding of the range of legal issues that impact on women as civilians, victims, refugees, widows, peace advocates and combatants during time of armed conflict and in the post-conflict period of peace-building</li> <li># Be conversant with the international legal norms, in particular international humanitarian law and human rights law, which can provide protection for women during times of armed conflict, and the efficacy of these laws</li> <li># Be aware of the recent developments relating to the international prosecution of gendered crimes as a form of war crime, crime against humanity or genocide and associated procedural issues</li> <li># Understand the current debates on the need to increase protection for women during times of armed conflict and internal disturbances</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Understand why women are usually excluded from formal peace-making and peace-building processes, despite the important contributions that they are often able to make, and evaluate the efforts of NGOs to promote change through the Security Council</li> <li># Have a critical understanding of the role of law in protecting and promoting women's autonomy and physical integrity in the contexts of militarism and fundamentalist regimes, and in peacekeeping missions.</li> </ul>
<b>Assessment:</b>	Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Core subject materials will be provided free of charge to all students. Some subjects require further texts to be purchased. Visit the Melbourne Law Masters website for more information about this subject.
<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>