

LAWS70033 International Criminal Law

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	7 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2012, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: August, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: The total class time is between 24 and 26 hours. Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Successful completion of Principles of International Law or equivalent
Corequisites:	None.
Recommended Background Knowledge:	Applicants without legal qualifications should note that subjects are offered in the discipline of law at an advanced graduate level. While every effort will be made to meet the needs of students trained in other fields, concessions will not be made in the general level of instruction or assessment. Most subjects assume the knowledge usually acquired in a degree in law (LLB, JD or equivalent). Applicants should note that admission to some subjects in the Melbourne Law Masters will be dependent upon the individual applicant's educational background and professional experience.
Non Allowed Subjects:	None.
Core Participation Requirements:	The Melbourne Law Masters welcomes applications from students with disabilities. The inherent academic requirements for study in the Melbourne Law Masters are: The ability to attend a minimum of 75% of classes and actively engage in the analysis of complex materials and debate; The ability to read, analyse and comprehend complex written legal materials and complex interdisciplinary materials; The ability to clearly and independently communicate in writing a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to clearly and independently communicate orally a knowledge and application of legal principles and interdisciplinary materials and critically evaluate these; The ability to work independently and as a part of a group; The ability to present orally and in writing legal analysis to a professional standard. Students who feel their disability will inhibit them from meeting these inherent academic requirements are encouraged to contact the Disability Liaison Unit: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	The proliferation of international criminal courts and tribunals over the previous two decades represents a significant new phase in the development of a global justice system and has resulted in an expanding body of jurisprudence involving the interpretation and application of international criminal law. This subject will focus on the contemporary environment, with a particular emphasis on the International Criminal Court as the world's first permanent international criminal tribunal. Students will explore the historical background to this new phase of institution-building and also discuss the purpose of war crimes trials. The lecturer in the subject is currently advising the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and will draw extensively on this practical experience to ensure class discussion is grounded in contemporary case law. Principal topics will include: # The nature of law, war and crime and the purpose of war crimes trials # Concept of individual criminal responsibility for violations of international law, including the doctrine of command responsibility

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Elaboration of basic crimes # Universal jurisdiction # International criminal courts # International vs national jurisdictions and the concept of universal jurisdiction # Different models of international criminal courts and tribunals # The International Criminal Court.
Objectives:	<p>This subject will focus on individual accountability for human rights abuses, including both the substantive law providing for such responsibility and the range of mechanisms available for holding individuals accountable.</p> <p>A student who has successfully completed this subject should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Locate the law of war crimes in the great moral and political dilemmas of the last half century # Understand the concept of individual criminal responsibility for violations of international law # Assimilate the core crimes, as well as critical extensions of culpability, such as command responsibility, and key defences, such as duress or superior orders # Be aware of the historical development of international criminal law # Appreciate the relationship between national and international jurisdiction for the prosecution of international crimes # Be conversant with the advantages and disadvantages of prosecutions compared to other methods of individual accountability, including the debate over amnesties and pardons # Understand the full range of non-prosecutorial mechanisms for holding individuals accountable, including truth commissions and civil suits # Comprehend the basic workings of the United Nation's (UN) ad hoc criminal tribunals and the permanent International Criminal Court.
Assessment:	3 hour examination (100%) (21 September AM) or 10,000 word research paper (100%) (8 November) on a topic approved by the subject coordinator
Prescribed Texts:	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.
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
Links to further information:	http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/masters/courses-and-subjects/subject-details/sid/5208