Overview

The course will provide a foundational introduction to international law, an overview of international humanitarian law, and the legal obligations that these bodies of law impose on states and armed forces prior to and during conflict. Beginning with a survey of the laws governing territorial disputes and the use of force, the course reviews the historical development of international humanitarian law, its key obligations, and the debate surrounding its creation. It then surveys a series of related ethical, legal and operational challenges raised by new forms of conflict and military operations including counterinsurgency and counter-terrorism, stability and reconstruction operations, humanitarian interventions and complex emergencies, conventional war-fighting, and air operations. Rather than narrowly treating ethical issues in terms of legal obligations, it explores how ethical questions have become central to strategic success.
Faculty
UNSW Canberra at ADFA

School
UC School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Study Level
Undergraduate

Offering Terms
Semester 2

Campus
Canberra

Delivery Mode
Partially online

Indicative contact hours
3

Timetable
Visit timetable website for details
Conditions for Enrolment

Prerequisite: 36 Units of Credit in Level 1 courses
Course Outline

To access course outline, please visit:

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**Fees**

**Commonwealth Supported Students**  Not Applicable  
**Domestic Students**  Not Applicable  
**International Students**  Not Applicable  

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Additional Information

This course is offered as General Education.
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