

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: Laws of War
Status: Definitive
Code: **6031HIST** (122748)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science

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Academic Level: FHEQ6
Credit Value: 24
Total Delivered Hours: 44
Total Learning Hours: 240
Private Study: 196

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Standard Year Long

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	44

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Test	AS1	4 x 10 question quizzes	40	
Essay	AS2	2500 word primary and secondary source-based research essay	60	

Aims

1. Display a good understanding of the development of the historical development of the laws of armed conflict
2. Engage in historical debate on the success and failures of the international humanitarian law regime
3. Understand the relationship between societal change, mass culture and the practice of war

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Identify lecture, powerpoint and reading content covering the history of the laws of armed conflict
- 2 Employ the ability to critically analyse primary and secondary sources
- 3 Demonstrate Level 6 reading, writing and research skills

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Online Quiz	1	
Research Essay	2	3

Outline Syllabus

Since ancient times, the practice of making war has been regulated by an evolving series of norms, prejudices, treaties and – in recent years – international agreements. In this module, students will explore the evolution of the laws of armed conflict via a series of case studies, spanning the period from the ancient Greeks and Romans, through until the codification of international humanitarian law in the 19th and 20th centuries. By examining the changes in the nature of the norms of practice and laws of armed conflict over this long period of time, this research-led module will enlighten students as to the extent to which politics, culture, societal change and value systems have impacted the practice of war throughout history.

Learning Activities

Lectures

Notes

This module will allow students to explore the origins and evolution of the laws of war via explanatory lectures and focused case studies.