

Laws of War

Module Information

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Summary Information

Module Code	6107HIST
Formal Module Title	Laws of War
Owning School	Humanities and Social Science
Career	Undergraduate
Credits	20
Academic level	FHEQ Level 6
Grading Schema	40

Teaching Responsibility

LJMU Schools involved in Delivery
Humanities and Social Science

Learning Methods

Learning Method Type	Hours
Lecture	24
Workshop	12

Module Offering(s)

Display Name	Location	Start Month	Duration Number Duration Unit
JAN-MTP	MTP	January	12 Weeks

Aims and Outcomes

Aims	<p>1. To display a good understanding of how and why the norms of warfare evolved and how the laws of armed conflict were codified.2. To encourage an appreciation of the societal, political and cultural factors across the western and non-western world, which have driven understandings of how to mitigate the excesses of war.3. To appreciate the strategic and political dimensions of international law</p>
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After completing the module the student should be able to:

Learning Outcomes

Code	Number	Description
MLO1	1	Analyse and comprehend international agreements, treatise and laws
MLO2	2	Comprehend historiographical trends in the analysis of the laws of war and their development
MLO3	3	Explain a particular historical episode in the development of the laws of war, using secondary and primary source material

Module Content

Outline Syllabus	The global origins of warfare governance The emergence of norms Changes in warfare in the early modern world and their impact The first phase of codification, 1860s-1900 The First World War and interwar international agreements The Second World War and the post-war regime The origins of the Red Cross The politics of prisoner of war treatment in WWII
Module Overview	The aim of this module is to develop an understanding of the historical development of the laws of armed conflict and engage in historical debate on the success and failures of the international humanitarian law regime. You will also understand the relationship between societal change, mass culture and the practice of war.
Additional Information	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 Romans and Chinese, 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.

Assessments

Assignment Category	Assessment Name	Weight	Exam/Test Length (hours)	Module Learning Outcome Mapping
Test	3 x Online quizzes	30	0	MLO1, MLO2
Essay	Case Study 4000 words	70	0	MLO2, MLO3

Module Contacts

Module Leader

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
James Crossland	Yes	N/A

Partner Module Team

Contact Name	Applies to all offerings	Offerings
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