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Course Description: International Humanitarian Law

1- Basic Information:

Course Name	International Humanitarian Law
Course ID	D-IHL-842
Contact Hours (Registered Sessions)	24
Contact Hours (Synchronized Sessions)	28
Mid Term Exam	--
Exam	2
Registered Sessions Work Load	34
Synchronized Session Work Load	36
Credit Hours	5
Course Level	6

2- Pre-Requisites:

Course	ID
Completion of 185 credit hours	----

3- Course General Objectives:

The course focuses on International Humanitarian Law by addressing the following topics:

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- Introducing the concept of international humanitarian law, its origins, its codification, and its development.
- Introducing the written and customary sources of international humanitarian law.
- Defining the characteristics of international humanitarian law.
- Determining the principles of international humanitarian law and its legal nature.
- Explaining the relationship between international humanitarian law and other similar laws such as international human rights law and international criminal law.
- Knowing the scope of application of international humanitarian law, qualitative, personal and spatial, by identifying protected persons, protected objects and property.
- Identifying violations of international humanitarian law and their legal basis,
- Knowing the legal basis for criminalizing violations of international humanitarian law.

4- Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO):

Code	Intended Learning Outcomes
ILO1	The ability to define the concept of international humanitarian law and the evolution of its name in order to achieve a definition of international humanitarian law
ILO2	Learn about the historical origins and development of international humanitarian law, and the impact of the emergence of Islam on its principles and rules
ILO3	Learn about the stages of development of the rules of international

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	humanitarian law, and how its rules have been codified, and understand the stages through which its codification has passed
ILO4	Knowing the sources on which international humanitarian law is based, their diversity and how to benefit from them, classifying them and understanding the rules of customary international humanitarian law
ILO5	Defining the basic principles of international humanitarian law and understanding its special legal nature, and distinguishing jus cogens legal rules in international humanitarian law
ILO6	The ability to distinguish between international humanitarian law and international human rights law, in order to understand the aspects of influence, convergence and overlap between them.
ILO7	The ability to determine what is meant by international criminal law in order to understand its legal nature and understand the relationship between international humanitarian law and international criminal law. Being able to figure out their mutual influence, and the points of convergence and difference between them.
ILO8	Identifying the specific scope of international law, and determining the applicable provisions according to the nature of the conflict, if it is related to an international armed conflict or a non-international armed conflict.
ILO9	Recognizing the personal scope of international humanitarian law, identify the protected categories of combatants, and protecting civilians under IHL conventions.

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ILO10	Identifying the material scope of international humanitarian law, defining the protection prescribed for civilian property and objects, defining the types of protection, and then defining the protection of cultural property and its types.
ILO11	The ability to identify violations of international humanitarian law, knowing the legal basis of violations, and determining their punishments.
ILO12	Knowing the legal basis for criminalizing violations of international humanitarian law, and the measures to be taken to respect and ensure respect for the rules of international humanitarian law

5- Course Syllabus (24 hours of total Recorded Sessions, 28 hours of total synchronized sessions)

- **RS:** Recorded Sessions; **SS:** Synchronized Sessions;

ILO	Course Syllabus	RS	SS	Type	Additional Notes
ILO1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the concept of international humanitarian law Knowing the evolution of the term international humanitarian law Definition of international humanitarian law 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The historical roots of international humanitarian law in ancient civilizations 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development of the rules of international humanitarian law in the Middle Ages The impact of the emergence of Islam on humanitarian principles and customs of war, and the applications of international humanitarian law in it. 			<input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link between the emergence of traditional international law and the regulation of the rules of war Identifying attempts to codify international humanitarian law through the codification of customary rules and customs that govern the conduct of armed conflicts. Determining the conventions that make up international humanitarian law. 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining the sources of international humanitarian law derived from public international law. Identifying the sources of international humanitarian law. Identifying the customary 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	

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	sources of international humanitarian law and their importance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the characteristics of international humanitarian law. 				
ILO5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the basic principles of international humanitarian law and how to apply them. Understanding the special legal nature of international humanitarian law. Distinguishing the peremptory nature of international humanitarian law rules and the consequences that follow that nature. 	2	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the concept of international human rights law. Distinguishing between international humanitarian law and international human rights law and the aspects of influence, convergence and overlap between them. 	2	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining what is meant by international criminal law and understanding its legal nature and distinguishing it from Criminal offenses of an 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars	

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	<p>international character.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying the aspect of mutual influence between international humanitarian law and international criminal law. Knowing the points of convergence and the differences between international humanitarian law and international criminal law. 			<input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the concept of international armed conflict and non-international conflict. Determining the legal provisions applicable to international armed conflict and non-international armed conflict 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining the protected categories of combatants and the aspects of protection granted to them. Identifying the protected categories of civilians, and the aspects of their protection Learning about the special protection granted by international humanitarian law to specific categories of 	2	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	

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	civilians				
ILO10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining what is meant by civil property and objects and the aspects of protection assigned to them. Defining what is meant by cultural property and the aspects of protection assigned to it. Types of cultural property protection. 	2	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying grave violations and distinguishing them from regular violations. Knowing the legal basis of serious violations of international humanitarian law. Determining the penalty for violations of international humanitarian law. 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	
ILO12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining the basis of the obligation to criminalize violations of international humanitarian law Defining what is meant by respecting and ensuring respect for the rules of international humanitarian law 	2	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercises <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignments <input type="checkbox"/> Seminars <input type="checkbox"/> Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Practices <input type="checkbox"/> Others	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining the measures to be taken to respect and ensure respect for the rules of international humanitarian law 				
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6- Assessment Criteria (Related to ILOs):

ISC	Interactive Synchronized Collaboration	Ex	Exams	Rpt	Reports
PF2F	Presentations and Face-to-Face Assessments	PW	Practice Work		

ILO Code	ILO	Intended Results	Assessment Type				
			ISC	PW	Ex	PF2F	Rpt
ILO1	The ability to define the concept of international humanitarian law and the evolution of its name in order to achieve a definition of international humanitarian law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the concept of international humanitarian law Knowing the evolution of the term international humanitarian law Definition of international humanitarian law 	✓		✓		
ILO2	Learn about the historical origins and development of international humanitarian law, and the impact of the emergence of Islam on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The historical roots of international humanitarian law in ancient civilizations The development of the rules of international 	✓		✓		

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	its principles and rules	<p>humanitarian law in the Middle Ages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of the emergence of Islam on humanitarian principles and customs of war, and the applications of international humanitarian law in it. 					
ILO3	Learn about the stages of development of the rules of international humanitarian law, and how its rules have been codified, and understand the stages through which its codification has passed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The link between the emergence of traditional international law and the regulation of the rules of war Identifying attempts to codify international humanitarian law through the codification of customary rules and customs that govern the conduct of armed conflicts. Determining the conventions that make up international humanitarian law. 	✓		✓		
ILO4	Knowing the sources on which international humanitarian law is	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining the sources of international humanitarian law 	✓		✓		

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	based, their diversity and how to benefit from them, classifying them and understanding the rules of customary international humanitarian law	<p>derived from public international law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying the sources of international humanitarian law. Identifying the customary sources of international humanitarian law and their importance. Defining the characteristics of international humanitarian law. 					
ILO5	Defining the basic principles of international humanitarian law and understanding its special legal nature, and distinguishing jus cogens legal rules in international humanitarian law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the basic principles of international humanitarian law and how to apply them. Understanding the special legal nature of international humanitarian law. Distinguishing the peremptory nature of international humanitarian law rules and the consequences that follow that nature. 	✓		✓		

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ILO6	The ability to distinguish between international humanitarian law and international human rights law, in order to understand the aspects of influence, convergence and overlap between them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining the concept of international human rights law. Distinguishing between international humanitarian law and international human rights law and the aspects of influence, convergence and overlap between them. 	✓		✓		
ILO7	The ability to determine what is meant by international criminal law in order to understand its legal nature and understand the relationship between international humanitarian law and international criminal law. Being able to figure out their mutual influence, and the points of convergence and difference between them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining what is meant by international criminal law and understanding its legal nature and distinguishing it from Criminal offenses of an international character. Identifying the aspect of mutual influence between international humanitarian law and international criminal law. Knowing the points of convergence and the differences between international humanitarian law and 	✓		✓		

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		international criminal law					
ILO8	Identifying the specific scope of international law, and determining the applicable provisions according to the nature of the conflict, if it is related to an international armed conflict or a non-international armed conflict.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowing the concept of international armed conflict and non-international conflict. Determining the legal provisions applicable to international armed conflict and non-international armed conflict 	✓		✓		
ILO9	Recognizing the personal scope of international humanitarian law, identify the protected categories of combatants, and protecting civilians under IHL conventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determining the protected categories of combatants and the aspects of protection granted to them. Identifying the protected categories of civilians, and the aspects of their protection Learning about the special protection granted by international humanitarian law to specific categories of civilians 	✓		✓		

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ILO10	Identifying the material scope of international humanitarian law, defining the protection prescribed for civilian property and objects, defining the types of protection, and then defining the protection of cultural property and its types.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining what is meant by civil property and objects and the aspects of protection assigned to them. • Defining what is meant by cultural property and the aspects of protection assigned to it. • Types of cultural property protection. 	✓		✓		
ILO11	The ability to identify violations of international humanitarian law, knowing the legal basis of violations, and determining their punishments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying grave violations and distinguishing them from regular violations. • Knowing the legal basis of serious violations of international humanitarian law. • Determining the penalty for violations of international humanitarian law. 	✓		✓		
ILO12	Knowing the legal basis for criminalizing violations of international	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining the basis of the obligation to criminalize violations of international 	✓		✓		

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	humanitarian law, and the measures to be taken to respect and ensure respect for the rules of international humanitarian law	humanitarian law <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining what is meant by respecting and ensuring respect for the rules of international humanitarian law Determining the measures to be taken to respect and ensure respect for the rules of international humanitarian law 					
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7- Practice Tools:

Tool Name	Description
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