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## Course Definition

### 1- Basic Information:

Course Name	International Refugee Law
Course ID	IRL
Contact Hours (Registered Sessions)	14
Contact Hours (Synchronized Sessions)	14
Mid Term Exam	
Exam	75 MIN
Registered Sessions Work Load	14
Synchronized Session Work Load	14
Credit Hours	7

### 2- Pre-Requisites:

Course	ID
International human rights law	IHRL
Public international law	PIL

### 3- Course General Objectives:

The course aims to provide students with necessary legal knowledge and skills to deal with refugee issues at the International and Regional levels, through:

- Give an overview of the concept of refuge and its evolution.
- The legal framework for refugee protection (International Refugee Law, International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law).
- The emergence and development of International Refugee Law.
- Sources of International Refugee Law.
- International and regional agreements dealing with the refugee situation.

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- International and regional organizations concerned with refugee affairs and international protection.
- Refugee rights and duties
- protection of specific groups of refugees.
- Protection of refugees within the framework of International Humanitarian Law.
- International humanitarian law and the protection of refugee camps during armed conflicts.
- The principle of non-refoulement within under the International Refugee Law.
- The principle of non-refoulement within the framework of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law

#### 4- Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO):

Code	Intended Learning Outcomes
ILO1	To develop the student's understanding of International Refugee Law, its historical roots and development, and its main sources.
ILO2	The student's ability to understand and define the international protection that international and regional conventions can provide, and to distinguish between the scope of protection provided by International Refugee Law and International Human Rights Law.
ILO3	Building the student's cognitive abilities to enable him/her to understand the concept of refugee at the international and regional levels and compare the scope of protection provided by the UN Refugee Convention and regional conventions dealing with refugees.
ILO4	Developing the student's practical skills to enable him/her to perform the process of determining the refugee status and define when the refugee is excluded from the refugee status.
ILO5	Analyze the UN Refugee Convention and the refugees' rights and duties under it.
ILO6	The student's ability to understand the protection afforded by International Humanitarian Law to refugees during international and non-international armed conflicts.
ILO7	Building student's knowledge so that he can study cases of non-refoulement and determine the mechanism available or most appropriate for the refugee to present him/her case.

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### 5- Course Syllabus (18 hours of total synchronized sessions)

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

ILO	Course Syllabus	RS	SS	Type	Additional Notes
ILO1	The definition of asylum and the development of its concept historically	2	2	Assignments	
ILO2	The historical development of International Refugee Law (before the League of Nations - the League of Nations - the United Nations era)	2	2	Assignments	
ILO3	Legal framework for refugee protection (International Refugee Law - International Human Rights Law - International Humanitarian Law - International Criminal Law)	2	2	Assignments	
ILO4	Definition of a refugee (historical development and the concept of persecution)	2	2	Assignments	
ILO5	Refugee definition and refugee status determination (refugee status - regional refugee definitions- refugee status determination)	2	2	Assignments	
ILO6	Refugee status cessation clauses	2	2	Assignments	
ILO7	Exclusion from refugee status clauses	2	2	Assignments	
ILO8	Special categories of refugees	2	2	Assignments	
ILO9	Refugees' rights and duties of	2	2	Assignments	
ILO10	Protection of refugees under International Humanitarian Law	2	2	Assignments	
ILO11	International Humanitarian Law and the protection of refugee camps during armed conflict	2	2	Assignments	
ILO12	The principle of non-refoulement under International Refugee Law	2	2	Assignments	
ILO13	The principle of non-refoulement under International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law	2	2	Assignments	
ILO14	The principle of shared responsibility	2	2	Assignments	

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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 definition of asylum and the development of its concept historically		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO2	The historical development of International Refugee Law (before the League of Nations - the League of Nations - the United Nations era)		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO3	Legal framework for refugee protection (International Refugee Law - International Human Rights Law - International Humanitarian Law - International Criminal Law)		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO4	Definition of a refugee (historical development and the concept of persecution)		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO5	Refugee definition and refugee status determination (refugee status - regional refugee definitions- refugee status determination)		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO6	Refugee status cessation clauses		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO7	Exclusion from refugee status clauses		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO8	Special categories of refugees		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO9	Refugees' rights and duties of		✓	✓	✓		✓

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ILO10	Protection of refugees under International Humanitarian Law		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO11	International Humanitarian Law and the protection of refugee camps during armed conflict		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO12	The principle of non-refoulement under International Refugee Law		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO13	The principle of non-refoulement under International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law		✓	✓	✓		✓
ILO14	The principle of shared responsibility		✓	✓	✓		✓

## 7- Practice Tools:

Tool Name	Description

## 8- Main References

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