

COURSE DETAIL

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Legal Studies International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

117

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW

UCEAP Transcript Title

REFUGEE&ASYLUM LAW

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course presents the international legal framework for refugee and asylum issues and assesses its evolution. The course does not concentrate on the asylum laws of one country in particular, rather the approach is multinational in order to provide an overview of the commonalities and conflicts within the world system. Students attain a thorough knowledge of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951), as well as the principle regional conventions. Main areas of discussion include the basic U.N. criteria for the attainment, denial, and withdrawal of refugee status; the development of the non-refoulement principle; and the standard of treatment of refugees. The political, social, and economic context of prevention, protection, and solution strategies are explored. Close study of jurisprudence within international, regional, and national courts and UNHCR actions provide an understanding of how refugee and asylum law is interpreted and implemented. In addition, the course analyzes the drawbacks and benefits of alternative forms of protection, e.g. temporary protection and safe haven. Progressive issues such as internally displaced persons and "development/environmental" refugees is presented. Trends towards expansion of the refugee definition are assessed by studying regional approaches within Africa, Latin America, and Europe. This course is designed for students at master degree level, however, the achievement requirements are adjusted for students who take the subject at bachelor degree level.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

JUR1530

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Law

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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