# COURSE DETAIL

| INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW |
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| **Country**<br>Netherlands |
| **Host Institution**<br>Leiden University College |
| **Program(s)**<br>Leiden University College |
| **UCEAP Course Level**<br>Upper Division |
| **UCEAP Subject Area(s)**<br>Legal Studies International Studies |
| **UCEAP Course Number**<br>160 |
| **UCEAP Course Suffix** |
| **UCEAP Official Title**<br>INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW |
| **UCEAP Transcript Title**<br>INTL HUMANITARN LAW |
| **UCEAP Quarter Units**<br>6.00 |
| **UCEAP Semester Units**<br>4.00 |

**Course Description**
International Humanitarian Law (IHL)– also known as “The Law of Armed Conflict” or “The Law of War” or “Jus in Bello”– regulates the conduct of soldiers and their commanders during wartime. IHL attempts to balance the principle of Military Necessity, the requirement that soldiers do their jobs so that armies can win battles and wars, and the principle of humanity, which attempts to reduce the suffering caused by war. Thus, IHL sets legal standards that attempt to regulate hostilities and protect innocent persons amid the ambiguity and brutality of combat. The course considers the following: what kinds of precautions must soldiers take before launching an attack that may injure civilians; if a civilian briefly picks up a weapon, can he or she be a lawful target; are commanders always responsible for war crimes committed by their subordinates; how do law, policy, and military imperatives combine to produce the difficult decisions that soldiers and commanders must make in the battlespace. This course uses realistic examples to assist students to understand not only how law is supposed to regulate armed conflict, but also how the law is applied during the chaos and stress of combat. Thus, the course combines theory and practice to illuminate issues and challenges that are alive today in places as diverse as Iraq, Syria, Gaza, Yemen, and Mali. Prerequisite for this course is an introduction to public international law.

**Language(s) of Instruction**
English

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**Host Institution Campus**
LUC The Hague- Level 2

**Host Institution Faculty**

**Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**
International Justice

**Course Last Reviewed**

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