COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MIGRATION

Country

France

Host Institution

University of Bordeaux

Program(s)

University of Bordeaux

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

116

UCEAP Course Suffix

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UCEAP Official Title

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MIGRATION

UCEAP Transcript Title

INTL LAW & MIGRATN

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.50

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

This course introduces basic principles of international human rights law, international criminal law, and international refugee law through the study of the migration crisis in the Mediterranean. Approximately 258 million people, or roughly 3% of the world's population, live outside their country of origin or habitual residence - the highest number ever recorded. Of these, approximately 10%, or about 25 million people, have fled their country as refugees – the largest number since WWII. Millions of civilians have fled or are fleeing their homes, escaping from war and terror, hunger and persecutions, ecological disasters and poverty. The course critically presents the different positions on the matter by examining the situation from several international law perspectives and instruments: the laws of the sea, human rights law, and the legal institution of asylum. After the legal framework is established, the course further examines what legal venues are available to hold states, non-State actors, and individuals accountable for any human rights violations. Finally, the course explores cutting-edge legal questions, such as whether migration policies based on deterrence, arrival/departure prevention, and refoulement may bear international criminal liability.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

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Host Institution Campus

SCIENCES PO BORDEAUX

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Sciences Po Bordeaux