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 A
UCEAP Official Title INTERNATIONAL LAW AND MIGRATION
UCEAP Transcript Title INTL LAW & MIGRATN
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.50
UCEAP Semester Units

2.30

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

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