



DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

CURRICULUM BASED ON CREDIT SYSTEM

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PROGRAMME GUIDELINES	
PROGRAMME TITLE	DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL LAW
TOTAL CREDITS	10 Credits
TOTAL LEARNING HOURS	100 Hours
GUIDED LEARNING HOURS	45 Hours

Total Learning Hour - 100 Hours

Guided Learning Hour – 45 Hours

1 Credit = 10 hours of effort (10 hours of learning time which includes everything a learner has to do to achieve the outcomes in a qualification including the teaching learning process, assessment procedures and practical's).

LIST OF UNITS

S. No.	Unit Title	Unit Specification	Credits
1	Introduction to International Law	Essential Unit	3
2	International Human Rights Law	Essential Unit	3
3	International Humanitarian Law	Essential Unit	4
TOTAL CREDITS			10 Credits

UNIT TITLE	Introduction to International Law
CREDIT	3
SPECIFICATION	Essential Unit

UNIT DESCRIPTION

The aim of this course is to provide students with a foundational understanding of international law, its principles, sources, and application in the international system. Students will explore the historical development, key concepts, and contemporary issues in international law.

UNIT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the fundamental principles and sources of international law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Definitions and scope of international law
- ✓ Sources of international law: treaties, customs, general principles, judicial decisions, and scholarly writings
- ✓ Key principles: sovereignty, jurisdiction, and the rule of law in the international context

2. Analyze the roles of international organizations and institutions in the development and enforcement of international law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Role of the United Nations and its principal organs
- ✓ Functions of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and other international tribunals
- ✓ Case studies of international legal disputes and resolutions

3. Evaluate contemporary issues and challenges in international law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Human rights and humanitarian law
- ✓ Environmental law and climate change
- ✓ International criminal law and the role of the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Indicative Study Reference Text Books

1. Shaw, M. N. (2017). *International Law*.
2. Brownlie, I. (2008). *Principles of Public International Law*.
3. Cassese, A. (2005). *International Law*.
4. Henkin, L., Pugh, R., Schachter, O., & Smit, H. (1993). *International Law: Cases and Materials*.

UNIT TITLE	International Human Rights Law
CREDIT	3
SPECIFICATION	Essential Unit

UNIT DESCRIPTION

The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of international human rights law, including its principles, frameworks, and enforcement mechanisms. Students will explore the development, implementation, and contemporary challenges of human rights protections globally.

UNIT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the principles and frameworks of international human rights law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Definition and scope of human rights
- ✓ Historical development of human rights law
- ✓ Key human rights instruments: Universal Declaration of Human Rights, International Covenants, and regional human rights treaties

2. Analyze the mechanisms for the protection and enforcement of human rights.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Role of the United Nations and its specialized agencies
- ✓ Functions of regional human rights systems (e.g., European, Inter-American, African)
- ✓ Case studies of human rights violations and enforcement actions

3. Evaluate contemporary challenges and issues in international human rights law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Rights of vulnerable groups: women, children, refugees, and minorities
- ✓ Impact of globalization and technology on human rights
- ✓ Human rights in the context of national security and counter-terrorism

Indicative Study Reference Text Books

1. Smith, R. K. M. (2019). *International Human Rights Law*.
2. Moeckli, D., Shah, S., & Sivakumaran, S. (2014). *International Human Rights Law*.
3. Alston, P., & Goodman, R. (2013). *International Human Rights*.
4. Donnelly, J. (2013). *Universal Human Rights in Theory and Practice*.

UNIT TITLE	International Humanitarian Law
CREDIT	4
SPECIFICATION	Essential Unit

UNIT DESCRIPTION

The aim of this course is to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of international humanitarian law (IHL), including its principles, sources, and application in armed conflict. Students will explore the rules governing the conduct of hostilities and the protection of individuals during war

UNIT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Understand the principles and sources of international humanitarian law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Definition and scope of IHL
- ✓ Historical development of IHL
- ✓ Key instruments: Geneva Conventions, Additional Protocols, and customary IHL

2. Analyze the rules governing the conduct of hostilities and the protection of individuals.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Distinction, proportionality, and necessity
- ✓ Protection of civilians, prisoners of war, and the wounded and sick
- ✓ Prohibited methods and means of warfare

3. Evaluate contemporary challenges and issues in international humanitarian law.

Indicative Contents:

- ✓ Non-international armed conflicts and the role of non-state actors
- ✓ Enforcement mechanisms and accountability
- ✓ Challenges posed by new technologies and modern warfare

Indicative Study Reference Text Books

1. Fleck, D. (2013). *The Handbook of International Humanitarian Law*.
2. Henckaerts, J. M., & Doswald-Beck, L. (2005). *Customary International Humanitarian Law*.
3. Sassòli, M., Bouvier, A. A., & Quintin, A. (2011). *How Does Law Protect in War?*
4. Kalshoven, F., & Zegveld, L. (2011). *Constraints on the Waging of War*.
5. Solis, G. D. (2016). *The Law of Armed Conflict: International Humanitarian Law in War*.