

Course Title:	<b>Law of Armed Conflict</b>
Course Code:	<b>LAWS788</b>
Descriptor Start Date:	<b>01/01/2021</b>
Descriptor End Date:	<b>31/12/2025</b>
POINTS:	<b>15.00</b>
LEVEL:	<b>7</b>
PREREQUISITE/S:	<b>75 points from Part II</b>
COREQUISITE/S:	<b>None</b>
RESTRICTION/S:	<b>LAWS784 Special Topic IV Law of Armed Conflict</b>

## LEARNING HOURS

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Hours may include lectures, tutorials, online forums, laboratories. Refer to your timetable and course information in Canvas for detailed information.

**Total learning hours: 150**

## PRESCRIPTOR

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Introduces students to the origins, development, key legal instruments, doctrines and institutional structures of Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). Discusses key principles which aim to limit the conduct of hostilities and the use of means and methods of warfare, with a specific focus on the protection of the environment in times of armed conflict.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

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1. Explain the origins of LOAC, including the key ideas, legal doctrines and institutional structures developed to limit the means and methods of warfare.
2. Analyse the central issues and problems in the contemporary LOAC regime from the perspective of theory, policy and practice.
3. Apply general principles of law to LOAC.
4. Articulate and appraise different concepts, ideas and approaches to LOAC through concise written and oral interventions.
5. Apply the rules and principles of LOAC to specific case studies and actual situations.
6. Demonstrate knowledge of the relationship between the LOAC and other branches of international law, especially international human rights law.
7. Identify and apply, in an effective manner, primary and secondary sources relating to LOAC, including internet resources, reports and visual media.

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## CONTENT

General Introduction to LOAC and its historical development;  
Basic Rules and Principles of LOAC;  
Scope of the application of LOAC, including the distinction between the law applicable to international and non-international armed conflicts;  
Protection of victims of war (so-called "Geneva law"), i.e. the treatment of prisoners of war, and the protection of wounded and civilians;  
Methods and Means of Warfare (so-called "Hague Law");  
Protection of the environment during armed conflict;  
"War on terror" and its implications for LOAC;  
Relationship between LOAC and other branches of international law, in particular international human rights law (IHRL) and the extent to which IHRL applies in times of armed conflict;  
Individual and State accountability for breaching the laws of war.

## LEARNING & TEACHING STRATEGIES

An appropriate range of strategies that may include lectures, workshops & online learning.

## ASSESSMENT PLAN

Assessment Event	Weighting %	Learning Outcomes
Reflective writing	10.00	-
Quiz	40.00	-
Take-home Exam	50.00	-

### Grade Map

#### MAP1

A+ A A- Pass with Distinction  
B+ B B- Pass with Merit  
C+ C C- Pass  
D Fail

### Overall requirement/s to pass the course:

## LEARNING RESOURCES

Details of all learning resources (including journals, databases, websites etc) are available on Canvas. Required Text(s): If there is a required text, details are available by searching the University Bookshop's website: [www.ubs.co.nz](http://www.ubs.co.nz)

**For further information, contact:** Te Ara Pakihi, Te Ohanga Me Te Ture - Faculty of Business, Economics and Law

**Principal Programme:** AK1008, Bachelor of Laws

**Related Programme/s:** AK1009 LLB(Hons), AK2601 CertLegalSt

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