UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

# COURSE SYLLABUS

# International Humanitarian Law

**1819-4-A5810214**

## Learning objectives

By the end of this course, students should:

- better know and understand the nature and sources of international humanitarian law and have a critical understanding of its fundamental concepts;
- be able to identify and critically assess the implications of those concepts in the substantive exposition of various issues of contemporary international and non-international armed conflicts;
- demonstrate an in-depth understanding of various international legal instruments relating to the conduct of hostilities and the protection of vulnerable categories of persons, as well as of the environment and cultural heritage;
- demonstrate cognisance of the interface between different aspects of contemporary armed conflicts; and
- be able to apply knowledge so acquired to specific occurrences during armed conflict.

## Contents

The course will provide an overview of the basic rules and principles that regulate the conduct of armed conflict, with particular attention to the protection of vulnerable persons.

## Detailed program

In particular, the following issues will be addressed:
- sources and institutions
- international armed conflicts and internal armed conflicts
- the conduct of hostilities

- the protection of vulnerable persons
- the protection of the cultural heritage during armed conflicts
- the protection of the natural environment during armed conflict

- accountability for the violation of rules of international humanitarian law

- gender issues in international humanitarian law and international criminal law

## Prerequisites

## Teaching methods

Classes will be taught in the English language.

## Assessment methods

Oral exam

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

Reading lists will be distributed in advance of the seminars and material will also be distributed during the seminars. Students attending seminars may prepare the exam on the basis of the material distributed during the seminars.

Students not attending the seminars may prepare the exam on the following textbook:

E. Crawford and A. Pert, 'International Humanitarian Law', Cambridge University Press, 2015.