

DETAILED CURRICULUM
LEVEL THREE - SEMESTER FIVE
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

COURSE DETAILS			
Course Code	LW 5284		
Course Title	INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW		
Course Type	Core		
Credits	4		
Hours Allotted	Theory	45	Total
	Practical		
	Assignments/Tutorials	30	75
AIM			
<p>The main focus of this course is to price the students with methods an means of warfare in armed conflicts in legal context. The rules strikes to balance military necessity against the fundamental principles of humanity are taught in details.</p>			
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES			
<p>After the following the course, learners should be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) have a comprehensive knowledge on theoretical and practical aspect of IHL. (b) have ability to analyze case law, legal issues and domestic response pertained to IHL. (c) to have ability to apply IHL in the context of conflicts as a member of the armed forced. 			
COURSE CONTENTS			
<p>Legal source for IHL are derived form international customary law as well as treaty law, in particular the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and their additional protocols of 1977, and the Hague Regulations of 1907.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to IHL, Definition, scope, Historical development. 2. Nature of the International conflict and internal conflict 3. Proportionality and Military necessity 4. Military objectives and civilian objects, the prohibition against means of warfare that may lead to unnecessary suffering and superfluous injury. 5. Relationship between IHL and International Human Rights Law. 6. Relationship between IHL and International Criminal Law (genocide war crimes and crimes against humanity) 7. The limitation on means and methods of armed conflicts. 8. Combatant status and its application, protection of prisoners of war, Protection of civilians and non-combatants, The rules of International Humanitarian Law in relation to acts of terror, and the “war on terror”, Protection of cultural property, International peace operation. 			

9. Response of Sri Lanka to IHL
10. New trends in IHL`

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA	% OF MARKS
Semester-end Examination:	70
Assignments:	20
Class Quizzes:	10
RECOMMENDED READINGS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Robert Kolb and Richard Hyde, “An Introduction to International Law of Armed Conflicts” (Oxford 2008) 2. www.icrc.org 3. Fleck, Dieter, The Handbook of International Humanitarian Law 4. Jean-Marie Henckaerts and Louise Doswald, “Customary International Humanitarian Law Volume I” (Cambridge) 5. Jean Pictets the Geneva Conventions of 12th August 1949, commentary, Volume I Geneva (1952), Volume II(Geneva 1960), Volume III (Geneva 1960), Volime IV (Geneva 1958). 	