



# *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

## *Syllabus*

### *International Refugee Law - 62342*

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*HU Credits: 2*

*Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)*

*Responsible Department: Law*

*Academic year: 0*

*Semester: 2nd Semester*

*Teaching Languages: English*

*Campus: Mt. Scopus*

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*Teaching Staff:*

Course/Module description:

*International Refugee Law explores a major area of public international law that regulates a (limited) exception to the principles of state sovereignty and migration control. The 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (the 1951 Geneva Convention) concerns the protection of persons who have crossed an international border and who are outside their state of origin owing to well-founded fear of persecution in that state for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion. Global debates continue regarding the nature of the protection that refugees should be granted, the role of the international community, and the obligations of states of asylum. The course will provide students with a critical understanding of the international regime of refugee protection by highlighting its virtues and shortcomings. It explores the history, structure, and aims of the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (engaging comparatively with regional protection regimes). Subsequently, the module considers criteria for the attainment ('inclusion'), exclusion from, and cessation of refugee status; the non-refoulement principle; temporary protection and other challenges arising in the context of displacement from conflict; and the treatment of asylum-seekers in Israel.*

Course/Module aims:

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Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

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- Draw upon a body of detailed substantive knowledge gained through both class participation and self-study, and apply this to contemporary dilemmas arising in the refugee field in an assessed piece of written work.*
- Demonstrate a solid understanding of the institutional, procedural and substantive aspects of the international refugee law system, as well as its location in the international legal order.*
- Demonstrate an ability to set the substantive law content of the module in a wider context, both legal and non-legal.*
- Critically evaluate the protection offered by international refugee law, its virtues and shortcomings.*
- critically analyse the legal topics examined.*

Attendance requirements(%):

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*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: In-class teaching; required and optional reading*

*Course/Module Content:*

*Seminar ONE: Introduction: A Global Refugee Protection Framework (engaging with regional protection regimes)*

*Seminar TWO: Exclusion from and cessation of refugee status*

*Seminar THREE: Non-Refoulement, access to protection, and displacement from conflict (Ukraine case-study)*

*Seminar FOUR: asylum-seekers (Israel case-study); three asylum paradigms*

*Required Reading:*

*Please see the syllabus on the moodle website*

*Additional Reading Material:*

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*Grading Scheme:*

*Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 100 %*

*Additional information:*