

LAWS 3034 INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Credit Points 10

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Description This subject examines the current state of international criminal law within the broader international legal system. It focuses on both the substantive and procedural law as well as the institutions that regulate the investigation, prosecution and punishment of international crimes. It explores the elements and jurisprudence surrounding the definition of core international crimes, considers general principles of international criminal law, and analyses the shortcomings of international criminal tribunals from the perspective of the Global South.

School Law

Discipline International Law

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 4 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 3 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LAWS 2004

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Develop an understanding of the fundamental principles of international criminal law, including the issues involved in the regulation of international crimes.
2. Apply relevant legal principles and procedures to contemporary situations and contexts of international crime.
3. Analyse the theoretical, political, historical and practical dimensions of international criminal law, focusing particularly on critiques relating to/from the Global South.
4. Reflect upon the key challenges, weaknesses and limitations of international criminal law and the international criminal legal system.
5. Develop persuasive arguments supported by evidence about key points of international criminal law.

Subject Content

1. Introduction to International Criminal Law
2. History and Critique of International Criminal Law
3. Institutions Responsible for Prosecuting International Crimes
4. The International Criminal Court
5. Genocide.
6. Crimes against Humanity
7. War Crimes and Aggression
8. Modes of Liability and Defences
9. Victims and Witnesses in International Criminal Law
10. Transitional, Indigenous and Community-based Approaches to Justice
11. Australia and International Criminal Law

12. The Function of International Criminal Law: Challenges and Opportunities

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Participation	Ongoing	10	N	Individual	N
Professional Task	2,000 words	45	N	Individual	N
Essay	2,500 words	45	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Robert Cryer, Darryl Robinson and Sergey Vasiliev, *An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure* (Cambridge University Press, 4th ed, 2019).

Teaching Periods

Summer (2025)

Parramatta - Victoria Rd

On-site

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