
TOPICS: LAW AND CONFLICT in Fall 2020 (ME3091A)

Course Code	ME3091A	Professor(s)	Sharon Weill
Prerequisites	None	Office Number	782575205
Class Schedule	F: 12:40-14:15 in C-103 T: 12:40-14:15 in Q-704	Office Hours	
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Semester	Fall 2020	Office Tel. Ext.	

Course Description

The course explores the relationship between law and politics in the conduct of military operations and conflicts. It introduces students to the legal framework applicable during armed conflict. Through a case study approach, we will analyze how the law is applied and what the main challenges are. We will focus in particular on the war on terror, the war in Syria and the movement of refugees across the Mediterranean Sea.

During the course we will visit a courtroom and watch a film.

Course Learning Outcomes

General Education

Course Outline

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1. Introduction (The legal framework applicable and main actors) (week 1)
 2. The Aftermath of 9/11 and the Global War on Terror (week 2)
 3. The Prosecution of Foreign Fighters / Visit to the Charlie Hebdo Trial (week 3)

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| 4. Jus ad bellum, Responsibility to Protect and the crime of aggression | (week 4) |
| 5. Syria: how to reach accountability for war crimes? | (week 5) |
| 6. Humanitarian access and the role of the ICRC | (week 6) |
| 7. Refugees: The Mediterranean route; The case of Lebanon | (week 7-8) |
| 8. Sexual violence and armed conflicts | (week 9) |
| 9. Genocide and Crimes against humanity | (week 10) |
| 10. The Habré case | (week 11) |
| 11. Mock trial/Conclusion | (week 12) |

Textbooks

This course doesn't have any textbook.

Attendance Policy

Students studying at The American University of Paris are expected to attend ALL scheduled classes, and in case of absence, should contact their professors to explain the situation. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that a faculty member might have set in the course syllabus. The French Department, for example, has its own attendance policy, and students are responsible for compliance. Academic Affairs will excuse an absence for students' participation in study trips related to their courses.

Covid-19:

Students studying at The American University of Paris are still expected to attend ALL scheduled classes. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, students will have the option of attending classes remotely when special circumstances apply. For example when students are placed under quarantine by the French authorities or by their doctor, or when students present symptoms of Covid-19 and are directed, by their doctor or the AUP Health Office, to remain home. It is still the student's responsibility to be aware of any specific attendance policy that their professor might have set in the course syllabus. In particular, Students attending remotely from distant Time Zones should check with their professors about the specific attendance policy for remote learners.

Attendance at all exams is mandatory.

IN ALL CASES OF MISSED COURSE MEETINGS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE PROFESSOR, AND FOR ARRANGING TO MAKE UP MISSED WORK, RESTS SOLELY WITH THE STUDENT.

Whether an absence is excused or not is ALWAYS up to the discretion of the professor or the department. Unexcused absences can result in a low or failing participation grade. In the case of excessive absences, it is up to the professor or the department to decide if the student will receive an "F" for the course. An instructor may recommend that a student withdraw, if absences have made it impossible to continue in the course at a satisfactory level.

Students must be mindful of this policy when making their travel arrangements, and especially during the Drop/Add and Exam Periods.

Grading Policy

Class participation and class preparation (10%)

Mid-term home exam (20%)

Presentation (20%)

Final paper (50%)

Other
