

Preliminary Program - IHL

DAY	SESSION	DESCRIPTION
Sunday, May 24th, 2015	Afternoon session: “Review of public international law”	<i>Mandatory for non-law students as well as law students who are taking the course for credit.</i>
	Evening: <i>Reception</i>	
Monday, May 25th, 2015	Morning session: “Introduction to International Humanitarian Law”	<i>This session will examine the philosophical and historical development of humanitarian law as well as its main goals notably to spare those who do not participate in hostility as well as limiting the violence to the amount necessary to achieve the aim of the conflict. It will further examine the relationship between jus ad bellum and jus in bello. This session will also examine the main sources of IHL and when, where, and to whom it applies</i>
	Afternoon session: “Interactive exercise on the qualification of conflicts and their consequences”	<i>Working in groups, participants will prepare case studies of recent armed conflicts and discuss current legal issues through an interactive discussion with the professor. The objective is to realize the difficulty and importance of the qualification of a situation as an armed conflict; armed conflicts as international or non-international and the implications of these qualifications for the legal protection of persons affected by armed conflicts.</i>
Tuesday, May 26th, 2015	Morning session: “Protection of civilians, including protection of women and children”	<i>This session will examine the protection afforded civilians under international humanitarian law. This will include a presentation of the rules that safeguard civilians against the effects of hostilities and the rules that protect civilians who fall into the hands of the enemy. Participants will consider and discuss the special IHL provisions that seek to protect women and children</i>
	Afternoon session: “Combatant Status and Protection of Prisoners of War”	<i>This session will examine who is to be considered a combatant in international armed conflict as well as the notion of “direct participation in hostilities” under IHL and the protections which are afforded to those who are detained under that status. It will further examine what are the protections granted to prisoners of war as well as look into the issue of terrorism and its potential categorization under IHL.</i>
	Evening: <i>Pub night</i>	
Wednesday, May 27th, 2015	Morning session: “Means and Methods of Warfare” “Conduct of Hostilities”	<i>This session will explore what means and methods of warfare are permitted and prohibited by IHL and particularly “Hague law”. It will especially examine how and why certain tactics and weapons have been outlawed.</i>
	Afternoon session: “Command responsibility”.	

	<i>Review and prep for simulation exercise</i>	
	Evening: <i>Film and pizza</i>	
Thursday, May 28th, 2015	Full day session: <i>“Simulation”</i>	<i>Full day simulation</i>
Friday, May 29th, 2015	Morning session: <i>“International Criminal Law”</i>	<i>Introduction to International Criminal Law. It will first look into its historical development after World War Two with the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials, the experience of ad hoc tribunals such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, and move into the present day by examining the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court. Three crimes will be explored at length, looking into the elements of the crimes namely, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide.</i>
	Afternoon session: <i>“Review of simulation; Ethical challenges in professional conduct; career paths”</i>	