



Gujarat National Law University

Certificate Course

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW & EMERGING DOMAINS OF WARFARE

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ABOUT GNLU



THE GNLU VISION

Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), a premier national law university established under the Gujarat National Law University Act, 2003, is committed to excellence in legal education, research, and policy development. As a hub for interdisciplinary and forward-looking scholarship, GNLU actively engages with emerging challenges at the intersection of law, technology, and global governance. In line with its vision to shape socially responsible and globally relevant legal professionals, we are offering this Certificate Course to equip learners with the critical legal tools needed to navigate the future of armed conflict in the digital age.

EXPLORE HOW IHL MEETS AI



As New technologies redefine the contours of armed conflict, this course aims to provides critical insights into how IHL adapts, applies, and sometimes struggles to keep pace.

DECODE MODERN CONFLICT THROUGH THE LENS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.



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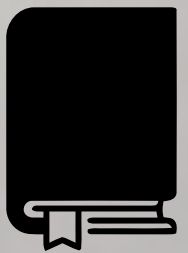
COURSE DESCRIPTION

The regulation of human conduct has long been a cornerstone of civilised society. However, human progress has never followed a linear path. The formal body of rules developed to govern the conduct of hostilities is known as International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Technological innovation has dramatically transformed the nature of warfare. The very tools that have enabled growth and connectivity have simultaneously been harnessed to cause mass destruction. Consequently, legal frameworks developed in response to the technologies of earlier eras now struggle to address the realities of modern conflict.

This certificate course offers a comprehensive exploration of IHL and its evolving interface with contemporary warfare domains, namely cyber operations, artificial intelligence, and outer space. Through ten intensive sessions, participants will gain a foundational understanding of IHL, analyze how modern and non-traditional means of warfare challenge existing legal norms, and evaluate emerging frameworks to address legal accountability and protection of civilians in these new frontiers.

The sessions are designed to emphasize the role of multistakeholder collaboration in shaping responsible norms and frameworks around technological conflict. It will explore how governments, international organisations, the private tech sector, academia, and civil society can build interoperable systems to ensure the ethical development and deployment of technologies in warfare. Discussions will focus on building digital trust, enhancing legal compliance through cross-sectoral cooperation, and embedding humanitarian safeguards into policy design.

COURSE OBJECTIVES



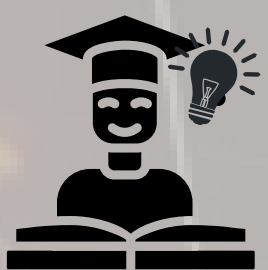
To provide a foundational understanding of IHL and its core principles.

To critically assess how modern warfare departs from conventional state-centric conflict model



To analyze how technological advancements (cyber warfare, AI, and space technologies) intersect with and challenge traditional IHL frameworks.

To explore how international law responds to the weaponization of digital and autonomous systems.



To develop the ability to evaluate legal arguments and policy proposals concerning emerging technologies in armed conflict.

To facilitate action planning through collaborative discussions and interactive activities.



COURSE OUTCOMES

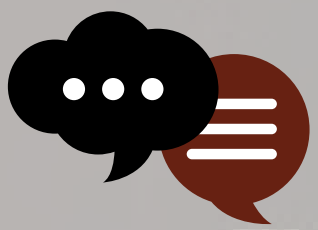


BUILD EXPERTISE

Learn principles of IHL, building digital trust, legal compliance through cross-sectoral cooperation

POLICY APPLICATION

Apply IHL principles to contemporary and emerging forms of warfare.

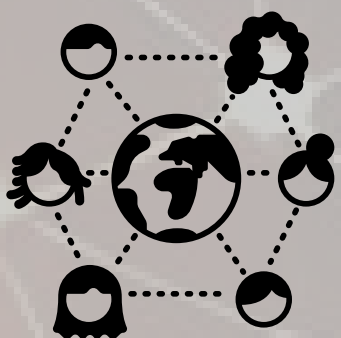


DEVELOP STRATEGIES

Equipped to map action plan for issues of attribution, state responsibility, and protection of civilians in technologically driven conflicts

BUILD YOUR VOICE

Enhanced participants' professional credentials



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY

Access to networking opportunities with experts and peers working in law, technology, and policy.

COURSE OUTLINE

Day 1

IHL, Modern Warfare & New Age Technologies (4 hours)

- 1.1. Introduction to IHL**
- 1.2. Application of IHL Principles**

Day 2

Applying IHL in the Modern Battlespace (6 hours)

- 2.1. Understanding Modern Warfare**
- 2.2. Cyber Warfare & IHL**
- 2.3. AI & IHL**
- 2.4. Space & IHL**

Day 3

Promoting Digital Solidarity (4 hours)

- 3.1. Adapting the Legal Framework to New Technologies**
- 3.2. Charting the Future of IHL in Tech-Driven Conflicts**
- 3.3. Assessment & Evaluation**

ABOUT INSTRUCTORS



Dr. Niyati Pandey
Assistant Professor of Law
Gujarat National Law University

Dr. Niyati Pandey has been a gold medallist in both her undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Dr. Pandey has pursued extensive academic and practical work in the field of international humanitarian law (IHL), including her thesis on a core area within IHL.

Dr. Pandey brings a rich blend of academic scholarship and field engagement to the course. She has significant experience teaching IHL to diverse audiences, including armed forces personnel and judge advocate general (JAG) officers of the Indian Air Force, across various professional and academic platforms. Her teaching approach is known for blending doctrinal clarity with real-world applicability, making complex legal regimes both accessible and engaging.

With her deep commitment to the discipline and a strong research background, Dr. Pandey will offer participants an insightful exploration of how IHL adapts to new theatres of warfare, including cyber operations, autonomous weapons systems, and other emerging domains. Her sessions will guide learners through not only the legal frameworks but also the ethical, operational, and strategic dimensions of humanitarian law in modern conflict.



Ms. Anamika Shukla
Assistant Professor of Law
Gujarat National Law University

Ms. Anamika Shukla holds a gold medal in Technology Laws and brings with her a distinctive interdisciplinary expertise that bridges law, technology, and international affairs. With a strong academic foundation and a deep understanding of emerging technologies like AI and digital infrastructures, she critically examines their intersection with society, ethics, and the law.

She has conducted Faculty Development Programs on AI in the legal field and led training sessions for law enforcement personnel, including police officers and armed forces officers, with a recent focus on cyber fraud and digital forensics. An invited speaker and guest chair at national and international conferences, Ms. Shukla is also a regular columnist on contemporary technology law issues and contributes to critical dialogues on technology governance, ethics, and policy.

Her sessions promise to offer rich insights into how emerging technologies are reshaping the laws of war, the ethical challenges they present, and the evolving landscape of international humanitarian norms.

Who may attend?

Students, Research Scholars, Practitioners,
Academics, Professionals in relevant disciplines.

Course Fees

Students: 2500 INR ; Research Scholars: 3000 INR
Professionals: 5000 INR

Accommodation Details

May be provided on payment of additional tariff as
applicable within the GNLU campus on
first-cum-first-serve basis (Subject to availability).

Mode of Instruction: Offline, On Campus

Timing: 9.30 am to 5.30 pm

Evaluation: MCQ Test

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