

MODULE OUTLINE

(1) GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL	Humanities	
PROGRAM	Language Education for Refugees and Migrants	
LEVEL OF STUDY	Postgraduate	
MODULE CODE	LRM61	YEAR OF STUDY 3
MODULE TITLE	Human Rights and International Law for Refugees and Migrants	
INDEPENDENT LEARNING ACTIVITIES	LEARNING HOURS	CREDITS
13 weeks x 21.5h / week	273-286	10 ECTS
MODULE TYPE	Compulsory	
PREREQUISITE MODULES	None	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AND EXAMINATIONS	English	
THE MODULE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes	
MODULE WEBSITE (URL)	https://www.eap.gr/en/language-education-for-refugees-and-immigrants/topics/#l61	

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes

After the completion of this module, students are expected to:

- **acquire** in-depth knowledge of current developments in human rights, refugee and migrant rights and international law
- **understand** the complex nature of forced migration and refugeehood
- **develop** a solid understanding of theories, concepts and methods concerning forced migration and refugees
- **conduct** small scale research in diverse environments
- **discuss** the role of law and legal institutions in international and transnational relations
- **identify** and **critically discuss** the procedures and practice of international human rights bodies
- **develop** and/or **expand** reading skills (skimming, scanning)

General Competences

- Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information using appropriate technologies
- Adapting to new situations
- Individual/Independent work
- Critical thinking
- Group/Team work
- Working in an international environment
- Working in an interdisciplinary environment
- Respect for diversity and multiculturalism
- Social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues
- Introduction of innovative research

(3) COURSE CONTENT

Migration is one of the most crucial social issues in Europe and other regions of the world today. Migrants and Refugees' human rights are significantly challenged. The goal of this module is to provide students with a theoretical and practical background concerning human rights and international law for migrants and refugees. Students will discuss the notion of human rights, its scopes and content, and will be introduced to EU and ECHR Migration and Refugee Law. They will also discuss forced migration in an historical and human perspective and will be encouraged to reflect on the role of European institutions and international human rights bodies concerning forced migration and refugeehood.

Key content areas

- Human Rights: History and Scope of a Concept
- EU and ECHR Migration and Refugee Law
- Asylum and the Rights of Refugees: Case Studies
- Europe as a Fortress and the Construction of Illegality

(4) TEACHING & ASSESSMENT METHODS

MODES OF DELIVERY	Distance learning, including self-directed study and assessed coursework supported by THREE (3) Group Counseling Meetings (GCMs) during the academic semester on weekends.	
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY	Use of ICT in teaching, communication with students, and activities (evaluation and optional)	
COURSE DESIGN	Activity/Method	Semester workload
	3 Group Counseling Meetings (x 4 hours)	12
	Obligatory evaluation activities (3 activities x 3 hours)	9
	Short essay (1 essay x 10 hours)	10
	Final essay (1 essay x 40 hours)	40
	Individual study	208.5
	Final essay presentation	30'
	Total workload (hours)	280
STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION/ASSESSMENT METHODS	<p>There is no provision for written exams at this postgraduate programme. A student is considered to have successfully completed a module when:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three (3) evaluation activities (EAs) have been completed, from the ones that accompany every study week at courses learning platform. Evaluation activities are taken into consideration for the calculation of the module's final grade, with a total weighting of 18%, i.e., every activity accounts for 6% of the final grade. Specifically, six (6) evaluation activities are offered, from which students must select and submit three (3). 2. The Short Essay must be completed and submitted. The evaluation of the short essay is taken into consideration for the calculation of the module's final grade; its weight is 22%. 3. The Final Essay has been completed and presented. The evaluation of the short essay is taken into consideration for the calculation of the module final grade; its weight is 60%. After being submitted, the final essay must be presented by the student a day and at a time that will be announced at courses learning platform. The presentation of the essay takes place online, is compulsory and accounts for 10% of the essay's grade (i.e., 9 marks are given for the manuscript and 1 for the presentation, i.e., maximum grade 10). A successfully completed essay should have a grade equal to, or larger than, 5 (≥ 5). <p>The grades for education activities (i.e., evaluation activities, the short essay) are credited only when a student has received a grade equal to, or larger than, 5 (≥ 5) at the Final Essay.</p> <p>The final grade for every module, on a 10-grade scale, is calculated as follows:</p>	

$$\text{Final module grade} = (EA1 \times 0.06) + (EA2 \times 0.06) + (EA3 \times 0.06) + (SE \times 0.22) + (FE \times 0.6)$$

These criteria are according to the Regulation of Studies of HOU (<https://www.eap.gr/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/kanonismos-spoudwn-isxys-apo-to-didaktiko-etos-2022-2023.pdf>) which are uploaded at HOU's website <https://www.eap.gr/education/odigos-spoudwn-eap> and at the digital space (courses) of the modules

(5) SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Selected academic journals

- *International Journal of Human Rights* <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fjhr20/>
- *Journal of Human Rights Practice* <https://academic.oup.com/jhrp>
- *European Journal of Migration and Law* <https://brill.com/view/journals/emil/emil-overview.xml>

Selected references

- European Asylum Support Office (EASO): <https://www.easo.europa.eu/>
- European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO COMMISSION DG): <http://ec.europa.eu/echo/>
- European Commission. Family reunification. Migration and Home Affairs. Available at: https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/legal-migration/family-reunification_en
- European Committee for the prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) factsheet March 2017 Immigration detention, <https://rm.coe.int/16806fbf12>
- European Court of Human Rights, Chowdury and Others v. Greece, 30 March 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/anti-trafficking/case-law/chowdury-and-others-v-greece-0_en
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- European Network of Migrant Women, EU Migration and Asylum Pact through the eyes of a woman, 2020. <http://www.migrantwomennetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/MIGRATION-PACT-THROUGH-THE-EYES-OF-A-WOMAN.pdf>
- European Network on Statelessness, No child should be stateless: Ensuring the right to a nationality for children in migration in Europe, 2020 https://www.statelessness.eu/sites/default/files/2020-09/ENS_Right-to-a-nationality-for-children-in-migration.pdf
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Council of Europe, 2020, Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration, https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2020-handbook-law-asylum-migration-borders-2020-ed_en.pdf.
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Council of Europe, 2020, Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration, 131-133. https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/fra-2020-handbook-law-asylum-migration-borders-2020-ed_en.pdf
- Fact sheet: A summary of the rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989, UNICEF. [Available at: https://www.unicef.org/crc/files/Rights_overview.pdf]
- FRA report: Fundamental rights of refugees, asylum applicants and migrants at the European borders, 2020 <https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2020/fundamental-rights-refugees-asylum-applicants-and-migrants-european-borders>
- Gender-based Asylum Claims and Non-Refoulement: Articles 60 and 61 of the Istanbul Convention: A collection of papers on the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, 2019. <https://rm.coe.int/conventionistanbularticle60-61-web/1680995244>
- Handbook on European law relating to asylum, borders and immigration- Edition 2020, FRA [Available at <http://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2013/handbook-european-law-relating-asylum-borders-and-immigration>]

Hathaway, J. C., & Foster, M. (2014). *The law of refugee status* (2nd ed.). Cambridge University Press