

Module Details	
Module Title	Immigration and Refugee Law
Module Code	LAW7023-B
Academic Year	2021/2
Credits	20
School	School of Law
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 7

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Directed Study	176
Lectures	24

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 2

Module Aims
<p>The module builds on a range of theoretical perspectives that enable students to critically interrogate the origins of, and current developments, in international refugee and migration law. Students will engage with caselaw and policy documents, as well as key academic texts to acquire both sound knowledge of the law and critical awareness of the biases, gaps and challenges in the current system.</p>

Outline Syllabus
<p>Introduction to core concepts, such as sovereignty, nationality and statelessness; International refugee law, including its regional dimensions; Trafficking and smuggling; The rights of migrants, with a particular focus on migrant workers; Broader questions of global refugee and migration law and policy.</p>

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Evaluate the various sources, institutions and procedures in the field of international migration and asylum law.
02	Critically appraise the theoretical debates in the field and engage in critical legal analysis of the practice of judicial and other institutions.
03	Critically reflect on the role of the law in shaping the experiences of migrants and asylum seekers, including the protection of their rights.
04	Carry out independent research in the field of international migration and asylum law and policy using both library-based and electronic resources.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
<p>You will attend a weekly 2 hour seminars focusing on a particular topic. For each of the seminars you will be asked to carry out some preparatory work which is likely to include reading articles, book chapters and primary legal materials. Your preparation will also include independently researching questions set. During the seminars there may be some lecture input and you will be asked to discuss your preparation and work in groups or individually to critique additional materials, debate questions and analyse primary law. There will be follow up work after most seminars to consolidate your learning and help you develop the criticality required at this level.</p> <p>Your work will be supported by the use of the Virtual Learning Environment where you will find relevant materials.</p> <p>You will be assessed by coursework only in this module. This assessment will take the form of critical analysis of existing legal instruments and case law and you will be required to explain your approach. This assessment will test your knowledge and understanding of theoretical perspectives and approaches to law and legal reasoning while allowing you to choose a legal area relevant to this module and your own interests.</p>

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Essay or critique. 0-4000 words	100%
Formative	Not assessed	Pre submission hand in. 1000 words	N/A

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

This module descriptor has been published in advance of the academic year to which it applies. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information is accurate at the time of publication, but minor changes may occur given the interval between publishing and commencement of teaching. Upon commencement of the module, students will receive a handbook with further detail about the module and any changes will be discussed and/or communicated at this point.

