Bachelor of Arts: International Justice

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR

In this major, students are introduced to the foundations, sources, normative concepts (e.g. fairness and legality), and structure of the international justice system (e.g. war crime trials and truth commissions). Using this base, students can engage with contemporary international justice issues such as refugees and asylum, gender and conflict, legal and economic integration, transnational crimes such as human trafficking, climate change, sustainable development, and natural resource exploitation in the commons i.e. the high seas. The major also explores liability for crimes (e.g. genocide and other human rights violations), as well as exemptions from punishment, and dispute settlement between states.

MAJOR TRACKS:
- International Law
- Human Rights and Security
- Integration and Statehood

What can the future hold?

Graduates of International Justice may go on to work at:
- Development Agencies
- Law Firms
- Human Rights NGOs
- Government
- Consultancies

Some examples of what alumni have done include:
- LLM in International Law—University of Oxford
- PhD Law of the Sea—Arctic University, Norway
- LLM Human Rights—University of Essex

This major might be for you if you question things like....

- Is international law a help or hindrance in the current refugee crisis?
- Why has there been such a weak international legal response to climate change?
- Who is liable if a fully autonomous weapon (e.g. a drone) commits mass atrocity?

Cris van Eijk
USA
Class of 2017

“I see HD as an important part of a lot of different ways of thinking about the world’s challenges and this is why I chose it as a major. There are a lot of curious, critical and kind people here and conversations really get moving in class. ‘What is culture?’ was my favourite course because it drew on all kinds of texts and philosophies to talk about the weird cultural conventions and myths we live under.”
The Major Overview below will help you understand how the “track” system works at LUC The Hague, and how by choosing specific tracks you will gain knowledge and expertise in different areas. Though the Liberal Arts and Sciences curriculum will always allow you to have space for electives, the majors and tracks will enable you to have structure within your major.

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