

Course Title : International Criminal Law

Code	Course Type	Regular Semester	Lecture (hours/week)	Seminar (hours/week)	Lab (hours/week)	Credits	ECTS
LAW 436	B	2	4	0	0	4.00	6
Lecturer and Office Hours			Ardita Alsula, PhD				
Teaching Assistant and Office Hours							
Language			Albanian				
Course Level			Master				
Description			This course aims to provide an overview of the international Criminal Law, main actors in the International Criminal Proceedings, elements of criminal proceedings, organization of the International Criminal Court as a sole organ to provide justice and its case law. In addition, this course will deal also with the types of criminal liability and its enforcement.				
Objectives			By completing this class, participants should be able to understand criminal legal system, especially with a deep knowledge in international criminal law and its case law, challenges of the applicability in the 21st century and to gain an experience of the protection of the Human Rights in the Criminal Proceedings. In addition, students will be able to understand how the international criminal law has been applied in the case law as an instrument to provide justice.				

Course Outline

Week	Topics
1	International criminal law: General introduction.
2	Historical development of international criminal law
3	International, hybrid and national criminal courts trying international crimes
4	Genocide
5	Crimes against humanity
6	War crimes
7	Aggression
8	Midterm Exam
9	General principles of international criminal law
10	Modes of liability in international criminal law
11	Defences and other grounds for excluding liability
12	Organisation of the international tribunals and general principles governing international proceedings
13	Prosecution before the international courts and tribunals. Stages of the proceedings (investigation, trial, sentencing, penalties, appeal)
14	Witnesses and victims in the international criminal proceedings
15	Cooperation and mutual legal assistance in international criminal law
16	Final Exam
Prerequisites	
Textbook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jola Xhafo, E drejta penale nderkombetare, (Tiranë: GEER 2014) International Criminal Law Manual (International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute, May 2010) William Schabas, An Introduction to the International Criminal Court (Cambridge University Press, 2004)

Other References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iryna Marchuk, The Fundamental Concept of Crime in International Criminal Law (Springer Heidelberg, 2014) • Kai Ambos, Treatise on International Criminal Law, Volume II: The Crimes and Sentencing, (Oxford University Press, 2014) • Ilias Bantekas and Susan Nash, International Criminal Law - Third edition (Routledge-Cavendish, 2007) • Office of Public Counsel for Victims, Representing Victims before the International Criminal Court. A Manual for legal representatives • Ismet Salihu, • International criminal law and practice. Training materials. (Developed by International Criminal Law Services)
Laboratory Work	
Computer Usage	
Other	

Learning Outcomes and Competences

1	The course should enable students to gain a deep understanding of both the substantial and procedural international criminal law
2	The course should enable students to understand and analyze the international crimes and their elements.
3	The course should enable students to gain a deep understanding on international criminal tribunals and their jurisdictions.
4	The course should enable students to solve concrete legal problems relating to the interpretation and application of International Criminal Law, internationally and domestically

Course Evaluation Methods

In-term studies	Quantity	Percentage
Midterms	1	40
Quizzes	0	0
Projects	0	0
Term Projects	0	0
Laboratory	0	0
Attendance	1	15
Contribution of in-term studies to overall grade		55
Contribution of final examination to overall grade		45
Total		100

ECTS (Allocated Based on Student) Workload

Activities	Quantity	Duration (hours)	Total Workload (hours)
Course Duration (Including the exam week : 16 x Total course hours)	16	4	64
Hours for off-the-classroom study (Pre-study, practice)	14	4	56
Assignments	0	0	0
Midterms	1	10	10
Final examination	1	20	20
Other	0	0	0
Total Work Load			150
Total Work Load / 25 (hours)			6

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