

Module Title:	International Law: War, Crimes and Justice			
Study Level:	Bachelor-Programs (all fields), 3 rd Semester+ & Master-Programs			
Semesters:	Fall 2023			
Course Title	Field	Semester	ECTS	Lecturer
International Criminal Law	Law	Fall Semester 2023	8	Raphael Oidtmann
International Humanitarian Law – the law of armed conflict	Law	Fall Semester 2023	8	Mareie Manders
			16	Total ECTS

This module explores the intersection of international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and human rights in times of armed conflict and humanitarian crises. Drawing on both the course “International Criminal Law” and the course “International Humanitarian Law / the law of armed conflict”, this module provides a comprehensive understanding of the legal frameworks that underpin international justice, and the challenges and opportunities that arise in this context.

In the first course “International Criminal Law”, students will examine the theoretical foundations and historical sources of international criminal law, as well as the ad-hoc tribunals of the 1990s and the International Criminal Court (ICC) as the first permanent international organization addressing matters of international criminal justice. The course will also address material law aspects, such as crimes against humanity, war crimes, piracy, and terrorism, and related questions, such as immunity from prosecution, modes of liability, and the interdependencies between national and international judicial spheres.

In the second course “International Humanitarian Law / the law of armed conflict”, students will explore the development and basic concepts of international humanitarian law (IHL), which seeks to limit the effects of armed conflict by protecting those who are not participating in hostilities and those who are no longer participating in hostilities. They will learn about the most important documents governing armed conflict and how to apply them, as well as consider the challenges posed to the application of IHL in armed conflicts. The course will also focus on the new developments in IHL, including the emergence of new forms of armed conflicts and the development and use of new technologies in armed conflict.

Throughout the module, students will engage with case studies and contemporary examples from around the world. They will be encouraged to reflect critically on the effectiveness and limitations of international justice mechanisms in promoting accountability, protecting human rights, and contributing to sustainable peace. Students will develop a nuanced understanding of the complex issues at the intersection of international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and human rights in times of armed conflict and humanitarian crises and will be equipped with the analytical tools to engage in critical debates about the role of international justice in promoting peace, justice, and human dignity.

1	Code	
2	Title of the course	International Criminal Law
3	Cycle: short/first/second/third (or EQF level 5/6/7/8)	Bachelor-Programs (all fields), 3 rd Semester+ & Master-Programs
4	Year of study when the course is delivered (if applicable)	
5	Semester (autumn/winter or spring/summer) or trimester when the component is delivered	Fall Semester 2023
6	Number of ECTS credits allocated	8
7	Name(s) of lecturer(s), e-mail(s) of the lecturer(s)	Raphael Oidtmann
8	Learning outcomes	<p>Students are expected to gain knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept, history, and institutional dimension of international criminal law • The notion of international crimes (genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, crime of aggression) • The discussions surrounding 'new' international crimes, e.g. ecocide • International criminal procedure law, modes of perpetration, and forms of (evading) responsibility • The interplay of international criminal justice and international politics, e.g. in the context of immunity for heads of state and government. • The institutional landscape of contemporary international criminal law and justice • The most relevant case law rendered by different international criminal courts and tribunals • Contemporary and future challenges for international criminal law, especially in the context of the War in Ukraine
9	Mode of delivery: face-to-face, online (distance) or hybrid (both on campus and online in the same time)	Hybrid
10	Prerequisites or/and co-requisites for the course (if applicable)	Bachelor-Programs (all fields), 3 rd Semester+ & Master-Programs

11	Course content <i>(Please provide a list of basic topics, covered by the course)</i>	<p>One of the most significant developments both in international law and international relations throughout the last two decades has been the (re-)emergence of an international legal order based on a robust interpretation of the concept of international criminal justice. By establishing both international and hybrid criminal courts addressing international core crimes such as genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, the international community has demonstrated an ever more growing commitment to end impunity for the most heinous crimes affecting mankind as a whole and to hold those bearing individual criminal responsibility personally liable.</p> <p>This course aims at providing students with a fundamental understanding of this increasingly important realm of public international law. Thus, in a first approach, an overview both of international criminal law's theoretical foundation as well as its historical sources will be provided. Adjacent, focus will be given to the ad-hoc tribunals of the 1990s (such as the International Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia) and most prominently to the International Criminal Court (ICC) as the first permanent international organization addressing matters of international criminal justice.</p> <p>Complementary to this institutional approach, the second part of the course will address both material as well as procedural law aspects: Besides the abovementioned crimes as stipulated in the Rome Statute forming the International Criminal Court, attention will be given to further international crimes such as piracy or terrorism. Additionally, questions such as immunity from prosecution for heads of state or government, modes of liability, interdependencies between the national and international judicial sphere and notions of state sovereignty will be addressed throughout the course.</p>
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12	Required and/or recommended reading, learning resources or tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cassese, Antonio (2013): Cassese's International Criminal Law (OUP; 3rd ed.) • Cryer, Robert, Darryl Robinson & Sergey Vasilev (2019): An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure (CUP, 4th ed) • Guilfoyle, Douglas (2016): International Criminal Law (OUP) • O'Keefe, Roger (2017): International Criminal Law (OUP) • Schabas, William (ed.) (2016): The Cambridge Companion to International Criminal Law (CUP) • Stahn, Carsten (2019): A Critical Introduction to International Criminal Law (CUP) • Werle, Gerhard & Florian Jessberger (2020): Principles of International Criminal Law (OUP; 4th ed.) <p>Required reading materials will be provided electronically.</p>
13	Learning activities and teaching methods	The course will include illustrations and class discussions of real-world scenarios and current conflicts.
14	Assessment methods and assessment criteria	Assessment for this course will consist of a research paper (c. 4,000 words)
15	Language of instruction	English
16	Name and Code of the University, offering the course	University of Mannheim
17	Degree Program(s) or field	Law
18	Tag: CWE = Consortium wide elective (= e.g. courses open to all ISCED codes)	CWE

1	Code	
2	Title of the course	International Humanitarian Law / The law of armed conflict
3	Cycle: short/first/second/third (<i>or EQF level 5/6/7/8</i>)	Bachelor-Programs (all fields), 3 rd Semester+ & Master-Programs
4	Year of study when the course is delivered (<i>if applicable</i>)	
5	Semester (autumn/winter or spring/summer) or trimester when the component is delivered	Fall Semester 2023
6	Number of ECTS credits allocated	8
7	Name(s) of lecturer(s), e-mail(s) of the lecturer(s)	Marelle Manders
8	Learning outcomes	<p>Students are expected to gain knowledge of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application of International Humanitarian Law in different types of armed conflicts • The means and methods of armed conflict • Protection of civilians • Combatant status and its implications • Protection of Prisoners of War during armed conflicts • Protection of cultural property in armed conflict • The environment and armed conflict • The rules regarding weapons in armed conflict • New developments and technologies in armed conflicts
9	Mode of delivery: face-to-face, online (distance) or hybrid (<i>both on campus and online in the same time</i>)	Hybrid
10	Prerequisites or/and co-requisites for the course (<i>if applicable</i>)	Bachelor-Programs (all fields), 3 rd Semester+ & Master-Programs

11	Course content (<i>Please provide a list of basic topics, covered by the course</i>)	<p>International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is a body of rules that seeks to limit the effects of armed conflict. IHL protects those who are not participating in hostilities, and those who are no longer participating in hostilities. This body of law imposes limits on the methods and means of warfare. IHL forms part of public international law and is largely based on treaties and rules of customary international law.</p> <p>In this course the development as well as the basic concepts of IHL will be explored. Students will be introduced to the most important documents governing armed conflict, learn how to apply these and will consider the challenges posed to the application of IHL in armed conflicts. A large part of the course will focus on the new developments in IHL including the emergence of new forms of armed conflicts and the development and use of new technologies in armed conflict.</p>
12	Required and/or recommended reading, learning resources or tools	<p>Saul & Akande "The Oxford guide to International Humanitarian Law" (2020) Oxford University Press;</p> <p>Crawford & Pert "International Humanitarian Law" 2nd Edition Cambridge University Press";</p> <p>Solis "The Law of Armed Conflict" 3rd edition, Cambridge University Press</p>
13	Learning activities and teaching methods	The course will include illustrations and class discussions of real-world scenarios and current conflicts.
14	Assessment methods and assessment criteria	Assessment for this course will consist of one presentation and one open book exam.
15	Language of instruction	English
16	Name and Code of the University, offering the course	University of Mannheim
17	Degree Program(s) or field	Law
18	Tag: CWE = Consortium wide elective (= e.g. courses open to all ISCED codes)	CWE