

# Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**International Criminal Law**  
**Internationell straffrätt**

**15.0 Higher Education  
Credits**  
**15.0 ECTS credits**

<b>Course code:</b>	JU440A
<b>Valid from:</b>	Spring 2024
<b>Date of approval:</b>	2017-02-08
<b>Changed:</b>	2023-05-31
<b>Department</b>	Department of Law
<b>Main field:</b>	Legal Science
<b>Specialisation:</b>	A1N - Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

## Decision

Approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law (by delegation) on 8 February 2017. Revised by decision of the Department Board (by delegation) on 30 January 2019, 3 February 2020 and 31 May 2023.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

elective courses, i.e. received pass grades for compulsory courses of at least 150 credits within the law program including the courses in criminal law and public international law. Exchange students admitted by the Department of Law at Stockholm University can also attend the course.

## Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
0100	International Criminal Law	15

## Course content

The course focuses on national and international features of states criminal jurisdiction. The course includes the development of international criminal law, core concepts (i.e. international crimes, grave breaches of international humanitarian law, individual criminal responsibility, state responsibility for violations of international law) and criminal proceedings at international courts (the International Criminal Court - ICC, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia - ICTY), hybrid (national and international) courts (Sierra Leone, Cambodia) and national courts (Iraq, Belgium). The course is on an advanced level compared to similar elements in the previous mandatory course of the law program, and students will to a greater extent find and evaluate legal sources as well as scholarly debate.

### Learning outcomes

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- demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of international criminal law, in particular when it comes to concepts international crimes and mechanisms for enforcement, alternative mechanisms and international criminal procedure.

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- apply and interpret legal norms in the various areas of the course,
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to systematically, critically and independently identify, formulate and
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one's conclusions in English, orally and in writing.

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#### Education

The language of instruction is English. The course starts with an introductory lecture, the aim of which is to provide general orientation within the subject area. Following this introduction, each component of the course is then discussed separately. Each subject area may consist of lectures as well as seminars.

During the course, students will make an inquiry into a concrete legal problem. This inquiry is presented in written form as an essay. There will also be a moot court exercise, which consists of written motions as well as an oral trial hearing.

Participation in the moot court and seminars is mandatory. Participation in other parts of the course is voluntary. The course director may grant a general exemption from the attendance requirement in accordance with the regulations for examinations adopted by the Faculty of Law's education committee. Such a general exemption cannot extend to the moot court. Exemptions are otherwise solely granted if the student has a lawful excuse, in which case the student should complete a pedagogically equivalent assignment as compensation for his or her absence. No exemption from attendance will be granted for the moot court. More details about the scope and structure of the course are found in the course description.

#### Forms of examination

The course's learning outcomes are assessed through the individual essay, written submissions, participation in the oral main proceedings of the moot court, as well as the final exam. In order to pass the course, students must pass all course components. The final grade in the course is weighted as follows: 30% from the individual essay, 20% from the written submissions, 10% from of the moot court and 40% from the final exam. More details about how grades are weighted are also given in the course description. If a written assignment or essay is handed in after the given deadline, points will be deducted.

Assessment criteria for the individual essay, the written submissions and the moot court are:

- The memorandum has been submitted on time
- Structure and presentation
- Method and material
- Insight into the subject and factual knowledge
- Argumentation and conclusions
- Independence and analysis
- Language
- Sources and formal requirements
- Oral presentation and ability to give and respond to criticism in a relevant manner

In order to pass the course, students must achieve all intended learning outcomes. The language of examination is English.

The final course grade is set using the following scale: Pass with Distinction (AB), Pass with Credit (BA),

Pass (B) or Fail (U).

Students are entitled upon request to receive grades according to the seven-point ECTS scale. The request is to be submitted by the student a week before the examination in a manner that has been established by the Department of Law. The grade according to the seven-point scale is then valid instead of the regular grade. Passing grades according to the seven-point scale are: A (Excellent), B (Very Good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory) and E (Adequate). Failing grades are Fx (Inadequate) or F (Totally Inadequate). A student with a certificate of special pedagogical support issued by Stockholm University has the right to alternative/accommodated forms of examination in accordance with the certificate.

### **Misc**

Completed course requirements are valid for two years. This also applies to students who drop the course during the early course withdrawal period.

The course requirements in effect at the time of the student's first registration on the course may be completed within two years. After two years, the course requirements included in the most recently revised syllabus will apply.

Entry into force

These provisions will apply as of 15 January 2024.

### **Required reading**

The course literature will be determined by the head of department. Please refer to the course website and the course description for information about the required reading. The current reading list will be made available at least two months before the course starts.