

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

**International Criminal Law
Internationell straffrätt**

**15.0 Higher Education
Credits
15.0 ECTS credits**

Course code:	JU440B
Valid from:	Autumn 2017
Date of approval:	2017-02-08
Department	Department of Law
Main field:	Legal Science
Specialisation:	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 2017-02-08.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

For access to lectures and examination, the student must fulfil the general requirement for admission to 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, the students will to a greater extent find and evaluate legal sources as well as scholarly debate.

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- demonstrate 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

Skills and abilities

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- apply and interpret legal norms in the various areas of the course
- identify, formulate and analyze legal issues concerning international criminal law in a systematic, critical

and independent way
- investigate and present conclusions in English

Ability to evaluate and the undertaken approach

After completing the course, the student should be able to:

- assess international criminal law with academic, extra-legal and societal perspectives, including societal factors which have contributed to the formation of the norms relevant for the course.

Education

The course covers a period of 10 weeks and is in English. The course starts with an introductory lecture with the purpose of giving a general overview of the course. Thereafter the course will deal with separate subject areas. 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.

More specific details on the scope and design of the education will be provided in the course teaching syllabus.

Forms of examination

Examination is based on the individual essay, participation in seminars, drafting of motions, participation in oral hearing of the moot court exercise and a written exam. In order to pass you need to pass each of these activities. Participation in seminars is graded pass/fail, all of the remaining activities are graded and considered for the overall course grade. A more detailed description of the grading criteria can be found in the course's teaching syllabus.

In order to pass the course all learning outcomes should be satisfied.

The written exam will take place approximately at the end of the course. Students who fail the regular written examination are given the opportunity for re-examination.

The examination is in English.

The seven-grade scale uses the following grades: A (Excellent), B (Very good), C (Good), D (Satisfactory) or E (Sufficient). Failing grades are Fx (Insufficient) and F (Wholly insufficient).

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Completed compulsory assignments are valid for two years. This also applies in cases where a student deregisters from the course by withdrawing.

A student has the right - for a period of two years after registration - to invoke the course requirements contained in the course syllabus applicable at the time the student first registered for the course.

Effective date

These provisions will apply as of 2017-08-28.

Required reading

Course literature is to be approved by the Head of the Department of Law. For more information about course literature, see the course's website. The reading list is to be available at least two months prior to course starts.