

Syllabus

for course at advanced level

International Criminal Law
Internationell straffrätt

**15.0 Higher Education
Credits**
15.0 ECTS credits

Course code:	JU703M
Valid from:	Autumn 2021
Date of approval:	2020-06-03
Department	Department of Law
Main field:	Public International Law
Specialisation:	A1F - Second cycle, has second-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

Approved by the Education Committee of the Faculty of Law on 3 June 2020.

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the course requires that the student is admitted to the master's programme in International Law (60 credits) at Stockholm University, and has satisfactorily completed the requirements in the programme's first course Advanced Course in Public International Law as well as the mandatory elements of the course Human Rights in a Global Perspective.

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 an elective course within the master's programme in International Law (60 ECTS credits).

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

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

Skills and Abilities

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to apply and interpret legal norms within the different subject areas of the course,

- demonstrate an in-depth ability to systematically, critically and independently identify, formulate and analyze human rights issues, and
- demonstrate an in-depth ability to examine, clearly explain and discuss one's conclusions in English, orally and in writing.

Judgement and Approach

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to 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 starts with an introductory lecture, the aim of which is to provide general orientation within the subject area. Following this introduction, each of the six main topical components 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.

As part of the LL.M. in International Law, a theoretical and practical seminar is also held. This particular seminar will focus on the study of international criminal law from legal, external and critical perspectives.

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 according to the regulations approved 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 their 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.

The language of instruction is English.

Forms of examination

The course's learning outcomes are assessed through the individual essay, participation at the seminars, written submissions as well as participation in the oral main proceedings of the moot court. In order to pass the course, students must pass all course components.

The final grade is weighed in as follows: 40% from the individual essay, 30% from participation at seminars, 20% from written submissions and 10% from the moot court. 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.

To pass the course, all of the course's learning outcomes must be met. The language of examination is English.

Students who receive a failing grade on a regular examination will have the opportunity to retake the examination. Students who have received a passing grade on an examination may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. A student who has failed the same examination twice is entitled to have another examiner appointed, unless there are special reasons to the contrary.

The final grade in the course is set using the following seven-point scale: The final grade in the course is set using the following seven-point scale: 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.

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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 18 January 2021.

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.