

# Department of Law

# **Syllabus**

for course at advanced level

International Law, Peace and Post-Conflict Transitions Folkrätt, fred och övergång i post-konfliktsituationer

3.5 Higher Education Credits
3.5 ECTS credits

Course code:JU255FValid from:Summer 2021Date of approval:2021-02-11DepartmentDepartment 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 11-02-21.

## Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

This interdisciplinary course is intended for foreign students enrolled in an exchange programme at the Department of Law at Stockholm University. In order to be admitted, students must have completed at least 150 HEC within the field of law. Students enrolled in the Study Programme in Law at Stockholm University can also be admitted provided that they fulfil that same requirement of 150 HEC in law. To participate effectively in the course, it is strongly recommended that students have completed at least a basic course in public international law.

## **Course structure**

Examination codeNameHigher Education CreditsMOM1International Law, Peace and Post-Conflict Transitions3.5

# Course content

The course focuses on the role of international law in peace processes and post-conflict transitions, including in relation to negotiation and mediation, security, transitional governance, constitutional reform, amnesties and transitional justice. In addition to the legal framework, it examines from an interdisciplinary and critical perspective, the practical role and effects of international law (if any). The class is taught through a series of discussion seminars in which students apply and critically discuss international law in relation to real life examples. Students prepare for seminars through listening to recorded lectures and independent reading.

# Learning outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

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

- demonstrate knowledge of the international legal framework for peace processes and post-conflict transitions; and
- demonstrate an understanding of theory relating to the role and effects of international law in peace processes and post-conflict transitions.

# Skills and Abilities

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

- identity and apply relevant international legal norms to the various aspects of peace processes and post-

conflict transitions.

# Judgement and Approach

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

- critically evaluate the international legal framework for peace processes and post-conflict transitions; and
- critically assess the practical role of international law in peace processes and post-conflict transitions.

#### Education

Instruction is given in the form of recorded lectures and live discussion seminars. The language of instruction is English.

### Forms of examination

The grading scale for the course is as follows: Pass (G) or Fail (U). Examination of the course is in English. In order to pass the course, students must achieve all intended learning outcomes. The course is examined on the basis of active participation in the compulsory participation elements of the course and a home examination.

## Active participation and attendance

Active participation and attendance is mandatory in all the live teaching. Active attendance requires students to prepare in advance for all classes, including any assignments, and come to class ready to participate in the discussion. The course director can give a general dispensation from the attendance requirement in accordance with the Education Council of the Faculty of Law's adopted regulations for examination. The extent of the attendance requirement is stated in the course description. In addition to this, a dispensation can be given for lawful excuses. The student then is to complete a pedagogically similar assignment as compensation for the absence.

## Home examination

A home examination handed in after the given deadline will automatically receive a grade of fail.

Students who receive a failing grade on the regularly scheduled examination will have the opportunity to retake the examination. A student who has failed the same examination twice is entitled to have another examiner appointed, unless there are special reasons to the contrary.

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 compulsory assignments 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 8 June 2021.

# Required reading

The course literature is approved 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.