

Syllabus of the discipline “International Criminal Law”



Higher education degree – Master
Field of Knowledge - 29 International relations
Specialty – 293 International law
Educational program and Professional Program – International law

Year of the study: I, Semester: I

Number of credits ECTS: 5

Language of study: English

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Description of the discipline

The discipline "International Criminal Law" is aimed at forming students' thorough theoretical knowledge, modern constructive thinking and developing practical skills regarding the systematization of norms of international criminal law; qualifications of international crimes, crimes of an international nature; development of practical skills in the ability to identify, formulate and evaluate problems in the field of international criminal law; knowledge of the procedural aspects of the implementation of international criminal responsibility and an understanding of the main trends and gaps in the modern doctrine of international criminal law.

Course structure

Hours (lect. / prakt.cl.)	Topic	Results of the study	Tasks
2 / 1	1. General characteristics of international criminal law and its place in the system of international law	To understand international criminal law and its place in the system of international law, the subject and method of international criminal law	Tests, questions

4 / 1	2. Modern doctrine of international criminal law	Understand the significance of Nuremberg's heritage for modern times. To know the general problems of the development of international criminal law, the relationship and interaction of international and national criminal law. To analyze the jurisdiction of modern international ad hoc tribunals and the significance of their decisions, the activities of the International Criminal Court and the significance of the Rome Statute of the ICC for international and national criminal justice.	Tests, questions
2 / 1	3. International criminal responsibility	Understand the concept and purpose of international criminal responsibility	Tests, questions
4 / 1	4. Crime and composition of the crime in international criminal law	Know and be able to analyze a crime in international criminal law: concepts and signs, classification of crimes in international criminal law. Analyze conventional crimes (crimes of an international nature).	Tests, questions
2 / 1	5. Participation in international criminal law	Know the general analysis of the concept of complicity and its genesis in international criminal law.	Tests, questions
2 / 1	6. Punishment in international criminal law	Understand the institution of punishment in international legal acts. Know the concept of punishment in international criminal law.	Tests, questions
2 / 2	7. Crimes against the security of humanity (humanity)	To be aware of and analyze crimes against the security of humanity (humanity).	Tests, questions
2 / 2	8. War crimes	Know: the law of international armed conflicts, the concept and structure of a war crime, types of war crimes, elements of war crimes.	Tests, questions
2 / 2	9. Crimes against personal human rights and freedoms	Understand what crimes against personal rights and freedoms of a person refer to.	Tests, questions
2 / 2	10. Terrorist crimes and other crimes against the foundations of public security	To know: the concept of terrorism, the classification of terrorism, the relationship between terrorism and extremism, countering terrorism, the fight against bomb terrorism, acts of nuclear terrorism, the fight against the financing of terrorism.	Tests, questions

2 / 1	11. Procedural aspects of implementation of international criminal responsibility	Understand the role of international organizations in the fight against crime. To analyze the interaction of states in the fight against crime.	Tests, questions
4 / -	12. Bodies of the international criminal justice	Know: the system of international criminal justice bodies, ad hoc international criminal tribunals created by the UN Security Council, mixed (hybrid) tribunals (courts), courts created on the basis of a state agreement with the UN.	Tests, questions

Bibliography

1. Brown, Darryl K., Turner, Jenia I. The Oxford Handbook of Criminal Process. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2019. 448 p.
2. Carsten Stahn A Critical Introduction to International Criminal Law. Universiteit Leiden. 2018. 338 p.
3. Cryer, Robinson, Darryl K.; An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure. 4th ed., Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2019. 518 p.
4. Gender and International Criminal Law. Oxford University Press. 2022. 436 p.
5. International Criminal Jurisdiction: Whose Law Must We Obey? Oxford University Press. 2022. 808 p.
6. International Criminal Law—A Counter-Hegemonic Project? T.M.C. Asser Press. 2022. 336 p.
7. The Past, Present and Future of the International Criminal Court. Workel Opsahl Academic Epublisher. 2022. 812 p.

Evaluation policy

- **Deadline and retake policy:** Modules are retaken with the permission of the dean's office if there are good reasons (for example, sick leave).
- **Academic Integrity Policy:** cheating during tests and exams is prohibited (including using mobile devices).
- **Visiting policy:** Attending classes is a mandatory component of the assessment. For objective reasons (for example, illness, international internship, and other reasons), training can take place online with the permission of the university administration.

Evaluation

The final score for the course is calculated as follows:

Credit module 1	Credit module 2	Credit module 3	Exam	Total
20	20	20	40	100%
Oral survey during classes (1-6 topics) -	Oral survey during classes	Preparation of CPIT - max. 40	Theoretical questions (2 questions) – 30	

5 points per topic - max. 30 points Modular control work - max. 70 points	(6-12 topics) - 5 points per topic - max. 30 points Modular control work - max. 70 points	points. Protection of CPIT - max. 40 points Participation in trainings - max. 20 points	points each, max. 60 points Case (1 case) - max. 40 points	
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Student Assessment Scale:

ECTS	Points	Essence
A	90-100	Excellent
B	85-89	Good
C	75-84	Good
D	65-74	Satisfactory
E	60-64	Sufficient
FX	35-59	unsatisfactory with the possibility of retaking the credit
F	1-34	unsatisfactory with a mandatory retry course