Course Syllabus

Introduction to International Law, War and Technology

Introduktion till folkrätt, krig och teknik

Course Code	2FR012	**Main Field of Study**	Law with Specialisation in International Law
Valid from Semester	Spring 2022	**Department**	Department of Political Science and Law
Education Cycle	Advanced level	**Subject**	International and Operational Law
Scope	3.0	**Language of Instruction**	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	A1N	**Decided by**	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
Grading Scale	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	**Decision date**	2022-01-01
Revision	1.0		

Entry Requirements

Officers exam or Batchelor's degree or professional degree of 180 credits, which includes at least 90 credits of studies in the field of defense and security, or a university engineering degree or equivalent.

Course Content and Structure

The course deals with the role of law in the development and use of new and emerging weapons, means and methods of warfare and the regulations with which they are regulated. The course begins with an introduction to the general principles of the armed conflict laws and, in particular, those that govern the development of weapons. The course then proceeds with a closer study of some new and emerging technologies, examines the issues that new technologies bring with them, the particular challenges of specific technologies and how the law can respond to these challenges.

Intended Learning Outcomes

After completed course the student should be able to:

- identify and describe the general principles of international law, including international humanitarian law, that are relevant to the development and use of new weapons systems.
- understand the process and reason for the legal review of the means and methods of warfare in Swedish society.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the types of legal issues that arise in connection with new and emerging military technology and an ability to identify the issues that arise in connection with selected new technologies.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

Assessment

Examination

Scope: 3.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The course is examined through the home exam.

Grading

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with merit (VG), Pass (G) and Fail (U).

Grading criteria are provided at the latest at the start of the course.

Late examinations are not graded unless special and examiner-approved reasons exist.

The examiner may decide on a supplementary task in order for the grade passed on the course to be achieved. Complementary assignments must be submitted no later than three working days after the results and supplementary assignments have been announced for the examining part in the case of no special and approved examiner's reasons.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

The number of examinations is not limited.

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be included in a degree with another course whose content fully or partially corresponds to the content of this course.

Transitional Provisions

When the course is no longer given, or when the course content is substantially changed, the student has the right to be examined once per semester for a three- term period in accordance with this syllabus.

Miscellanous

The course is offered as a compulsory course as part of the Master's program Development of defense and security systems.

The course may be taken as a stand-alone course.

Course evaluation is carried out after completion of the course by the course coordinator and forms the basis for any changes to the course.

If the student has a decision from the Swedish Defence University stating the need for extra pedagogical support because of a functional disability, the examiner may decide on alternative examination forms for the student.

Reading List

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