



**Course Syllabus**  
**International Operational Law and Peace Operations**

Internationell operativ juridik och fredsoperationer

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<b>Course Code</b>	20J005	<b>Main Field of Study</b>	International Operational Law
<b>Valid from Semester</b>	Autumn 2022	<b>Department</b>	Department of Political Science and Law
<b>Education Cycle</b>	Advanced level	<b>Subject</b>	International and Operational Law
<b>Scope</b>	5.0	<b>Language of Instruction</b>	The teaching is conducted in English.
<b>Progression</b>	A1N	<b>Decided by</b>	The Research and Education Board's Course Syllabus Committee at the Swedish Defence University
<b>Grading Scale</b>	Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction	<b>Decision date</b>	2020-09-23
<b>Revision</b>	1.0		

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#### Entry Requirements

Degree of Master of Laws or Degree of Bachelor of Science in Law with Specialisation in International Law or equivalent plus English B or English 6.

#### Course Content and Structure

The overall aim of the course is to deepen the student's understanding of how international law affects the planning and implementation of military, especially multinational, peace operations.

The course initially touches on the principles of international law for peace operations, in particular the mandate from the UN Security Council and the invitation of the host state. It then covers the international law regulation and political regulation of the use of force and coercion as well as other measures within the framework of peace operations. Finally, the course addresses issues of responsibility, particularly in relation to peace operations.

The course begins with lectures interspersed with self-study. The course then alternates between lectures and seminars, which together give the students a foundation for the final written take-home examination, which is written individually.

#### Intended Learning Outcomes

After having completed course the student should be able to:

##### Knowledge and understanding

- identify and explain the principles of international law for different types of peace operations.

##### Competence and skills

- identify and analyse the specific issues regarding state responsibility, responsibility for international organisations, and individual criminal responsibility that are raised in peace operations,
- apply the international legal regulation of the use of force and coercion as well as other measures within the framework of different types of peace operations.

##### Judgement and approach

- critically evaluate the principles of international law for different types of peace operations, including the requirements that women and men must actively participate on equal terms in peace processes related to peace operations and receive effective protection against gender-based violence in such situations.

#### Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

### **Assessment**

#### **Written Take-home Exam**

Scope: 3.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Assessment takes place through a written take-home examination.

#### **Participation in compulsory seminars**

Scope: 1.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass

Assessment takes place through mandatory seminars.

Examinations submitted late will not be graded unless special circumstances exist and the examiner finds the reason acceptable.

The examiner may decide to allow supplementation in order for a passing grade to be achieved in the course. The supplementation shall be submitted no later than three working days after announcement of the decision on supplementation, unless special circumstances exist that are acceptable to the examiner.

### **Grading**

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with Distinction (PwD), Pass (P) and Fail (F). Grading criteria are specified by no later than the start of the course.

To earn the grade Pass (P), the student must actively participate in mandatory seminars and earn a grade of Pass (P) on the written take-home examination.

To earn the grade Pass with Distinction (PwD) in the course, the student must meet the requirements for Pass (P) and earn a grade of Pass with Distinction (PwD) on the written take-home examination.

### **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 has changed substantially, the student has the right to be examined once per semester during a three-term period in accordance with this syllabus.

### **Miscellaneous**

The course is given within the Swedish Defence University's Master's Programme in International Operational Law, and may also be given as a freestanding course.

If a student has a decision from the Swedish Defense University on special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.

On completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director and will serve as the basis for any changes to the course.



Reading List

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