



Course Syllabus
International Law of Military Operations - Advanced Course

Folkrätt i militära operationer - påbyggnadskurs

Course Code	1FR010	Main Field of Study	Law with Specialisation in International Law
Valid from Semester	Spring 2022	Department	Department of Political Science and Law
Education Cycle	Basic level	Subject	International and Operational Law
Scope	30.0	Language of Instruction	The teaching is conducted in English.
Progression	G2E	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

The courses Responsibility in International Law - Intermediate Course, and Law of Armed Conflict - Intermediate Course, or equivalent.

Course Content and Structure

The advanced course in International Law of Military Operations is a 30 credit course which allows you to deepen your knowledge of the international legal system with a special focus on issues related to crisis and conflict. The course also gives you the opportunity to apply a legal methodology to the course's central component which is the writing of an essay. The course is divided into three modules, two of which are taught course sections and the third, a supervised essay (thesis).

Modules

International Law Aspects of Military Operations

Folkrätt i militära operationer

Scope: 7.5

Legal Methodology

Juridisk metod

Scope: 7.5

Thesis

Självständigt arbete

Scope: 15.0

Intended Learning Outcomes

After completed course the student should be able to:

Module 1 - International Law Aspects of Military Operations (7.5hp).

After completion of the course students should be able to:

- Identify, independently assess and critically analyze selected international legal issues relating to military operations and formulate, orally and in writing, arguments for and against particular positions.
- Independently and together with others solve complex problems in the field of international law with particular reference to military operations.

Module 2 – Legal Methodology (7.5hp)



After completion of this course students should be able to:

- Identify and formulate a legal issue and discern the appropriate methodology to conduct research on selected issues.
- Search for, interpret and use international legal sources.
- Identify and correctly apply the primary sources of international law to an international legal problem.
- Critically evaluate sources of international law.

Module 3 – Thesis in international law with a focus on the international law of military operations (15hp)

After completing the course the student should be able to:

- Independently write an essay with a relevant international law research problem and, based on the research issue selected, identify appropriate materials, select a relevant research and theoretical approach, demonstrate independent analysis, a clear connection between the question (s) and conclusions.
- Identify the need for further knowledge and to discuss some relevant scientific, social and ethical aspects in relation to the chosen subject of the essay.
- Orally defend their own thesis and act as an opponent to criticize and evaluate other students' independent work in a constructive manner.
- Apply the rules of good research practice, including the correct language, spelling and formal referencing.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

Assessment

International Law Aspects of Military Operations

Scope: 7.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Legal Methodology

Scope: 7.5

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Thesis

Scope: 15.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Grading

Pass with Distinction (VG), Pass (G) or Fail (U) is given on the course. The grades G and U may be given in respect of module 1 and 2. For module 3 the grades VG, G and U may be given.

Grading criteria are provided by the teacher.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

For modules 1 and 2 of the course, one (1) ordinary exam and one (1) re-exam will be offered. Thereafter, additional examinations are determined in agreement with the examiner. Module 3 (thesis) will be examined at the end of the course. Thereafter, a possibility exists to be examined at certain reexamination dates and at the next course examination.

There are no limitations to the total number of re-examinations

Restrictions Concerning Degree

The course cannot be part of a degree whose content is wholly or partly in accordance with the content of this course

Transitional Provisions



When the course is no longer offered, or when its contents change significantly, the student is entitled to one time per semester for three further semesters examined according to this syllabus.

Miscellaneous

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 the completion of the course, an evaluation will be conducted under the auspices of the course director, which will form the basis for any changes to the course.



Reading List

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