



Course Syllabus
International Law in Crisis and Conflict - Basic Course

Folkrätt i kris och konflikt - grundkurs

Course Code	1FR009	Main Field of Study	Law with Specialisation in International Law
Valid from Semester	Autumn 2023	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	G1N	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	2023-03-01
Revision	1.2		

Entry Requirements

Civics A and English B.

Course Content and Structure

The overall objective of the course is to offer the student an opportunity to gain knowledge of the international legal system with particular emphasis on crisis and conflict.

The course is divided into four modules. The first module gives an introduction to the international legal system and its structure, including its value in a greater context and how international law relates to other disciplines. Current trends and developments in the field of international law are also discussed in this section, and the student is continuously offered the opportunity to apply the law to current events and realities.

The course thereafter focuses on international law in crisis and conflict. Module two examines the law of conflict prevention with a particular focus on the UN Charter and the rules regarding the prohibition on the use of force in international relations. Module three provides the student with an introduction to international human rights law, and module four is focused on international law for military operations, both in armed conflict (the law of war) and in peace operations. Like in module 1, the student is continuously offered opportunity to describe and apply relevant legal frameworks to current events and situations around the world in both lectures and seminars. The student is also continuously offered the opportunity to reflect on international law and its application and value in a greater, global context.

Throughout the course, the student is offered the opportunity to reflect on international law and its application and value in a greater and global context. Through interactive lectures and seminars, the student gets to practice applying the law to current security related concerns. The student is also offered an opportunity to critically discuss the law, and to find legal solutions to security related problems.

Course Outline part I (15 credits)

1. Foundations of International Law
2. Conflict Prevention Law (especially UN Charter)

Part II (15 credits)

3. International Human Rights Law
4. Law of Military Operations

The course modules start with lectures where the content of each module is introduced. Each module ends with a mandatory teacher-evaluated seminar. Before each seminar, the student prepares an assignment, individually or in groups, to be presented orally or in writing at the seminar. A written examination is conducted after Module 1 - 2 (Part I) and after Module 3 - 4 (Part II).

Intended Learning Outcomes

After completed course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Verbally and in writing identify and describe the fundamental principles of international law and the specific subjects included in the course, focusing on international law in crisis and conflict.

Competence and skills

- Apply the rules of international law that are dealt with during the course on concrete cases and verbally argue for different international law solutions.
- Independently and together with others solve selected complex issues within the field of international law.
- Verbally and in writing present a solution to a chosen international law problem.

Judgement and approach

- Independently and critically discuss the role of international law in the international community.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

Assessment**Part 1**

Scope: 15.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Part 1 - Examination is conducted through a final hall exam. Active participation in seminars is also mandatory.

Part 2

Scope: 15.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

Part 2 - Examination is conducted through a final hall exam. Active participation in seminars is also mandatory.

Grading

The grades Passed with Distinction (VG), Passed (G) or Fail (U) is given on the course.

The examination at the compulsory seminars gives the grades Pass and Fail.

For the final grade Pass on the entire course, Pass is required for the two written examinations and on the compulsory seminars.

For the final grade Pass with Distinction on the entire course, Pass with Distinction is required on the two written examinations in addition to the grade Pass on the compulsory seminars.

Grading criteria will be presented at the start of the course at the latest.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

No limitation on the number of 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 given or when the course content changes significantly, the student is entitled to be examined once per semester during a three-semester period according to this syllabus.

Miscellaneous



- The completed course is evaluated by a written evaluation. Course development is conducted in consultation with student representatives. Proposals for reforms are considered in teaching meetings and are reported to the subject councils that decide on possible changes.
- If the Swedish Defence University has formally decided that the student is entitled to receive special educational support due to a disability, the examiner may decide on alternative forms of examination for the student.



Reading List

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