



## SELF PROGRAM 2019/2020

### Introduction to International Criminal Law

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#### Course information

**Number of credits:** 6 credits

**Contact hours:** 30 hours

**Hours taught per week:** 3 hours

**Teaching period:** Fall 2019

#### Course description:

International criminal law is an area of law that continues to evolve and present different benefits and challenges both political and practical.

This course will first focus international criminal law and criminal justice, and the jurisdiction of different governing bodies to prosecute crimes. It will examine the process of extradition, and various procedures required for a state to obtain extradition. It will also introduce the concept of mutual legal assistance and transfer of proceedings. In addition, this class will discuss international tribunals, including military and ad hoc criminal tribunals, and the International Criminal Court. The course will also introduce crimes associated with international law such as crimes against humanity, war crimes, and crimes of aggression, terrorism, and torture; and will discuss liability and defenses for these criminal acts on an international level.

## **Prerequisites:**

A legal background is preferred for this course. Students should have a strong interest in Criminal law and its application. Although not necessary, previous enrollment in international law courses would be particularly beneficial.

## **Course objectives:**

To give students an overall introduction to and understanding of international criminal law.

## **Syllabus:**

Week 1: Introduction and overview to international criminal law

Week 2: Prosecuting international crimes: national responses

Week 3: Prosecuting international crimes: international responses

Week 4: Genocide and crimes against humanity

Week 5: War crimes

Week 6: Aggression, terrorism, and torture

Week 7: Individual responsibility, immunities and defenses

Week 8: State cooperation: national proceedings (w/ possible visit to int'l org.)

Week 9: State cooperation: international proceedings

Week 10: Essay exam

## **Assessment:**

Class Participation – active participation in class 10%

Case Presentation – 40%

Final Essay Exam in class – 50%

## **Attendance:**

In order to participate, students must be present. Nevertheless, a maximum of 2 (two) unexcused absences will be allowed otherwise no mark will be given. An unexcused absence at a test (final test or continuous assessment) means no credits for the course.

## **Bibliography:**

Robert Cryer, Hakan Freman, Darryl Robinson, and Elizabeth Wilmshurst. An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure, Third Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

International Criminal Court. Core ICC texts (Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Rules of Procedure and Evidence, Elements of Crimes). (<https://www.icc-cpi.int/resource-library#legal-texts>).

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) (<https://www.un.org/en/universaldeclaration-human-rights/>).!!