



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-399	Course Title International Criminal Law	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites LAW-383 LAW-241 LAW-242	Department Law	Semester Spring
Type of Course Elective	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr Demetra Fr Sorvatzioti	Year of Study 3 rd /4 th
Mode of Delivery Conventional	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The course aims to adequately familiarize the students with the doctrine and praxis of international criminal law. Jurisprudence, international instruments, and national implementation measures will be discussed thoroughly. The course will examine the crime of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression through the ICC case law and the Rome Statute along with the case law of ad hoc tribunals and international legislation. The states' obligation to criminalize atrocities prosecute or extradite (*aut dedere aut judicare*) will be analysed and critically discussed through historical, legal, and political considerations underlying the international criminal justice project. The international procedure, criminal prosecution and evidence will be examined through case law and in relation to current global justice trends.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

1. Understand the evolution of the international criminal justice project along with the function of international criminal law and public international law.
2. Realise and explain the history and the role of international prosecution along with national prosecution of international crimes and states' cooperation with respect to the national proceeding
3. Distinguish between core international crimes and transnational crimes
4. Explain and discuss the general principles of liability and distinguish between individual

- and collective responsibility
5. Demonstrate ability to present arguments (orally and written) for defences and excuses both for conviction and sentencing reasons.

Course Content:

The course will include the following chapters:

1. Basic Phases in the Development of International Criminal Law, theories of international crimes and first-generation crimes
2. War Crimes: International and Non-International Armed Conflicts
3. The Crime of Genocide: Protected Groups, Constituent Acts, Specific Intent and Modes of Liability
4. Crimes Against Humanity: Normative Theories and Dynamic Interpretation
5. The Crime of Aggression
6. Sideline crimes: organized economic crime, famine-related crimes, crimes against the environment
7. Individual and collective responsibility, and modes of liability
8. Defences and Excuses. The Rome Statute provisions and the ad hoc tribunals' case law.
9. International criminal justice modes, Complementarity and the De-centralised Enforcement of International Norms
10. International Criminal Court's procedure: perpetrators and victims. Recent case law
11. International Criminal Justice Project through critical lens

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, class discussion, group exercises, case studies, discussion fora, moot court & presentations.

Assessment Methods:

Presentations, class assignments, midterms, and final exams.

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
An Introduction to International Criminal Law and Procedure	Robert Cryer, Darryl Robinson & Sergey Vasiliev	Cambridge University Press	2019	9781108481922
International Criminal Law Documents	Robert Cryer	Cambridge University Press	2019	9781108729086

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
A critical Introduction to International Criminal Law	Carsten Stahn	Cambridge University Press	2019	9781108423205
The International Criminal Court: A commentary on the Rome Statute	Willian Schabas	Oxford University Press	2016	9780198739777

The crime of Aggression: The Quest for Justice in an Age of Drones, Cyberattacks, Insurgents, and Autocrats	Noah Weisbord	Princeton University Press	2019	9780691169873
Justice in Extreme Cases	Darryl Robinson	Cambridge University Press	2020	9781107041615
Cassese's International Criminal Law (3 rd edn.)	Antonio Cassese, Paola Gaeta	Oxford University Press	2013	9780199694921
The Oxford Companion to International Criminal Justice	Antonio Cassese (ed.)	Oxford University Press	2009	9780199238316