

International Economics and Administration Faculty
Department: International Economics and Politics
Professional Area: Political Sciences
Major: International Negotiations
Educational-and-qualification Degree: Master

COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. Course unit title: International Humanitarian Law
2. Course unit code: LAW 2110
3. Type of course unit: compulsory
4. Level of course unit: Master
5. Year of study: first
6. Semester: first
7. Number of ECTS credits allocated: 3
8. Name of lecturer: Prof. Veselin Tzankov, PhD
9. Learning outcomes of the course unit: Fundamental norms and principles of international humanitarian law should be learned and a distinction between the three stages of its development should be made.
10. Mode of delivery: face-to-face through delivering lectures with a total number of 30 classes.
11. Prerequisites and co-requisites: A compulsory prerequisite is that students in the Master's degree programme should have successfully passed in advance an examination in the course in International Public Law which is fundamental to the basic terms and concepts; it is desirable for them to have passed the examination in the course in International Organizations.
12. Course contents: The course presents one of the branches of International Public Law - International Humanitarian Law which has been undergoing continuous development and improvement since the Second World War until today. Doing the course is determined by the requirements of the Geneva Conventions for the dissemination of knowledge about international humanitarian law 'as widely as possible within the participating states and the world as a whole'. The course is synthesized at the maximum by dealing only with principle matters and the most important stages in the creation and development of humanitarian law (the Hague, Geneva and New York).
13. Recommended or required reading:
 1. Международното наказателно правосъдие в контекста на българското законодателство, издателство „Прозрачност без граници”, С. 2004 г.
 2. Pietro Vierri, Dictionary of the national law of armed conflict. International Committee of the Red Cross / Geneva, 1992.
 3. Hans-Peter Gasser. International humanitarian law. Henry Dunant Institute, 1993.
 4. Tihomir Kamenov, The Origin of state and entity responsibility for violations of international humanitarian law in armed conflicts. Kluwer Academic Publishers Group, 1989.
 5. Marco Sassoli, State responsibility for violations of international humanitarian law. IRRC June 2002, Vol. 84, № 846.
14. Planned learning activities and teaching methods: Combination of lectures with giving tasks for independent preparation based on worked-out and provided by the lecturer materials.
15. Assessment methods and criteria: The main criterion for assessment is the complex matter of perception with a particular emphasis placed on its modern development through the establishment and operation of international criminal courts.
16. Language of instruction: Bulgarian
17. Work placement: Independent research and analysis of legal texts and materials provided by the lecturer.