Program: Master Academic Studies

Course title: INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

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Course Status: Elective for Criminal Law module

Number of ECTS: 10

Requirements: /

Aims of the Course:

The course will focus on the prosecution of international crimes (genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity) by international and national courts. The development of the law of these crimes will be analyzed, including the elements of crimes, modes of liability and defenses, as well as challenges faced by prosecutors, defense lawyers and judges who adjudicate these crimes. The purpose of the course is to understand the law and its development as well as critically analyze existing case law. Throughout the course, case studies and group discussions will be used to deepen students' understanding of how the relevant law is applied in practice.

Course Result:

On completion of this course students should be able to:

- Understand the jurisdiction of international criminal courts, and jurisdictional challenges that arise in connection with the prosecution of international crimes.
- Understand the scope of international crimes as prosecuted at the *ad hoc* tribunals and ICC.
- Understand the modes of liability pursuant to which charges are brought at the ICC and ad hoc tribunals.
- Understand the main provisions of international criminal procedure.
- Appreciate practical and political challenges faced in trying international criminal cases.

Course Content:

- The jurisdiction of international criminal courts, including complementarity and admissibility at the ICC.
- 2. International crimes (war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide)
- 3. Modes of liability pursuant to which charges are brought at the ICC and ad hoc tribunals, namely:
 - 3.1. Primary modes of liability such as joint criminal enterprise and co-perpetration
 - 3.2. Secondary modes of liability such as aiding and abetting, ordering and planning
 - 3.3. Superior responsibility
- 4. The stages of international criminal trials:
 - 4.1. the investigation,
 - 4.2. pre-trial,
 - 4.3. trial,
 - 4.4. appeal
 - 4.5. sentencing phases.
- 5. Procedural rules developed at the *ad hoc* tribunals

Literature:

- R. Cryer, H. Friman, D.l Robinson, E. Wilmshurst, *Introduction to the International Criminal Law and Procedure*, 2014.
- Cassese, International Criminal Law, Oxford, 2013
- Bassiouni M. Ch., Introduction to International Criminal Law. 2012
- Cassese A. et al., The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court: a commentary, Oxford, 2002.
- Triffterer O., Kai, A., Commentary on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Baden-Baden, 1999

Number of lectures – active classes:	Lectu	ures: 15	
Instruction method:	<u>.</u>	•	
Lectures, consultations			
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Class Participation	20		
		Oral exam	60
Seminar paper	20		