Program: Undergraduate Academic Studies

Course title: INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

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**Course status: Optional** 

Number of ECTS: 2

**Requirements:** /

Aims of the course: The principal aims of the course is to acquire basic knowledge and understanding of the legal norms of the international law of armed conflicts as well as the basis of the international humanitarian law in its strict sense; introduction to the evolution of the legal regulation of the domain; relationship between the international norms that regulate the matter and the internal norms as well as their harmonization; introduction to the specific characteristics of the humanitarian law and the development of the legal doctrine; familiarizing with the legal terminology used in international humanitarian law; development of the ability to understand the differences between internal and international norms as well as the impact of other factors that influence international humanitarian law; analyzing the sanctions and the development of the norms relating to the punishment of the violations of humanitarian law; developing the ability to use the method applied in international humanitarian law.

**Course result:** The course provides for basic knowledge in the field of international humanitarian law as part of the general course in human rights law applied in armed conflicts, as well as in other exceptional circumstances, protection of particularly vulnerable categories of persons in such circumstances included. The main purpose of the course is to inform students about the evolution of the international humanitarian law, the law in force, its sources, enforcement, problems encountered, the most significant conventions, notably the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, customary law as well as the most important legal institutions in the field. The Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the Protocols I and II of 1977 are of a particular importance since they all engage the States parties to inform, educate and act in order to diffuse this law. The setting up of the course and acquainting the students with the subject of humanitarian law is an answer to our before mentioned obligations and, furthermore, the implementation of human rights in general.

**Course content:** I. Term and subject-matter of International Law of Armed Conflicts and International Humanitarian Law; II. Relationship between International Humanitarian Law, International Law of armed Conflicts (Traditional Law of War) and International Human Rights Law; III. Evolution of International Law of Armed Conflicts; IV. Sources of International Law of Armed Conflicts; V. International Law of Armed Conflicts and International Humanitarian Law after the Second World War and the adoption of the UN Charter; VI. Rules on methods and means of the conduct of hostilities; VII. Rules regulating protection of persons in armed conflicts; IX. Rules regulating protection of objects and premises in armed conflicts; International Law and terrorism; X. Respect of International Humanitarian Law and Liability for the breach.

## Literature:

Mandatory:

Jončić, V., International Humanitarian Law, Faculty of Law, Belgrade, 2015. Complementary: Jončić, V., War prisoners – International status, VIZ, Belgrade, 2002; Perzić, G., International Law of armed conflict, Belgrade, 1988; Jončić, V., Third Geneva Convention, Application in Practice and its influence on Protocols I and II, Faculty of Law and Dosije, Belgrade, 2004; Jončić, V., International Status of the Participants in the Armed Conflicts, Faculty of Law University of Belgrade, Belgrade, 2012.

Number of lectures – active classes: 30	Theoretical classes:	Practical classes :
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Instruction method: lectures, consultations				
Grading system (maximum number of points 100)				
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final Exam	points	
Activities during lectures	20	Written Assessment/Test		
Activities during practical classes		Oral Exam	60	
Tests				
Seminar classes	20			