



Master International Crimes and Criminology

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid - M ICC - 2017-2018

The Master's degree programme has a study load of 60 credits, 1 academic year.

The 2017-2018 academic programme consists of:

- Five compulsory courses (30 EC)
- Two optional courses (12 EC, choose two courses from the list of optional courses)
- Master's thesis (18EC)

Students can find more information on the Academic and Examination Regulations, the compositions and aim of the degree programme on rechten.vu.nl/en > Education > Schedules and regulations > Course and programme schedules

For applying students please visit: rechten.vu.nl/en > Education > Master's programme > International Crimes and Criminology for more information on the programme.

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Master's programme International Crimes and Criminology - Extracurriculair courses

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Center for International Criminal Justice Research Lab	Ac. Jaar (september)	6.0	R_CICJ
Editorial Board - Amsterdam Law Forum	Ac. Jaar (september)	6.0	R_ALF
International Law Clinic	Ac. Jaar (september)	12.0	R_IntLCI12

Master's programme International Crimes and Criminology - Compulsory courses

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Expert Course	Periode 2	3.0	R_ExpCo
International Crimes	Periode 1	9.0	R_Int.Cri-9
International Criminal Courts and Tribunals	Periode 2	6.0	R_Int.cr.c.t
Master's Thesis - International Crimes and Criminology	Ac. Jaar (september)	18.0	R_MThICC
Perpetrators and Bystanders	Periode 4	6.0	R_Perp.bysta
Research Methodology for International Crimes	Periode 2+3	6.0	R_Res.meth.c

Master's programme International Crimes and Criminology - Optional courses

Vakken:

Naam	Periode	Credits	Code
Corporations and International Crimes	Periode 4	6.0	R_CorIC
International Humanitarian Law	Periode 2	6.0	R_Int.hum.l
Public International Law	Periode 1	6.0	R_Pub.int.l
Research Seminar International Crimes 1	Periode 3	3.0	R_Res.sem.ic
Research Seminar International Crimes 2	Periode 5	3.0	R_ResSem2
Terrorism & Security	Periode 5	6.0	R_TerrSec

The Politics of International Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_PoILL
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Center for International Criminal Justice Research Lab

Vakcode	R_CICJ ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	J.A.M. Stuifbergen
Examinator	J.A.M. Stuifbergen
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The objective of CICJ Research Lab is to enable students to participate in ongoing academic research in the field of International Criminal Justice. Depending on the research project, students acquire (advanced) knowledge of selected topics in the fields of international criminal law and criminology of international crimes. By conducting research students can strengthen their analytical and writing skills.

Inhoud vak

More information about CICJ research projects can be found under www.cicj.org à Research & Publications. Whether ICC-students can participate in any of the projects listed, depends on needs of the researchers and the phase and type of project. At the start of the academic year, students will be informed about the possibilities.

Toetsvorm

Student are assessed based on several written assignments throughout the year, their team work, and their professional conduct.

Literatuur

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Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:
 Students from other universities/faculties
 Exchange students

Overige informatie

MORE INFORMATION?

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OBJECTIVES

Being capable of:

- Applying research methods and interpret results;

Show evidence of:

- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;

-Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

Corporations and International Crimes

Vakcode	R_CorIC ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. mr. W. Huisman
Examinator	prof. dr. mr. W. Huisman
Lesmethode(n)	Werkgroep, Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The course corporations and international crimes deals with the involvement of corporations in international crimes and other gross human rights violations. While using a criminological approach we also use insights, knowledge and theories from various disciplines including history, social psychology, organizational sciences, business ethics and political science. Moreover, multiple areas of law are relevant including public international law, human rights law and international and national criminal law. Because the participants in the course have various backgrounds (they are lawyers, political scientists, psychologists, sociologists, anthropologists and, obviously, criminologists) and because the subject is interdisciplinary by nature, students are encouraged to critically assess the existing viewpoints as well as to bridge the gaps between disciplines (most notably law and social sciences). Moreover, not a lot of research about this subject exists, encouraging students to develop their own critical and creative ideas regarding the subject, the different approaches, and the available theories. For the final assignment students write an individual research paper on a topic they choose themselves.

Inhoud vak

- Corporate crime
- White collar crime
- International crimes (genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes)
- Corporate Social Responsibility,
- Business ethics
- Totalitarian/authoritarian regimes and the role of business
- International conflict and the role of business
- Non-international conflict and the role of business
- Private military/security firms
- The relation between conflict and extractive industries

Toetsvorm

Obligatory assignments (pass or fail)
Paper

Literatuur

The literature consists of a selection of articles and reports including Wim Huisman's Business as Usual (<http://www.bju.nl/juridisch/catalogus/business-as-usual-1>).

Aanbevolen voorkennis

Exchange students - Have to have an understanding of either (international) law or criminology/other social science. Most importantly they have to be willing to study during the course to make up for the knowledge they lack (limited of course to the course subject).

In general students from other backgrounds such as social psychology, economics, business, organizational studies, conflict studies, IR etc are welcomed because they add to the interdisciplinarity of the course. It is our experience that motivated students from these disciplines can add value to the discussion in class.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students (Master)

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

This course is only available to bachelor exchange students who can show they have completed 3 relevant bachelor courses such as criminology, white-collar/organizational crime, international criminal law, human rights, corporate social responsibility/sustainable development or something similar. Please contact the course coordinator.

This is an interdisciplinary course, inviting students from many backgrounds including criminology, (international) law, human rights, psychology, anthropology etc. We especially welcome students of (international) business administration and economics. Students are encouraged to use their existing knowledge but in order to complete the course will also have to be willing to delve into other disciplines.

Editorial Board - Amsterdam Law Forum

Vakcode	R_ALF ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Nederlands
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	A. Eleveld
Examinator	A. Eleveld
Niveau	600

Doel vak

Students will form the editing team and board of the Amsterdam Law Forum (ALF) for the issues that will be published in 2017-2018. ALF is a journal specializing in international law, politics, and criminology.

The articles include blind peer-reviewed articles and opinion articles by leading experts as well as young scholars. The participating students will learn how a scholarly article looks, how to edit scientific and opinion articles, and how to attract potential writers, for example by participating in events organized at the law faculty. Last but not least, the students will learn how to organize a conference as they will receive a budget of the law faculty for the organization of an international conference in the field of international law, politics, or

criminology at the end of the study year together with one of the research groups of the law faculty.

Inhoud vak

The ALF course starts in November. During the first month the new editing team and board will meet at least once a week. These meetings will be organized by the course coordinator and will include a meeting with the board of ALF 2016-2017, a seminar on editing scientific articles, and a seminar introducing the electronic system used by ALF. After this transition phase the new board will take over. Together with the editors they will be responsible for three issues of ALF (Winter, Spring and Summer Issue).

Onderwijsvorm

See content of the course.

Toetsvorm

Sufficient participation as an aeditor or board member, including the organization of the seminar in June. This will be evaluated by the course coordinator in collaboration with the board members and editors.

Vereiste voorkennis

Not required.

Doelgroep

Regular (master) students and exchange students.

Intekenprocedure

Students have to apply for the course by sending an application letter to anja.eleveld@vu.nl before 9 October 2017. The applicant should make clear whether s/he applies for the position of board member, editor, or for either position. In addition, the student should mention his/her legal specialization(s), his/her English proficiency, and other relevant qualities which s/he brings into the team. During the last two weeks of October the coordinator of the course and one (former) board member will invite the applicants for an interview. Maximum three board members and maximum seven editors will be selected for the ALF course 2017-2018.

Overige informatie

Selected editors and board members will normally be appointed until July 2018.

Expert Course

Vakcode	R_ExpCo ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	3.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. M. Weerdesteijn MSc
Examinator	dr. M. Weerdesteijn MSc
Docent(en)	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkcollege
Niveau	600

Doel vak

The degree programme aims to achieve the following:

- to prepare the student to practice professionally as analysts, researchers and experts in the field of international crimes and other gross human rights violations;
 - to teach the student specialized knowledge, skills and understanding in the field of international crimes and other gross human rights violations;
- and
- to prepare the student for academic work in the field of international crimes and other gross human rights violations.

2. The degree programme also promotes the academic education of the student, in particular with reference to:

- independent, academic thought processes and performance;
- communicating at an academic level;
- applying specialist academic knowledge in a wider social context.

3. The degree programme focuses attention on the student's personal development, promotes his or her awareness of social responsibility and develops skills of expression.

Inhoud vak

Topics in the field of international crimes.

Toetsvorm

Will be announced later.

Literatuur

Will be announced later.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Overige informatie

An expert in the field of International Crimes and Criminology will teach this course.

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Quantitative and qualitative research methodology;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
- Applying research methods and interpret results;
- Critical reflection on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domain.

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;

- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;
- Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

International Crimes

Vakcode	R_Int.Cri-9 ()
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	9.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. J. van Wijk
Examinator	dr. J. van Wijk
Docent(en)	dr. J. van Wijk, mr. B. Hola
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkgroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The aim of this introductory course is to familiarize students with the main (legal) concepts and (criminological) theories in relation to international crimes such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide.

In this course the core concepts and definitions of international crimes will be discussed and illustrated. After this course students should know the difference between these types of criminality and 'conventional' crimes and know when, where and why these types of crime occur. They should be able to apply the theories to current and past conflicts and events.

Inhoud vak

We will in this course focus on the social context in which these crimes are committed. Furthermore the preconditions and facilitating factors will be pinpointed and the relationship between political conflict and gross human rights violations will be analyzed. Attention will be given to themes such as: the circular logic of political terror, the genocidal process and the role of ideologies. Moreover, the political dynamics of states which use political violence and the possible role of third states and the international community will be analyzed. Finally, it will be discussed how states and/or the international community can deal with a violent past and to what extent the situation of victims from international crimes differs from victims of conventional crimes.

Toetsvorm

Assignments and paper

Literatuur

- Smeulers, A.L. & F. Grunfeld (2011). International crimes, Brill, Martinus-Nijhoff
- Reader + online texts (provided in coursebook)

Doelgroep

This course is in principle only open to students of the Master International Crimes and Criminology.

All other interested students should well in advance direct an email with motivation and CV to Joris van Wijk (j.van.wijk@vu.nl) to request if participation is possible. They will at the latest on 1 September be informed whether participation is possible.

Overige informatie

After following this course the student:

A. Has knowledge of and insight into:

1. Recent approaches, theories, methods and insights from various disciplines in relation to international crimes;
2. Quantitative and qualitative research methodology in relation to international crimes;
3. Legal issues concerning international crimes.

B. Is capable of:

4. Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
5. Applying research methods and interpret results;
6. Independently setting up, carrying out and reporting the results of an interdisciplinary research project;

C. Shows evidence of:

7. Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research results.

International Criminal Courts and Tribunals

Vakcode	R_Int.cr.c.t (200904)
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	M. Cupido LLM
Examinator	M. Cupido LLM
Docent(en)	M. Cupido LLM
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkgroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

This course provides students with an introduction into international criminal law, i.e. the law of supranational courts such as the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the ad hoc Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. The course addresses both the substantive and the procedural aspects of international criminal law. At the end of the course, students will have learnt about legal issues that lie at the heart of the international criminal justice system. They will also have insights into the (practical) challenges faced by international criminal courts and will be able to critically assess the ways in which the courts have approached these challenges. Moreover, by using comparative approach, this course also provides students with a better understanding of their own national criminal justice system.

Inhoud vak

The topics that will be covered in this course include:

1. History of international criminal justice;
2. Institutional structure of the ad hoc Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR), the International Criminal Court (ICC), and the "mixed Tribunals";
3. Sources of international criminal law;
4. Substantive law: elements of crimes, criminal responsibility of (military and civilian) superiors, grounds for excluding liability;
5. International criminal procedure: phases of international criminal procedure, evidentiary rules, fact-finding impediments, fair trial principles;
6. Prosecution of international crimes before national courts;
7. Concurrence of jurisdiction between states and international criminal courts and tribunals (primacy versus complementarity);
8. Victims in international criminal procedure.

Onderwijsvorm

This course consists of lectures, interactive tutorials, and e-lectures. Students are expected to participate actively in the discussions during the classes and to think critically about the challenges that international criminal justice faces. The e-lectures provide basic information about a number of core legal issues (e.g. jurisdiction) that students should be familiar with before attending the classes.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

D. Guilfoyle, International Criminal Law (Oxford University Press, 2016). The course guide will list additional reading material that is available through online databases.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

International Humanitarian Law

Vakcode	R_Int.hum.I ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Examinator	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Docent(en)	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The course conveys

- knowledge and understanding of international conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;
- the capability to identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;
- a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to the way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;
- a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to the existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;
- a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to academic research as well as research results.

Inhoud vak

The course provides a systematic treatment of the basic rules and principles of international humanitarian law.

It examines the practice and law related to international humanitarian law and in particular the qualification of conflicts, the distinction between combatants and non-combatants, the methods and means of warfare, the protection of civilians and prisoners of war, the law of neutrality and war crimes.

It also considers current problems in international humanitarian law, including the challenges posed by new forms of conflicts and violence, the interplay between international humanitarian law and human rights law, the regulation of private military companies.

Onderwijsvorm

The module will be delivered through lectures. Students are expected to read beforehand the required materials beforehand and to actively participate in the discussion. Students are also invited to make a 10-minute informal presentation starting with week 2.

Lectures:

1. Nature and scope of IHL;
2. Sources of IHL;
3. Qualification of armed conflicts;
4. Combatants and non-combatants;
5. Persons hors de combat and prisoners of war;
6. Conduct of hostilities I;
7. Conduct of hostilities II;
8. Law of occupation;
9. Implementation of IHL;
10. Private military companies;
11. Case study: Eritrea – Ethiopia Claims Commission;
12. Case study: Eritrea – Ethiopia Claims Commission.

The course will be completed by a role play exercise.

Toetsvorm

The course will be assessed by:

- A paper.

Literatuur

Required materials:

- R. Kolb, R. Hyde, An Introduction to the International Law of Armed

Conflicts, Hart Publishing, Oxford, 2008.

- Literature, documents and cases indicated in the reading list for each lecture, which will be available on Canvas.

Recommended materials:

- L. Green, Contemporary Law of Armed Conflict, Manchester University Press, 2000.

- F. Kalshoven, L. Zegveld, Constraints on the waging of war, CICR, Geneva, 2001 (available at www.icrc.org).

- Y. Dinstein, The Conduct of Hostilities under the Law of International Armed Conflict, 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press, 2010.

- M. Sassoli, A. Bouvier, How Does Law Protect in War, Geneva, ICRC, Second edition, 2006.

Doelgroep

This course is not open for exchange students.

International Law Clinic

Vakcode	R_IntLCI12 ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	12.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. mr. A.M. de Hoon
Examinator	dr. mr. A.M. de Hoon
Docent(en)	dr. mr. A.M. de Hoon
Lesmethode(n)	Werkcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The objective of the International Law Clinic is to enable students to provide legal and policy research assistance to the work of the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), which is used to assist clients (which are states, opposition or civil society groups) in conflict and post-conflict situations. Students thereby acquire advanced knowledge of international, comparative and human rights law, legal research and writing skills, as well as professional development towards becoming an international lawyer.

Inhoud vak

The International Law Clinic provides students the opportunity to conduct legal and policy research that is used to assist governments and non-state actors' leaderships in conflict or post-conflict situations. Topics include domestic and international prosecution of international crimes, transitional justice, and human rights redress. As research staff to the Netherlands Office of the renowned international organization PILPG, a 2005 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, students are supervised by and work in close cooperation with senior associates in providing legal and policy assistance in real-life conflict situations. In addition to working on a number of different research projects throughout the year, they are allocated with administrative tasks through which they can

develop their professional and organizational skills. Furthermore, international law professionals teach professional development sessions every 2 weeks that help students prepare themselves for a successful entry into the career market. For example, they focus on research and writing skills for effective and client-friendly legal memoranda, networking skills, career advice, presentation skills, social media and working in international criminal justice and diplomacy, to name a few. Moreover, students are stimulated to attend events that are relevant to their work, and are provided with business cards and a personal email address to assist their opportunities to build a network. The International Law Clinic moreover provides the opportunity to work in a highly professional and international climate, with motivated peers and individual supervision.

Onderwijsvorm

Team meetings with clinical staff and participants to discuss projects, as well as current developments in (conflict-)situations of clients; Individual tutorials.

Students are obliged to attend the meeting with entire clinic staff and participants that takes place once every two weeks. In addition they are obliged to meet in between those meetings on an individual basis with supervisors and/or peers to discuss work progress whenever needed. Students commit to participate in the International Law Clinic for the full Academic Year. They commit to an average of approximately 12-16 hours per week throughout this period. All participants of the International Law Clinic need to sign a Confidentiality Agreement to maintain attorney-client privilege. Each year, a maximum of 10 students may be accepted to participate in the International Law Clinic. Successful applicants become Research Associates of the Netherlands Office of the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG). They are supervised by the senior associates of PILPG-NL (approximately 10 part-time professionals) and work in cooperation with PILPG Global. The Clinic continues throughout the academic year. Students that want to apply for the Clinic need to have a basic understanding of public international law, good research and writing skills, and an excellent knowledge of English. To apply, students need to send a CV, cover letter and list of grades to the course coordinator Marieke de Hoon, via recruitment.pilpg.nl@pilpg.org.

Toetsvorm

Students are assessed based on several written assignments throughout the year, their team work, and their professional conduct. At the commencement of the year, students are provided with the detailed assessment form to make clear on which terms they are assessed. Moreover, each student will have an individual mid-term assessment meeting with the Management Team of PILPG-NL. In this mid-term assessment, the Management Team discusses with the students which skills are performed well and in which ways the student can improve him or herself for a better grade as well as the student's further professional development. Successful students receive 12 ECTS and a grade upon completion of the course.

Literatuur

Depends on the assignment. Students are expected to find appropriate literature for their research assignments themselves, in cooperation with the team, and may also be directed to relevant literature by supervisors.

Intekenprocedure

To apply, students need to send a CV, cover letter and list of grades to the course coordinator through the email address:

recruitment.pilpg.nl@pilpg.org. When you are not a Master student from the

faculty of Law at the VU, you are required to have a registration for subsidiary Master courses (bijvakregistratie).

The application period opens in August and closes on Friday 9 September 2017. Applicants will receive further information on the application procedure and subsequent dates by email.

Master's Thesis - International Crimes and Criminology

Vakcode	R_MThICC ()
Periode	Ac. Jaar (september)
Credits	18.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	J.A.M. Stuifbergen
Niveau	600

Doel vak

By writing your thesis, you should be able to prove to be able to independently initiate and conduct an interdisciplinary research project in the field of international crimes. You will have to set up a research design, use the right methodological approach, analyze the data and draw the correct conclusions. Students will be supervised by a member of the academic staff and will thus get individual feedback on their research plans and progress.

Overige informatie

All master students have to write a master thesis in order to finish the program. The thesis is 18 ECTS, which stands for approximately 504 hours of work. Based on a 40-hour work-week this amounts to roughly 3 months full-time work. A master thesis is the written report of your final research project and will be the culmination of your year's study. While much of your time in the second half of the academic year should be reserved for work on your thesis

Perpetrators and Bystanders

Vakcode	R_Perp.bysta (200980)
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. M. Weerdesteijn MSc
Examinator	dr. M. Weerdesteijn MSc
Docent(en)	dr. M. Weerdesteijn MSc
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Leergroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

This course is mandatory for the students in the International Crimes and Criminology master and an optional course for several other masters (e.g. Criminology, Law and Politics of International Security). The course deals with the perpetrators and bystanders of the most horrendous crimes like genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. It tries to seek explanations for their involvement in, or passiveness when witnessing, these atrocities. In doing so it has an interdisciplinary nature but with an emphasis on socio-psychology.

By the end of the course the student:

A. Has knowledge of and insight into:

1. Recent approaches, theories, methods and insights from various disciplines in relation to perpetrators and bystanders of international crimes;
2. Quantitative and qualitative research methodology in relation to international crimes and their perpetrators;
3. Legal issues concerning prosecution of perpetrators of international crimes.

B. Is capable of:

4. Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
5. Applying research methods and interpret results;
6. Independently setting up, carrying out and reporting the results of an interdisciplinary research project;
7. Critical reflection on research results and reflection on the theoretical debates concerning the aetiology of international crimes by examining their perpetrators and bystanders.

C. Shows evidence of:

8. An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge concerning the perpetrators and bystanders of international crimes.

Inhoud vak

The 'course will address questions such as who the perpetrators and bystanders of international crimes are and why they commit international crimes or passively stand by. We will discuss and debate the thesis that the perpetrators are merely ordinary people who commit their crimes because they find themselves in extraordinary circumstances. We will delve into various socio-psychological mechanisms and assess their importance in situations when international crimes are committed. Students will get acquainted with various classic socio-psychological experiments such as the Milgram obedience experiment, the Stanford prison experiment and the Asch's conformity experiment and discuss their implications. Since international crimes are often perpetrated by militarized units we will also touch upon military culture, training and its effects on individuals. The ordinary military education and training will be contrasted to much more brutal and demanding torture training and ! the example of Greek Torture School will be discussed. We will discuss whether situational factors (extraordinary circumstances) can turn ordinary people into perpetrators of international crimes and why it is so difficult to keep hold of your own moral values within a repressive and powerful environment. We will conclude with discussing the

relevance of the collective character of international crimes and question how to prevent or react to such crimes. Is the currently prevalent criminal law reaction ideal?

Toetsvorm

Paper and take home exam

Literatuur

Alette Smeulers and Fred Grunfeld: International Crimes and Other Gross Human Rights Violations, A Multi- and Interdisciplinary Textbook, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2011

Online articles and texts to be announced via Canvas.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:
Students from other universities/faculties
Exchange students
Contractor (students who pay for one course)

The extracurricular and exchange students should send a cv to Maartje Weerdesteijn (m.weerdesteijn@vu.nl) and get approval for their participation.

Intekenprocedure

A maximum of 50 students may attend this course.

Public International Law

Vakcode	R_Pub.int.I (200950)
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	T.E. Aalberts
Examinator	T.E. Aalberts
Docent(en)	T.E. Aalberts
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	400

Doel vak

The course provides students with an overview of the foundational doctrines of international law. Students are required to reflect on these foundations, identify incompatibilities and to see how law and politics interact. Moreover, students will be familiarized with the basic legal regime covering ius ad bellum and learn to critically apply these rules to existing armed conflicts.

Inhoud vak

- Nature, sources and subjects of international law
- Law of responsibility, with a focus on states and individuals
- Jurisdiction and immunities
- Peaceful settlement of disputes
- Law on the use of force, including collective security, self-defense

and
humanitarian intervention

Toetsvorm

Take home examination

Literatuur

Jan Klabbers, International law, Cambridge University Press 2013
Additional materials available on Canvas

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

- Students from other universities/faculties
- Exchange students
- Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Overige informatie

OBJECTIVES

Degree programme objectives Law and Politics of International Security

Final Attainment Levels

The student graduating with a Master's degree will have the following knowledge and understanding:

- International conflict and security law, including jus ad bellum, jus in bello and jus post bellum;
- The difficulties involved in the application of 'traditional' legal and political science concepts to contemporary armed conflicts.

Being capable of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a capability to:
 - Identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;
 - Identify the differences and overlaps between the various methodologies used in law and political science;
 - Independently set up a legal and political arguments in the area of international conflict and security law;
 - Independently apply research methods and interpret results;

Show evidence of:

- The student graduating with a Master's degree will have a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to:
 - The way in which problems in the area of international conflict and security are framed in academic, legal and policy debates;
 - The existing legal framework in the field of international conflict and security;
 - Existing policy solutions in the field of international conflict and security;

Degree programme objectives International Crimes and Criminology

Final Attainment Levels

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Show evidence of:

- An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;

- An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions;
- Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research result.

Research Methodology for International Crimes

Vakcode	R_Res.meth.c (200902)
Periode	Periode 2+3
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	M.P. Bolhuis MSc
Examinator	M.P. Bolhuis MSc
Lesmethode(n)	Lezing
Niveau	600

Doel vak

The aim of this course is to familiarize students with quantitative and qualitative research methods to study international crimes, other gross human rights violations and their aftermath.

At the end of the course the student:

A. Has knowledge of and insight into:

1. Recent approaches, theories, methods and insights from various disciplines in relation to international crimes;
2. Quantitative and qualitative research methodology in relation to international crimes;

B. Is capable of:

3. Applying research methods and interpret results;
4. Independently setting up, carrying out and reporting the results of an interdisciplinary research project;
5. Critical reflection on research results and reflection on the theoretical debates within the selected domain.

C. Shows evidence of:

6. An independent, critical attitude with regard to existing theories and knowledge;
7. An investigative, original and creative attitude with regard to existing issues and solutions in relation to international criminal justice and transitional justice;
8. Critical, analytical and normative reflection on academic research and on research results.

We will achieve the objectives in two ways:

- field exercises
- lectures

Inhoud vak

During the course we will discuss and practice various research methods and their use in case of international crimes and transitional justice, such as sampling, instrument design, interviewing, data analysis, statistical testing, for ordinary social research, as well as specific

methods for international crimes.

Toetsvorm

Written exam and bonus points

Literatuur

Research Methods for International Crimes (2017). Bijleveld, C.C.J.H.

Doelgroep

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for:

Students from other universities/faculties

Exchange students

Contractor (students who pay for one course)

Research Seminar International Crimes 1

Vakcode	R_Res.sem.ic (212411)
Periode	Periode 3
Credits	3.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Examinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Lesmethode(n)	Werkcollege
Niveau	600

Doel vak

The purpose of the research seminar is to discuss and explore in depth a particular topic related to international crimes or international criminal justice together with a renowned academic expert or a practitioner .

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge of and insight into:

- Recent approaches, theories and insights from various disciplines in international crimes;
- Legal issues concerning international crimes.

Being capable of:

- Identifying and applying theoretical approaches from various disciplines;
- Critical reflection on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domain.

Inhoud vak

In order to provide a stimulating forum for further academic development of our students, several times a year the CICJ invites a distinguished scholar or practitioner to share with us his/her expertise during the so-called 'research seminar'. The research seminar is an intensive two-day course on a specific topic related to international crimes. During the research seminar students will have the possibility to explore the particular topic in depth and discuss their opinions with the renowned expert in the field.

More information on the topic is to be announced via Canvas.

Toetsvorm

Paper

Doelgroep

Apart from students which follow the Master International Crimes and Criminology and the Master Law and Politics of International Security, the course is also available for a limited number of other students

Overige informatie

The course is open to a limited amount of students (20-25). Preference is given to students of the Master International Crimes and Criminology or the Master Law and Politics of International Security.

Research Seminar International Crimes 2

Vakcode	R_ResSem2 ()
Periode	Periode 5
Credits	3.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. J. van Wijk
Examinator	dr. J. van Wijk
Lesmethode(n)	Werkcollege
Niveau	600

Doel vak

The purpose of the research seminar is to discuss and explore in depth a particular topic related to international crimes or international criminal justice together with a renowned academic expert or a practitioner .

Inhoud vak

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Overige informatie

The research seminar is organized twice a year and the details of this year's research seminar concerning a topic, a speaker and further information will be distributed among students during the academic year.

Terrorism & Security

Vakcode	R_TerrSec ()
Periode	Periode 5
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels

Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. S.E.M. Herlin Karnell LL.M
Examinator	prof. dr. S.E.M. Herlin Karnell LL.M
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege, Werkgroep
Niveau	500

Doel vak

At the end of the course, students

- Understand the characteristics of radicalization, terrorism, disengagement and deradicalization;
- are aware of and have knowledge about recent developments in criminal law in response to terrorism;
- are aware of and have knowledge about the dynamics of EU and global security regulations with regard to terrorism;
- can think critically about recent policy responses in this area, in particular from a human rights perspective;
- can reflect on the deeper theoretical meaning of counter-terrorism policies in light of their previous studies and prior knowledge.

Inhoud vak

What is terrorism and how is it countered? This course deals with the most current issues of security and law in the Netherlands, the EU, and the global context. It examines how countries respond to threats of terrorism and how individual rights can be protected within crisis driven agendas. From an interdisciplinary perspective (combining insights from criminology, criminal law, human rights law, and EU constitutional law), the course trains students to understand terrorism as a phenomenon and discusses how traditional legal frameworks are amended to new areas of security regulation. We shall examine, among other things, whether or not it is possible to profile or identify terrorists, how to respond to returning foreign fighters, and how the EU and international fora balance the fight against terrorism with human rights, thereby considering the different approaches that states have adopted.

Onderwijsvorm

6 lectures, 3 seminars.

Toetsvorm

Written exam with essay questions.

Literatuur

A collection of articles that can be found online or accessed through the VU library.

Vereiste voorkennis

The course is open to master students in law and criminology.

Doelgroep

The course is open to master students in law and criminology. A maximum of 50 students may attend this course.

Apart from regular students, the course is also available for exchange students.

Intekenprocedure

Only a limited amount of students (50) may participate in the course.

The Politics of International Law

Vakcode	R_PoILL ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. L.J.M. Boer LLM
Examinator	dr. L.J.M. Boer LLM
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

This course takes international law as its object of study. In seven seminars, we consider different manifestations of international law and scrutinize its politics. For example, how is knowledge produced in international legal scholarship? What makes an argument into a specific international legal one? Who benefits from international law, and who is structurally left behind? The attempt here is to open up the 'black box' of international law and not take it as a given. What I'd like you to leave with at the end of this course, is a sense of the tools available to you when you want to critique different aspects of international law. The point is not that you agree with these criticisms, but to understand what it means to look at international law through the lens of these different critiques, and what lights up as a result. In other words, the aim is to question the self-evident nature of international law: its rules, its application, the law-appliers and the legal knowledge producers. What we try to grasp, is the contingency as well as the fixedness of this 'thing' that is international law.

Inhoud vak

For the 2018 course, the 7 seminars are provisionally titled as follows:

The politics of international legal argument
Cyberwar and the politics of international legal scholarship
Repetition and representation
The politics of expertise: the rule and role of legal experts
(Humanitarian) intervention and postcolonial critiques of international law
Nuclear weapons and the politics of adjudication
Conclusion: The politics of interdisciplinarity: the shared (?) research agenda of international law and international relations

Onderwijsvorm

The course consists of 7, three hour interactive seminars. Group discussion (and thus, student preparation) is at the core of this course.

Toetsvorm

Papers

Literatuur

Subject to change, the literature is as follows:

Seminar 1:

- (1) Martti Koskenniemi, *From Apology to Utopia*, CUP 2005, chapter 1 (available as e-book via the University Library)
- (2) Nuclear Tests Case, ICJ 1970

Seminar 2:

- (1) Oscar Schachter, 'The Invisible College of International Lawyers', 72 *Northwestern University Law Review* 217 (1977)
- (2) Lianne Boer, 'The greater part of jurisconsults', 29 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 1021 (2016)
- (3) Ken Hyland, 'Authority and Identity', 34 *Journal of Pragmatics* 1091 (2002)
- (4) Michael Schmitt (ed.), *Tallinn Manual on the International Law applicable to Cyber Warfare*, Cambridge University Press (available via the University Library), introduction

Seminar 3:

- (1) Wouter Werner, 'Justice On Screen, A Study of Four Documentary Films on the International Criminal Court', 29 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 1043 (2016)
- (2) Wouter Werner, 'Recall it Again, Sam: Practices of Repetition in the Security Council' (published on Canvas)

Seminar 4:

- (1) Anna Leander and Tanja Aalberts, 'The Co-Constitution of Legal Expertise and International Security', 26 *Leiden Journal of International Law* 783 (2013)
- (2) David Kennedy, 'The Politics of the Invisible College: International Governance and the Politics of Expertise', *European Human Rights Law Review* 463 (2001)

Seminar 5:

- (1) Antony Anghie, 'The evolution of international law', <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/01436590600780011>
- (2) Sundhya Pahuja, 'The Postcoloniality of International Law', 46 *Harvard International Law Journal* 459 (2005)
- (3) Anne Orford, *Reading Humanitarian Intervention*, CUP 2003, chapter 5, available as ebook via the University Library

Seminar 6:

- (1) Judith Shklar, *Legalism*, HUP 1964, Introduction, extract available on Canvas
- (2) ICJ, *Nuclear Weapons Advisory Opinion*, available at <http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/files/95/7495.pdf>
- (3) Judge Weeramantry, *Dissenting Opinion to the ICJ's Nuclear Weapons Advisory Opinion*, extract published on Canvas (full opinion available at <http://www.icj-cij.org/docket/files/95/7521.pdf>)

Seminar 7:

- (1) Tanja Aalberts and Ingo Venzke, *Moving beyond Interdisciplinary*

Turf

Wars, available at

https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2619642

(2) Anne-Marie Slaughter, 'International Law and International Relations

Theory: A Dual Agenda', 87 American Journal of International Law 205 (1993)

(3) Jan Klabbers, The Bridge Crack'd: A Critical Look at Interdisciplinary Relations, available at

<http://ire.sagepub.com/content/23/1/119.full.pdf>

Vereiste voorkennis

A Public International Law course at LL.B./LL.M. level; if you do not fulfil this requirement but wish to follow the course anyway, send me an email

Doelgroep

The course is aimed at Master's students, and is one of the core courses of the LPIS master programme. TLS students have participated in the past, and are very welcome, other interested students are also welcome, including a maximum of 5 exchange students