



Master International Crimes and Criminology

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid - M ICC - 2016-2017

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](https://rechten.vu.nl/en/>Education>Schedulesandregulations>Courseandprogramme/schedules)

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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

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 Thes Int. Crimes and Crimi.	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+3	6.0	R_Int.hum.l
International Law Clinic	Periode 1+2+3+4+5	12.0	R_IntLCI12
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
The Politics of International Law	Periode 4	6.0	R_PoILL

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. Stuijbergen
Examinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
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.

Expert Course

Vakcode	R_ExpCo ()
Periode	Periode 2
Credits	3.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
Examinator	J.A.M. Stuijbergen
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

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

The objective of this course is to provide students with knowledge and understanding of both the substantive and 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 combining a theoretical, comparative approach with a problem-based method 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. Nature and 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; general features and development; fair trial principles
6. Evidentiary rules, truth-finding and fact-finding impediments;
7. Prosecution of international crimes before national courts;
8. Cooperation between international criminal courts and tribunals and national jurisdictions and the relationship between the tribunals and the UN;
9. Concurrence of jurisdiction between national states and international criminal courts and tribunals (primacy versus complementarity);

10. Victims in international criminal procedure

Onderwijsvorm

This course consists of lectures (hoorcolleges) and interactive tutorials (werkgroepen). Students are expected to participate actively in the discussions and to think critically about the challenges for international criminal justice.

Toetsvorm

Written exam

Literatuur

Douglas Guilfoyle, International Criminal Law (Oxford University Press, 2016)

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+3
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	prof. dr. W.G. Werner
Examinator	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 pose by new form of conflicts and violence, the interplay between international humnaitarian 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:

- D. Fleck (ed.), The Handbook of International Humanitarian Law, 2nd ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009; or
- 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 Blackboard.

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.

International Law Clinic

Vakcode	R_IntLCI12 ()
Periode	Periode 1+2+3+4+5
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 conduct legal and policy research for 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 for governments and non-state actors' leaderships in conflict or post-conflict situations. Topics include domestic and international prosecution of international crimes, peace negotiations, rule of law development, the protection of human rights and redress for human rights violations, and transitional justice. As research staff to the Netherlands Office of 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 to develop their 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 new and progress on assignments, as well as 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. 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 11 September. Applicants will receive further information on the application procedure and subsequent dates by email.

Master's Thes Int. Crimes and Crimi.

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

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)	mr. B. Hola, dr. J. van Wijk
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

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

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 Barbora Hola (b.hola@vu.nl) and get approval for their participation.

Intekenprocedure

A maximum of 50 students may attend this course.

Overige informatie

MAXIMUM OF PARTICIPANTS
 A maximum of 50 students may attend this course.
 Master degree students ICC have priority.

Public International Law

Vakcode	R_Pub.int.I (200950)
Periode	Periode 1
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels
Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	dr. T.E. Aalberts
Examinator	dr. 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 be required to critically apply these frameworks 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
Syllabus
Additional materials available on Blackboard

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	mr. B. Hola
Examinator	mr. B. Hola
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 (2014). 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

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

To be announced via Blackboard

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	mr. B. Hola
Examinator	mr. B. Hola
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

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.

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.

The Politics of International Law

Vakcode	R_PollL ()
Periode	Periode 4
Credits	6.0
Voertaal	Engels

Faculteit	Faculteit der Rechtsgeleerdheid
Coördinator	L.J.M. Boer LL.M.
Examinator	L.J.M. Boer LL.M.
Lesmethode(n)	Hoorcollege
Niveau	500

Doel vak

The course conveys

- knowledge and understanding of contemporary theories of international security, as developed in political science (especially IR theory);
- knowledge and understanding of the overlaps and differences between the legal and political science approaches to international security;
- knowledge and understanding of the interrelationship between international law and international politics in the area of international security;
- the capability to identify and apply theoretical approaches from international law and political science;
- the capability to independently set up legal and political arguments in the area of international conflict and security law;
- the capability to independently apply research methods and interpret results;
- the capability to independently set up, carry out and report the result of research projects;
- the capability to critically reflect on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domains.
- a critical, creative and innovative attitude with regard to academic research as well as research results

Inhoud vak

Classical & structural realism
 Institutionalism & liberal theory
 Constructivism
 Critical legal theory & counterdisciplinarity
 Post-Marxist and post-colonial theories of international law

Toetsvorm

Paper, assignments, attendance

Literatuur

Literature is subject to change. Reading will be drawn from materials such as the following:

- Jack Goldsmith, Sovereignty, International Relations Theory, and International Law, *Stanford Law Review*, v. 52, pp. 959-986 (2000)
- Robert Keohane, International Relations and International Law: Two Optics, *Harvard International Law Journal*, vol. 38, pp. 487-502 (1997)
 - o Hans Morgenthau, Positivism, Functionalism, and International Law, *American Journal of International Law*, v. 34, pp. 260-284 (1940)
 - o Dunoff & Trachtman, The Law and Economics of Humanitarian Law Violations in Internal Conflict, *American Journal of International Law*, v. 93, pp. 394-409 (1999)
 - o John Mearsheimer, The False Promise of International Institutions, *International Security*, v. 19, pp. 5-49 (1995)
- Christian Reus-Smit, The Politics of International Law, pp. 14-44, in C. Reus-Smit (ed.), *The Politics of International Law* (2004) [chapter 2: available electronically via VU library catalog, as ebook]
- Nicholas Onuf, Sovereignty: Outline of a Conceptual History, *Alternatives*, v. 16, pp. 425-446 (1991)

- o Anthony Clark Arend, Do Legal Rules Matter? *International Law and International Politics*, *Virginia Journal of International Law*, vol. 38 (1998)
- o Martha Finnemore, Are Legal Norms Distinctive? *NYU Journal of International Law & Policy*, v. 32, pp. 699-705 (2000)
- o Finnemore & Toope, Alternatives to “Legalization”: Richer Views of Law and Politics, *International Organization*, v.55, pp. 743 – 758 (2001)
- Susan Marks, International Judicial Activism and the Commodity-Form Theory of International Law, *European Journal of International Law*, v. 18, pp. 199-211 (2007)
- Antony Anghie, The Evolution of International Law: colonial and postcolonial realities, *Third World Quarterly*, v. 27, pp. 739-753 (2006)
- o Makau Mutua, ‘What is TWAIL?’, *American Society of Int’l Law Proceedings*, vol. 94, pp. 31-38 (2000)
- o Susan Marks, Big Brother is Bleeping Us—With the Message that Ideology Doesn’t Matter, *European Journal of International Law*, v. 12, pp. 109-123 (2001)
- o Robert Knox, Marxism, International Law, and Political Strategy, *Leiden Journal of International Law*, v. 22, pp. 413-436 (2009)
- Jan Klabbers, The Relative Autonomy of International Law or The Forgotten Politics of Interdisciplinarity, *Journal of Int’l Law & Int’l Relations*, v.1, pp. 35-48 (2005)
- Martti Koskenniemi, Law, Teleology and International Relations: An Essay in Counterdisciplinarity, *International Relations*, v. 26, pp. 3-34 (2012)
- o Jan Klabbers, The Bridge Crack’d: A Critical look at Interdisciplinary Relations, *International Relations*, v. 23, pp. 119-125 (2009)
- o Nikolas Rajkovic, Rules, Lawyering, and the Politics of Legality: Critical Sociology and International law’s Rule, *Leiden Journal of International Law*, v. 27, pp. 331-352 (2014)
- o Jeffrey Dunoff, From Interdisciplinarity to Counterdisciplinarity: Is There Madness in Martti’s Method? *Temple Int’l & Comparative Law Journal*, v. 27, pp. 309-337 (2013).
- Martti Koskenniemi, The fate of public international law: Between technique and politics, *The Modern Law Review*, v. 70, pp. 1-30 (2007)
- Arnulf Becker Lorca, International Law in Latin America or Latin American International Law? Rise, Fall, and Retrieval of a Tradition of Legal Thinking and Political Imagination,
- o David Kennedy, A New Stream of International Law Scholarship, *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, v. 7, pp. 1-49 (1989)
- o Sundhya Pahuja, The Postcoloniality of International Law, *Harvard Int’l Law Journal*, v. 46, pp. 459-469 (2005)
- o Philip Allott, The international lawyer in government service: Ontology and deontology, *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, v. 23, pp. 13-23 (2005)
- David Kennedy, Challenging Expert Rule: The Politics of Global Governance, *Sydney Law Review*, v. 27 pp. 5-28 (2005)
- Luis Eslava & Sundhya Pahuja, Beyond the (Post)Colonial: TWAIL and the Everyday Life of International Law, *Journal of Law and Politics in Africa, Asia and Latin America*, v. 45, pp. 195-221 (2012) [also available at:
http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2034228]
- o Susan Marks, Empire’s Law, *Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies*, v. 10, pp. 449-466 (2003)
- o Balakrishnan Rajagopal, International Law and Social Movements: Challenges of Theorizing Resistance, *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*, vol. 41, pp. 397-433 (2003)
- o Ruth Buchanan, Writing Resistance Into International Law, *International Community Law Review*, v. 10, pp. 445-454 (2008)

- Philip Allott, International Law and the Idea of History, Journal of the History of International Law, v. 1, pp. 1-21 (1999)
- Maria Drakopoulou, Clio's Forgotten Consciousness: History and the Question of Feminist Critique in Law, Australian Feminist Law Journal, v. 38, pp. 3-21 (2013)
 - o Susan Marks, False Contingency, Current Legal Problems, v. 62, pp. 1-21 (2009)
 - o BS Chimni, The Past, Present and Future of Int'l Law: A Critical Third World Approach, Melbourne Journal of International Law, vol. 8, pp. 499-515 (2007)
 - o Fritz Kratochwil, History, Action and Identity: Revisiting the 'Second' Great Debate and Assessing its Importance for Social Theory, European Journal of International Relations, vol. 12, pp. 5-29 (2006)

Doelgroep

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

Exchange students

5 maximum exchange students; must already have taken public international law

Overige informatie

This course is intended for LPIS students. Any other students who wish to take the course should contact me.

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 nature and development of contemporary armed conflicts;
- Contemporary theories of international security, as developed in political science (especially IR theory);
- The overlaps and differences between the legal and political science approaches to international security;
- The interrelationship between international law and international politics in the area of international security;
- 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;
- Independently set up, carry out and report the result of research projects;
- Critically reflect on research results and relating those results to theoretical debates within the selected domains.

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;
- Existing scientific theories in the area of international security;

-Academic research as well as research results.