



## Syllabus

Academic Year	2026/2027
Program	Global Law
Course	Human Rights and Armed Conflicts
Term	I semester
Year	3
SSD	IUS/13
Credits	6

INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS	<p>The course aims to provide students with an in-depth knowledge of foundational principles and frameworks of human rights as outlined in international law and treaties, with a special focus on the case of armed conflicts, their causes, dynamics, also in the light of past and present geopolitical scenarios, and impacts on human rights at individual, community and societal levels.</p>
INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p><b>Knowledge and understanding:</b> Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of human rights law in armed conflicts (starting from sources of law to the relationship between international humanitarian law and human rights), specific military activities that impact human rights, and States' obligation to investigate human rights violation during armed conflicts.</p> <p><b>Applying knowledge and understanding:</b> Students will apply the theoretical knowledge acquired identifying the rules of human rights law applicable to armed conflicts and understanding how this can impact the achievement of military objectives.</p> <p><b>Making judgments:</b> Students will be able to critically evaluate and analyse the scope of human rights enforcement in situations of armed conflict, also proposing their ideas and legal reasoning.</p> <p><b>Communications Skills:</b> Students will acquire appropriate language and vocabulary and they will be able to communicate their analyses and findings clearly and persuasively, either in writing or orally, regarding the human rights issues in armed conflicts.</p>



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	<b>Learning skills:</b> Students will learn to identify legal frameworks related to human rights violations and armed conflicts as well as critically analyse relevant complex issues, considering multiple perspectives and proposing valuable reasoning.
Pre-requisites	Basic Knowledge of international law is required.
Course content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law</li><li>• Historical Context of Armed Conflicts and Human Rights Violations</li><li>• International Legal Frameworks for Human Rights and Armed Conflicts</li><li>• Principles of International Humanitarian Law</li><li>• Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols</li><li>• Rights of Civilians and Combatants in Armed Conflict</li><li>• Role of International Organizations in Human Rights Protection during Armed Conflicts</li><li>• Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction</li><li>• Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution Mechanisms</li><li>• Contemporary Challenges and Emerging Issues in Human Rights and Armed Conflicts</li></ul>
Reference Books	D.I. Odon (2022), <i>Armed Conflict and Human Rights Law</i> (Routledge). Slides and additional teaching materials on Luiss Learn.
Teaching Methods	Frontal lectures Case discussion
Assessment	Assignment (40%) Final oral exam (60%)

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