

Subject card

Subject name and code	International humanitarian law - lecture, PG_00146968						
Field of study	Law						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2022		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	uniform Master's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	4		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	7		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Faculty of Law and Administration -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Katarzyna Łasak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	15		0.0		35.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the lecture is to present the norms of international law regulating the conduct of international and non-international armed conflicts. Its regulations concern the rules of armed combat as well as the rules for the protection of persons and objects. The lecture highlights the trend toward the establishment of international criminal tribunals for the prosecution and punishment of war criminals.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[PRAWOJ5_KR05] He/she prepares responsibly to his/her work; can determine priorities in work and plan work appropriately	Approaches the preparation of analyses and projects in humanitarian law responsibly, planning research tasks skillfully.	[SK3] text preparation/written work
	[PRAWOJ5_UW04] He/she efficiently observes and analyzes moral, ethical and legal dilemmas in professional work	Efficiently uses principles and norms of international humanitarian law in analyzing case studies.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRAWOJ5_WG06] He/she has systematic knowledge about the man as the subject establishing social structures and principles of their operation and about the man as the individual operating in these structures	Understands how an individual functions as a participant in social structures in the context of armed conflicts.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG05] The graduate demonstrates systematic knowledge about the types of legal relations and the governing regularities	Knows the types of legal relations concerning armed conflicts and their determinants.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG01] The graduate demonstrates deepened and systematic knowledge about the character of legal science, its place in the system of sciences and mutual relations.	Has organized knowledge of the place of humanitarian law within the system of legal sciences.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG02] He/she knows wide terminology and concepts in the scope of law and connected disciplines	Knows advanced terminology in the field of international humanitarian law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG03] He/she demonstrates deepened knowledge about the political system in Poland, about individual authorities with particular consideration of legislative authority and the judiciary,	Has in-depth knowledge of the system of authority and its role in ensuring compliance with international humanitarian law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UK09] He/she demonstrates wide skills in preparing speeches in the field of law in Polish and foreign language	Prepares oral presentations on topics related to international humanitarian law in Polish and foreign languages.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KO03] He/she is prepared for active participation in groups, organizations and institutions connected with law, is also able to communicate with specialists and non-specialists in the field of law	Actively participates in debates and the work of organizations related to humanitarian law, effectively communicating with various audiences.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_KO04] The graduate is ready to prepare own projects connected with the creation, application and interpretation of legal regulations, including projects co-financed by the European Union's funds	Is ready to create humanitarian projects taking into account international legal regulations.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UK08] The graduate has wide skills to prepare written works connected with the work of a lawyer in Polish and foreign language	Is able to prepare written texts related to international humanitarian law in Polish and foreign languages.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW02] The graduate utilizes theoretical knowledge in legal science and the connected academic disciplines to analyze and interpret complex legal issues	Integrates knowledge from law and related disciplines to analyze phenomena associated with international humanitarian law.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WK10] He/she understands and knows the basic concepts and principles of industrial property protection and copyright law, as well as understands the need for proper protection of intellectual property and managing its resources	Knows the basic principles of intellectual property protection related to international humanitarian law materials and applies them in written work	[SW3] text preparation/written work

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[PRAWOJ5_UO11] He/she can work well in a team and can coordinate the team's work when solving legal problems, interpreting legal acts, and preparing written or oral opinions on a matter.	Is able to work in a team and coordinate a group's efforts in solving legal case studies related to war crimes.	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_UU12] He/she acquires knowledge efficiently and develops his/her professional skills using various sources (in native and foreign language) and modern technologies	Efficiently acquires information on international humanitarian law from various sources (in Polish and foreign languages), using modern technologies.	[SU3] text preparation/written work [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_WK12] He/she has knowledge of occupational health and safety in public administration institutions	Knows the principles of occupational health and safety in public administration institutions and is able to indicate administrative tasks in enforcing international humanitarian law provisions.	[SW3] text preparation/written work [SW5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_UW01] He/she has advanced skills in observation and interpretation of social phenomena, analyzes their connections with various areas, activity of legal science and the related disciplines	Is able to observe and interpret social phenomena related to armed conflicts in the context of international law.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_KR07] The graduate is ready to take up professional challenges, takes up efforts and is persistent in the implementation of individual and group activities in the creation, application or interpretation of legal regulations and related sciences	Undertakes research tasks and simulations in international humanitarian law with engagement and perseverance.	[SK5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_UW03] The graduate demonstrates deepened skills of using complex theoretical points of view to analyze, interpret and plan strategies of legal activities; solves concrete problems connected with the creation, application and interpretation of legal regulations, anticipates the course of their solution and predicts the effects of planned activities	Is able to analyze and design legal strategies in proceedings before international tribunals.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_KK01] The graduate is deeply aware of the level of his/her knowledge and skills, and also understands the need of lifelong learning	Consciously assesses the level of their knowledge of international humanitarian law and understands the need for its continuous updating.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_WK11] The graduate has deepened knowledge of the principles of creating and developing basic forms of individual entrepreneurship.	Knows the basic forms of organizational and individual cooperation in protecting victims of armed conflicts and supporting humanitarian initiatives.	[SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion
[PRAWOJ5_KR06] He/she behaves in ethical and professional way, follows the principles of ethics	Is aware of the ethical aspects of conducting armed conflicts and prosecuting war crimes, and applies ethical principles in analyzing cases related to international humanitarian law.	[SK3] text preparation/written work [SK4] test/exam - oral or written
[PRAWOJ5_UW06] The graduate is able to assess the usefulness of typical procedures and good practice in the implementation of tasks connected with various spheres connected with law and related fields	Is able to assess the applicability of procedures and standard practices used in international humanitarian law to solve complex issues related to armed conflicts.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU5] implementation of a problem task
[PRAWOJ5_WK13] He/she has advanced knowledge of the functioning of professional self-governments in legal professions, is familiar with the principles of judges' and prosecutors' professions, and has knowledge of the organization of the judiciary in Poland.	Knows how legal professional bodies operate and their role in cooperating with the International Criminal Court in prosecuting war crimes.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written

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	[PRAWOJ5_WG07] The graduate knows methods and tools, including techniques of data and information acquisition, as well as research methods appropriate for the field of study and the related disciplines	Knows research methods used in analyzing issues of international humanitarian law.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[PRAWOJ5_UW05] He/she can observe and analyze moral, ethical and legal dilemmas in professional work	Is able to identify moral and legal dilemmas related to military actions	[SU5] implementation of a problem task
	[PRAWOJ5_WG04] He/she knows the system of Polish law, mutual connections within the system and connections of Polish law with the European Union law and international law	Knows the connections between Polish law and international law in relation to obligations stemming from international humanitarian law.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_UW07] He/she has the skills in understanding and analyzing social phenomena and utilizing this analysis in his/her professional work.	Is able to use the analysis of social phenomena in legal argumentation concerning international humanitarian law.	[SU4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG09] He/she demonstrates deepened and systematic knowledge about the processes of changes of political systems and of individual authorities, as well as the consequences of these changes	Understands the impact of political and institutional changes on the functioning of mechanisms for protecting victims of armed conflicts.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written
	[PRAWOJ5_WG08] He/she has deepened knowledge of sources of Polish law, its changes and processes of law formation	Has in-depth knowledge of the sources of international humanitarian law, its evolution, and the codification process.	[SW3] text preparation/written work
	[PRAWOJ5_KK02] He/she is aware of the necessity to widen professional competences and qualifications, to improve skills, is able to indicate the direction of own development and education independently in widened and deepened way	Demonstrates readiness to further develop professional competencies in the field of international legal protection of victims of armed conflicts.	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written [SK5] implementation of a problem task

Subject contents	I. Introductory Issues		
	The concept of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and its scope		
	The history of warfare, the evolution of the customs of war, and the codification of IHL		
	The origin and development of the Red Cross and Red Crescent		
	II. Categories of Protected Persons and Objects The Principle of Distinction		
	Definition of combatants		
	Categories of combatants		
	Non-combatants civilian population		
	Military and civilian objects		
	III. Protection of the Wounded, Sick, and Shipwrecked		
	Geneva Law		
	Principles of protection		
	IV. Protection of Prisoners of War		
	Geneva Law		
	Principles of protection in practice		
	V. Protection of the Civilian Population and Military Occupation		
	Principles of protection and practical application		
Military occupation			
VI. Permitted and Prohibited Means of Armed Combat			
Conventional and non-conventional weapons			
Weapons of mass destruction			
VII. Legal Responsibility for War-Related Crimes			
Jurisdictional issues			
The evolution of responsibility from Leipzig through Nuremberg and Tokyo to international criminal tribunals			
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	exam	50.0%	100.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	D. Fleck, International Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflicts, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013	
	Supplementary literature	W.A. Schabas, An Introduction to the International Criminal Court, Second Edition, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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