

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LAW
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Details						
Code			Academic Year		Semester	
KHU144			1		Spring semester	
Title			T	A	L	ECTS
Ius in Bello (Law of Armed Conflict)			3			7,5
Language		Turkish				
Level		Graduate	X	Postgraduate		
Department / Program		Public Law Master				
Forms of Teaching and Learning		Formal Education				
Course Type		Compulsory			Elective	X
Objectives		The topic of Armed Conflicts in International Law is addressed comprehensively, aiming to ensure that students understand the nature and types of armed conflicts, the fundamental principles governing the conduct of hostilities, the rules that must be observed by those engaged in the conflict, and how the responsibilities of individuals and states are shaped in cases of non-compliance with these rules.				
Content		The course content includes the sources and principles of the Law of Armed Conflict (humanity, proportionality, distinction, and necessity), the differences between international and non-international armed conflicts, protected persons and groups (civilians, prisoners of war, the wounded), prohibited weapons and methods of warfare, and the responsibilities of states and individuals. It also covers violations such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, along with the investigation and prosecution of these violations through mechanisms such as the International Criminal Court (ICC). In addition, current issues such as the termination of conflicts, peace processes, transitional justice, and modern challenges (counter-terrorism, cyber warfare, drones) are examined, providing students with an in-depth understanding of international humanitarian law.				
Prerequisites		None				
Coordinator		Asst. Prof. Dr. Derya Nur Kayacan				
Lecturer(s)		Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Candan, Asst. Prof. Dr. Derya Nur Kayacan				
Assistant(s)		Res. Asst. Mahmud Esad Ay				
Work Placement		None				

Recommended or Required Reading

Books / Lecture Notes

- Geneva Conventions and Protocols
- Ataş, İ., Otonom Silah Sistemlerinin İnsancıl Hukukun Temel İlkelerine Uygunluğunun Sağlanmasında Anlamlı İnsan Kontrolünün Etkisi, Hacettepe Hukuk Fakültesi Dergisi, Cilt 12, Sayı 1, Haziran 2022, Sayfa 767-809.

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- Marco Sassòli, How Will International Humanitarian Law Develop In The Future?, International Review Of The Red Cross 104, No. 920-921 (2022): 2052–2076.
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Other Sources			
Additional Course Material			
Documents			
Assignments			
Exams			
Course Composition			
Social Sciences	100		
Educational Sciences			
Natural Sciences			
Health Sciences			
Expert Knowledge	100		
Assessment			
Activity	Count	Percentage (%)	
Midterm Exam			
Quiz			
Assignments	1	40	
Attendance			
Recitations			
Projects			
Final Exam	1	60	
		Total	100
ECTS Points and Work Load			
Activity	Count	Duration	Work Load 28 (Hours)
Lectures	14	3	42
Self-Study	50	3	150
Assignments	1	2	
Presentation / Seminar Preparation	14	1	14
Midterm Exam			

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Recitations			
Laboratory			
Projects			
Final Exam	1	2	2
Total Work Load			210
ECTS Points (Total Work Load / 28)			7,5

Learning Outcomes

1	Understands the fundamental principles of the law of armed conflict (humanity, proportionality, distinction, and necessity) and how these principles are applied in practice.
2	Analyzes the legal regimes applicable to each type of conflict by comparing the legal differences between international and non-international armed conflicts.
3	Evaluates how the rights of protected groups—such as civilians, prisoners of war, the wounded, and medical personnel—are safeguarded during armed conflict by discussing their legal protections.
4	Gains knowledge about the legal aspects of violations such as war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide, and understands how these crimes are investigated and prosecuted through mechanisms such as the International Criminal Court (ICC).
5	Reflects on the impact of modern forms of conflict, such as counter-terrorism, cyber warfare, and the use of drones on international humanitarian law.

Weekly Content

1	Introduction to Armed Conflicts in International Law
2	Types of Armed Conflicts in International Law
3	Legal Basis of Armed Conflicts
4	Legal Rules and Principles Governing the Conduct of Hostilities I
5	Legal Rules and Principles Governing the Conduct of Hostilities II
6	Resolution of Armed Conflicts
7	Non-International Armed Conflicts
8	Rules Applicable to Non-International Armed Conflicts
9	Terrorism and Independence Movements
10	War Crimes
11	International Responsibility of States and Individuals
12	International Judicial Decisions and Advisory Opinions
13	Presentations
14	Presentations
15	Presentations

Contribution of Learning Outcomes to Program Objectives (1-5)

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10
1	5	5	4	4	5	4	0	5	5	2

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2	5	5	4	4	5	4	0	5	5	2
3	5	5	4	4	5	4	0	5	5	2
4	5	5	4	4	5	4	0	5	5	2
5	5	5	4	4	5	4	0	5	5	2
Contribution Level		1: Low 2: Low-intermediate 3: Intermediate 4: High 5: Very High								
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