



Faculty of Social Sciences

## **FKVC36, Peace and Conflict Studies: International Criminal Justice: When Law meets Politics, 7.5 credits**

*Freds- och konfliktvetenskap: Internationell straffrätt: när rätten möter politiken, 7,5 högskolepoäng*  
First Cycle / Grundnivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus is an old version, approved by the board of the Department of Political Science on 2021-11-17 and was valid from 2022-01-17, spring semester 2022.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as an elective course in the candidate course in Peace and conflict science and is open to exchange students.

*Main field of studies*

Political Science

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

G2F, First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

For a Pass on the course, the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- demonstrate an understanding of the basic principles in the international penal law
- demonstrate an understanding of the broader historical and political context where international penal law has been developed and continues to be developed

#### **Competence and skills**

- demonstrate the ability to connect the political reality with how the international penal law is applied in court
- demonstrate the ability to apply concepts and criticism that has been discussed during the course on real or hypothetical scenarios

- demonstrate the ability to communicate and discuss different conceptions of international penal law

### **Judgement and approach**

- have a critical and reflecting setting to the sentences and decisions of international criminal case courts.

### **Course content**

The course intends to introduce the course participants to vigorous debates about international penal law and justice to discuss and criticise real cases and case studies and to encourage the course participants to think creative around possible solutions on or alternatives to the limitations that are in the international penal system.

The course contains a critical reading of the work that is carried out by international criminal case courts and tribunals. The course participants study the basic elements in the international penal law and their application to international level. The aim to discover and understand the fragility of the international legal system, its interplay with global, regional and local policy and the practical challenges to maintain international justice in a world of states with different interests.

Subjects that are treated during the course are:

- the choices of cases that international prosecutors run and accusations about partial decisions and selective impunity,
  - the courts' so-called pull - push - relation to states,
  - how aims and measurement results are put for these departments
  - deciding of the social influence that courts have in the international society on fields as peace reconciliation and deterrence,
  - the effect that courts have on individuals as victims and accused,
  - the role of the international criminal case courts to write/revise the history
- the international courts' role with regard to respond to international crimes and the alternatives that are available to handle such events.

### **Course design**

The teaching consists of lectures, seminars and seminar participation. Participation in the seminars is compulsory. Students who have been unable to participate due to circumstances such as accidents or sudden illness will be offered the opportunity to compensate for or re-take compulsory components. This also applies to students who have been absent because of duties related to elected office, e.g. as a student representative.

### **Assessment**

The examination takes place partly in the form of an oral presentation, partly through a written test.

The course includes opportunities for assessment at a first examination, a re-sit close to the first examination and a second re-sit for courses completed in the past year (catch-up exam). Within a year of a major change or discontinuation of the course, at least two further opportunities for assessment are offered on the same course content. After this, further re-examination opportunities are offered but in accordance with the current course syllabus.

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*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The grades in the course are given according to a scale from A to Fail. The grade for a non-passing result is Fail. The student's performance is assessed with reference to the learning outcomes of the course. For the grade of E the student must show acceptable results. For the grade of D the student must show satisfactory results. For the grade of C the student must show good results. For the grade of B the student must show very good results. For the grade of A, the student must show excellent results. For the grade of Fail the student will have shown unacceptable results.

At the grading, 70 percents of the grade are based on the written test, 30 percents on the oral presentation.

At the start of the course, students are informed about the learning outcomes stated in the syllabus and about the grading scale and how it is applied in the course.

## **Entry requirements**

Entry to the course requires passed studies in peace and conflict science extensive 1-60 credits.

## Subcourses in FKVC36, Peace and Conflict Studies: International Criminal Justice: When Law meets Politics

Applies from V22

2201 International Criminal Justice: When Law meets Politics, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A