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Advanced Course in

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW Crimes, Tribunals and Procedure

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1. PRESENTATION

The Advanced Course in International Criminal Law stems from the conviction that the most serious crimes affecting the international community — genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression — cannot go unpunished, and that understanding their legal regime is today part of the essential toolkit of the jurist.

The programme adopts an academic and doctrinal orientation, faithful to the framework of the leading textbooks: the reconstruction of positive law is constantly accompanied by an examination of the critical, political, and moral questions the subject raises.

Across six modules, students are guided from the foundations of the discipline through to procedure and punishment, by way of the jurisdiction of national courts, the international tribunals, and the substantive law of international crimes.

Particular attention is devoted to substantive law — genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression — as well as to the general principles of liability and the grounds excluding criminal responsibility.

The approach is rigorous and grounded in primary sources: the Rome Statute, the statutes of the ad hoc tribunals, and the case law of the leading cases (Tadić, Akayesu, Lubanga).

At the same time, the intellectual curiosity required to engage with a subject in which law, history, and international politics are inevitably intertwined is fostered.

Studying international criminal law means questioning the aims of punishment, the limits of criminal justice as a response to mass atrocities, and the difficult relationship between State sovereignty and international jurisdiction.

It is in this spirit that a training programme is offered, designed for those who wish to understand international criminal law in its substantive, procedural, and institutional dimensions.

2. TARGET AUDIENCE

The Advanced Course in International Criminal Law is intended for:

- University students and graduates in law, political science, international relations, investigative sciences, and related disciplines;
- Lawyers, trainee lawyers, members of the judiciary, and legal professionals;
- Members of law enforcement agencies, the armed forces, and administrations engaged in international judicial cooperation;
- Officials and staff of international organisations, non-governmental organisations, and peacekeeping missions;
- Professionals and practitioners active in the field of human rights, transitional justice, and international humanitarian law;
- Analysts, researchers, and scholars of international relations and international security;
- Journalists, communications professionals, and scholars with an interest in international criminal justice;

- All those who, strongly motivated, wish to acquire an adequate knowledge of the subjects covered.

3. METHODOLOGY

Alongside traditional methodologies, delivered through the organisation of in-person sessions, UNINTESS employs the new information technologies that enable the delivery of “e-learning” training projects, capable of overcoming barriers of space and time.

The Course adopts the innovative methodology of online training (computer-based training at home), which allows enrolled participants to follow the lessons anywhere (Internet access is sufficient) and at any time using their computer.

The study materials are indeed delivered through the Institute's Moodle platform, thereby accommodating work-related, family, and geographical-distance needs.

4. PROGRAMME (1)

The Advanced Course in International Criminal Law is structured into Six Modules:

1. Foundations

What international criminal law is, how it relates to neighbouring disciplines, and what aims, objectives, and justifications guide its application.

2. Enforcement before national jurisdictions

Heads of jurisdiction, including universal jurisdiction, the prosecution of international crimes by national courts, and mechanisms of cooperation between States in domestic proceedings.

3. International criminal justice

From the history of the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials to the ad hoc international criminal tribunals, the International Criminal Court, and other hybrid and special tribunals.

4. The substantive law of international crimes

Definitions, constituent elements, and contested questions of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression; other international crimes (terrorism, torture, ecocide); general principles of liability and grounds excluding criminal responsibility.

5. International criminal procedure and sentencing

The conduct of international criminal proceedings, the role of victims in international criminal justice, and the principles governing punishment and the determination of sentence.

6. The relationship between national and international systems

Cooperation of States with international courts and tribunals, immunities, and alternatives and complements to criminal prosecution.

- (1) The Course Management reserves the right to make such changes to the programme as may prove necessary for teaching and/or organisational reasons.

5. DIRECTION

Prof. Renato Caputo

Director and Lecturer of the "Advanced Course in International Criminal Law"
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Biographical notes on the Course Director

Prof. Renato Caputo holds a Master's degree in Law and a Master's degree in Economics (LM-56). In the academic year 2003–2004 he attended the Advanced Course in International Law and Armed Conflict at the Gorizia University Campus of the University of Trieste. He obtained a University Master's in Criminology and Forensic Legal Studies with top marks, the Grado en Derecho and the Máster Universitario en Acceso a la Abogacía at the Universidad Antonio de Nebrija in Madrid, passing in 2018 the professional aptitude examination for the practice of the legal profession in Spain. He also obtained, with honours, the second-level Master's in Senior Management at the University of Bari and, in 2019, a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Universidad Analítica Constructivista de México.

He is a university lecturer in "International Law and Security Regulations (IUS/13)" in the Master's programme at eCampus University. He is a member of the scientific committee of the journal "Diritto Penale della Globalizzazione" and of the Historical-Diplomatic Area scientific committee of the Rivista Europea. Since November 2018 he has been Director of the Scientific Committee of the Italian Diplomatic Academy. From 28 November 2017 to 31 March 2026 he served as Vice-President of the Studiorum University Consortium. He is Vice-President of the National Register of Criminologists and a member of the Advisory Board of the European Intelligence Academy in Athens.

Registered as an Abogado with the Madrid Bar Association, he is also registered, as an established lawyer, with the Rome Bar Association.

From June 2014 to July 2017 he worked, as a State Official with diplomatic accreditation, in Uzbekistan. During the 14th legislature he was part of the Private Office of the Minister of Defence. He was actively involved in peacebuilding and post-conflict reconstruction activities in Albania, Eritrea, Kosovo, and Iraq, also operating within United Nations missions (UNMIK, UNMEE) and the Multinational Force Command in Iraq.

6. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be admitted to the Course, applicants must hold at least one of the following qualifications:

- **A degree under the former system (pre-reform)**
- **A specialist degree (post-reform)**
- **A secondary school diploma or a three-year bachelor's degree**
- **An equivalent foreign qualification.**

Any particular circumstances may be submitted for assessment by the Course Management.

7. APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

Candidates may submit their application for enrolment on the Course using the dedicated form.

The enrolment fee for the Course is € 700,00 (seven hundred/00), save for the cases set out under the headings "Reduced Enrolment Fee" and "Scholarship" in this Call.

All payments must be made to BancoPosta, IBAN IT96 D076 0111 7000 0104 2724 797, or by making a payment to Postal Current Account no. 1042724797 in the name of UNINTESS - Payment reference: Corso ICL.

The fee must be paid as follows:

CATEGORIA APPARTENENZA FREQUENTATORE	1ª RATA (DA VERSARE AL MOMENTO DELL'ISCRIZIONE)	2ª RATA (DA VERSARE PRIMA DELLA RICEZIONE DELLA CERTIFICAZIONE FINALE)
Iscritto ordinario	€ 350,00	€ 350,00
Iscritto beneficiario di una delle riduzioni di cui al presente bando	€ 350,00	Non dovuta

The application must reach the Organising Office. The duly completed and signed form must be sent by e-mail to the address info@unintess.it. info@unintess.it

8. REDUCED ENROLMENT FEE

UNINTESS grants a 50% reduction on the enrolment fee to the following categories:

- Employees of public bodies;
- Members of the judiciary, lawyers, trainee lawyers, and legal professionals;
- Members of law enforcement agencies and the armed forces;
- Officials and staff of international organisations and non-governmental organisations;
- Professionals and practitioners active in the field of human rights, transitional justice, and international humanitarian law;
- University lecturers and researchers.

The amount payable by such individuals is therefore € 350,00 (three hundred and fifty/00). At the time of enrolment, those entitled to the reduction must tick the relevant box on the enrolment form.

9. SCHOLARSHIP

UNINTESS grants university students, the unemployed/those not in employment, and pensioners a Scholarship amounting to € 350,00 on the enrolment fee.

The amount payable by members of these categories is therefore € 350,00 (three hundred and fifty/00).

10. ASSESSMENT

The student sits 1 assessment, administered in the form of a multiple-choice test, at the end of the Course. The test is deemed passed on obtaining the minimum score of 18/thirtieths.

11. HOW THE COURSE IS DELIVERED

The Course is not delivered on a fixed date. It is the student who determines the start date of the learning programme by finalising the application for enrolment.

After about a week, the student receives, at the e-mail address provided at the time of enrolment, the credentials for accessing the Moodle platform. In general, the student may request to sit the final examination after completing all the lessons, including the end-of-module self-assessments.

In order not to forfeit the right to take part in the Course, the examination must be passed no later than the 12th month following enrolment.

12. DURATION

The Course entails an overall commitment of approximately 200 hours:

65 hours of "distance" study;

30 hours of research on sources and case law;

103 hours of individual study;

2 hours for sitting the assessment examinations.

13. CERTIFICATION

At the end of the Course, UNINTESS will issue to all those assessed as suitable, following the passing of the prescribed assessment examination, a Diploma formally certifying the attainment of a high level of knowledge of the topics covered in the Course programme.

14. CFU (UNIVERSITY CREDITS)

The Diploma issued on completion of the Advanced Course in International Criminal Law does NOT entail the award of University Credits (CFU) by UNINTESS.

15. CONTACTS

Further information may be requested from the Office at the following email address: info@unintess.it.