COURSE DETAIL

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
Country Netherlands
Host Institution Leiden University College
Program(s) Leiden University College
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Legal Studies International Studies
UCEAP Course Number 165
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW
UCEAP Transcript Title INTL CRIMINAL LAW
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description
This course provides an overview of international criminal law as a specific branch of public international law. The course traces the historical and theoretical underpinnings of the canon beginning with the Post-World War I "Leipzig Trials" progressing through to the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) at the turn of the twentieth century. In so doing, considerable attention is paid to the evolving theoretical and sociological foundations of international criminal justice, as well as the political circumstances which came to bear in the establishment of a multiplicity of international and internationalized criminal tribunals. While seeking to understand the object and purpose of international criminal prosecutions, the course focuses primarily on the continued development of the law relevant to the subject-matter jurisdiction of international courts and tribunals. Specifically, the course examines the law pertinent to war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide and the crime of aggression. Students are required to digest and critically analyze selected jurisprudence from international and internationalized courts and tribunals. After having dealt comprehensively with the issue of subject-jurisdiction, the course then examines the potential modes of liability (i.e., the basis on which an individual may be found individually responsible) which may be attached to these crimes. In this respect, the course looks at controversial issues surrounding the notions of joint criminal enterprise and superior responsibility. The course concludes with an examination of the challenges facing international criminal justice. In this regard, the course looks at issues such as prosecutorial discretion, the balancing of peace with the pursuit of justice, and the central importance of the principle of complementarity in the future development of international criminal law. Prerequisites for this course are an introduction to public international law and one additional intermediate-level course is recommended.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus LUC The Hague- Level 3
Host Institution Faculty
Host Institution Degree
Host Institution Department International Justice
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