

SWEDISH DEFENCE UNIVERSITY

Department of Political Science and Law



Syllabus First Cycle

Introduction to International Law, War and Technology
Introduktion till folkrätt, krig och teknik

3.0 Credits

Code: 1FR014

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Valid from: Autumn semester 2023 (2023-08-28)

Level within study regulation: First cycle

Grading scale: UV Three-grade scale

Main field of study with advanced study: JUFO1 Law with specialisation in International Law - G2F
First cycle, has at least 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements**1. Subject**

OJ1 International and Operational Law

2. Entry requirements

A bachelor's degree or professional degree, with a minimum of 180 credits, in either social sciences, engineering science, natural science or other relevant area or subject.

3. Course Content and Structure

The purpose of the course is to provide an introduction to the role of law in the development and use of new and emerging weapons, means and methods of warfare and the regulations with which they are regulated. The course begins with an introduction to the general principles of the armed conflict laws and, in particular, those that govern the development of weapons. The course then proceeds with a closer study of some new and emerging technologies, examines the issues that new technologies bring with them, the particular challenges of specific technologies and how the law can respond to these challenges. The student deepen their understanding through self study and application of the law to particular weapons technologies.

Type of Instruction

Seminars

Lectures

Independent Study

4. Language of Instruction

EN The teaching is conducted in English.

5. Objectives

After completing the course the student should be able to:

Knowledge and Understanding

- Describe the general principles of international law, including international humanitarian law, that are relevant to the development and use of new weapons systems.
- Understand the process and reason for the legal review of the means and methods of warfare in Swedish society.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the types of legal issues that arise in connection with new and emerging military technology and an ability to identify the issues that arise in connection with selected new technologies.

6. Examination formats

Examination

Scope: 3.0

Grading Scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with Distinction

The course is examined through a home exam.

Grading

Grades are set according to a three-grade scale: Pass with merit (VG), Pass(G) and Fail (U).

Grading criteria are provided at the latest at the start of the course.

Late examinations are not graded unless special and examiner-approved reasons exist.

The examiner may decide on a supplementary task in order for the grade passed on the course to be achieved. Complementary assignments must be submitted no later than three working days after the results and supplementary assignments have been announced for the examining part in the case of no special and approved examiner's reasons.

Restrictions in Number of Examinations

The number of examinations is not limited

7. Transitional provisions

When the course is no longer given, or when the course content is substantially changed, the student has the right to be examined once per semester for a three-term period in accordance with this syllabus.

8. Other regulations

The course cannot be included in a degree with another course whose content fully or partially corresponds to the content of this course.

Course evaluation is carried out after completion of the course by the course coordinator and forms the basis for any changes to the course.

If the student has a decision from the Swedish Defence University stating the need for extra pedagogical support because of a functional disability, the examiner may decide on alternative examination forms for the student.

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