

COURSE INFORMATION

The goal of the course is to provide military officers, including operators and military lawyers, as well as civilians, with the opportunity to learn the basic principles and rules of IHL and the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and how to apply them. This course also serves as a primer for many of the specialized courses offered at the Institute by providing introductory level instruction on a wide array of subjects and their interplay with IHL. Students completing this course will have a strong foundation upon which to expand their IHL knowledge and a working understanding of how IHL principles factor in to all levels of conflict and across all operational domains.

The course is designed for military personnel, both legal advisers and operators, as well as civilians working in the field and others with an interest in how international humanitarian law is applied across the broad spectrum of conflict. The course is primarily designed for those new to the practice and application of IHL but will also serve as a useful refresher for those with prior experience. It will be delivered by experienced military practitioners and academics and consider both legal theory and military practice.

The online training will adapt the standard Sanremo methodology of presentations and practical work taking advantage of the recently developed IHL online learning platform. The programme will consist of live online sessions with a mix of lectures from the teaching staff, group discussions, and vignette training. The course will run over six weeks with two live sessions of 120 minutes each week. Students may need to engage in some self-paced preparation outside of class time to full participate in the group discussions. Study materials and texts will be available on the Institute Online Learning Platform.

COURSE ADMINISTRATION

Officers and practitioners interested in attending this course are invited to apply by submitting the application form they can find on this webpage.

Participation quota amounts to € 750. It must be remitted before the start of the Course by bank transfer. Visa and/or Mastercard are also accepted on the website of the Institute.

Registrations and administrative questions should be directed to patrizia@iihl.org
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INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

29 January - 26 February 2024

Official Programme

Course Director

Major Christopher Clausen, U.S.

Teaching Staff

LTG(R) Charles 'Chuck' Pede, U.S.

Prof. Charles Garraway, U.K.

Dr. Jeroen van den Boogard, Netherlands

Brig. Titus Githiora, Kenya

Dr. Claire Simmons, U.K.

Dr. Emanuela-Chiara Gillard, U.K.

Capt. (N) Martin Fink, Netherlands

Major John Tramazzo, U.S.

Ms. Jelena Pejic, Serbia

Mr. Chris Jenks, U.S.

Col. Rudolph Stamminger, France

Col. Nigel Heppenstall, U.K.

Monday, 29 January 2024

15.00 – 15.30 **Course Introduction**
Colonel Nigel Heppenstall
Director of the Military Department, IHL
Major Christopher Clausen
Instructor and Fellow, Military Department, IHL, Course Director

15.30 – 17.00
Introduction to the Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC)
Major Christopher Clausen, IHL

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Conflict Classification
Col. Nigel Heppenstall

16.00 – 17.00
Means and Methods of Warfare
Major John Tramazzo

Monday, 5 February 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Distinction
Dr. Jeroen van den Boogard

16.00 – 17.00
Proportionality and Precautions
Dr. Jeroen van den Boogard

Wednesday, 7 February 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Military Objective and Military Advantage
Col. Rudolph Stamminger

16.00 – 17.00
Detention in Armed Conflict
Ms. Jelena Pejic

Monday, 12 February 2024

15.00 – 17.00
Targeting of Persons in Armed Conflict
Prof. Charles Garraway

Wednesday, 14 February 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Introduction to Law of Naval Warfare
Captain (N) Martin Fink

16.00 – 17.00
Rules Regulating Humanitarian Relief Operations during Active Hostilities
Dr. Emanuela-Chiara Gillard

Monday, 19 February 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Investigating Violations of IHL
Dr. Claire Simmons

16.00 – 17.00
IHRL and the Relationship to IHL
Dr. Claire Simmons

Wednesday, 21 February 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Command Responsibility
Brig. Titus Githiora

16.00 – 17.00
Autonomous Weapons Systems
Mr. Chris Jenks

Monday, 26 February 2024

15.00 – 16.00
Preserving the Commander's Legal Maneuver Space
LTG (R) Charles "Chuck" Pede (United States)

16.00 – 17.00
Course Summation & Closing
Major Christopher Clausen, IHL