
LAW OF WAR AND ARMED CONFLICT DEPARTMENT

Aim and Scope

The M.A. Program in Law of War and Armed Conflict aims to provide students necessary knowledge and skills in order to analyse and forecast legal implications of armed conflicts (which are studied within the traditional law of war) on relations between warring parties and third parties, international humanitarian law rules (including protection of the individuals) applicable and binding in armed conflicts, which are not deemed international conflicts legally. Today the problems of security and law are intertwined more than ever and this program, which is the only graduate program in this field in Turkey, allows the students to specialize.

The aim of M.A. Program in Law of War and Armed Conflict is to graduate students aiming to educate themselves in this field as experts who reach necessary and comprehensive theoretical and factual information, approach the problems of the field critically, and provide forecast based on analytical thinking.

Our students have the opportunity to study with military and civilian lecturers and experts who are specialized on the subjects such as international crimes, criminal courts, Permanent International Criminal Court, law of armed conflict, human rights, human rights protection in the international arena, contemporary international law issues reflecting on Turkey and its neighbourhood, maritime law, aviation law, law of space, humanitarian law and human rights law in combating against terrorism, intelligence, and law of security within the context of theory, practice and research.

Career Opportunities

Our graduates may continue their academic careers as research assistants in relevant academic departments of the Turkish National Defence University or other universities. They may also continue their careers in international organizations (such as United Nations High Commission for Refugees and United Nations Human Rights Commission), regional organisations (such as European Council, European Court of Human Rights, European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs), national and international organisations (such as International Red Cross Organisation and Turkish Red Crescent), public institutions (such as Ministry of Justice and General Directorate of International Law and Foreign Affairs), Ministry of Foreign Affairs Centre for Strategic Research, and other think tanks.

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Semester	Lecture Title	Credit	ECTS	Type
Fall	Research Methods and Publication Ethics	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Principles of Public International Law	3	6	Compulsory
Fall	Law of Armed Conflict	3	6	Elective
Fall	International Criminal Law (International Criminal Courts and Tribunals)	3	6	Elective
Fall	Law and Customs of War	3	6	Elective
Fall	Combating Terrorism and Supranational Law	3	6	Elective
Spring	Seminar	-	6	Compulsory
Spring	Energy Security and International Law	3	6	Compulsory
Spring	Current Issues in International Law of the Sea	3	6	Elective
Spring	Law of Armed Conflict and Current Problems in the Ethics of Warfare	3	6	Elective
Spring	Current Issues of Air and Space Law	3	6	Elective
Spring	International Law of Responsibility	3	6	Elective
Spring	Humanitarian Crisis and International Interventions	3	6	Elective